

# RCACF FLYPAPER

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**Cover photo: Steve Homenda's and his new airplane.**

That great looking plane is a Pilot R/C 50cc Sbach 342 (ARF) powered by a DA 60, XOAR 23 X 8 prop, K&S forward exit canister muffler, Hi-tec servos, Duralite A123 6v batteries, Safeflight optical fiber ignition kill, JR 922 DSM-X powerbox w/3 satellite receivers, all guided by a JR 9503 2.4 Ghz transmitter. NICE!

Maiden flight was November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Steve is actually standing up, the plane is that big! (Only kidding)...

## Board Members/Officers

**John Foushi** President  
**Fred Hale** Vice President  
**Bill Wilson** Membership Chairman  
**Alyn Jackson** Treasurer  
**Gary Zaffino** Facilities Chairman  
**Brian Provost** Secretary

**Clint Ponce** Safety Officer  
**Greg Foushi** Chief Flight Instructor  
**Al Marin** Publicity Officer  
**Barry Vaught** Photographer  
**Michael Vivona** Webmaster



### President's Corner

John Foushi  
President

Change, we have all heard that term! Change can mean many different things to many of us. With the start of the new year and a new Executive Board, there will be some changes. One of the first changes is to stop the financial downward spiral of the Club's hard earned money. We are going to cut up the credit card and go back to two signatures on each check, just as we did in the past. 2012 is going to be a very tight budget year. We will be watching our spending very closely. With the economy such as it is, we hope we do not lose any members. We know you would like to see the dues lower and none of us didn't need to spend another \$100 for the assessment. But, let me assure you, we need it and we hope that all of you can sacrifice a little for this great flying field that we all share and enjoy.

We will have other changes involving our executive board. In order to encourage more participation from our members, we will add committees to just about every board position. Having the committeeman will allow us to speak with more members. We want every member to have a say as to what goes on within our club. We want to be able to contact all the club members and get their opinions as to the important issues that we have to act upon and put it to a vote. We will use three forms of communication media to do this. First, will be our monthly meetings, second the Fly Paper and third will be the Information Center or IC. (The Old Impound) We will post the fly paper, minutes of our last meeting, field Safety Rules, By-Laws and any information that will be of interest to our membership. Some of the Safety Rules and By-Laws need to be revised and will need to change. So, take a few minutes and read what is going on in your club. Other changes will come from our Safety Committee. They will be revisiting some of our past rules and see how we can improve them to keep it safe and yet keep our members happy. Some of these changes will be for our Pattern and Helicopter pilots. We want to get input from those members before any changes or making any new rules. Clint Ponce will be heading up our Safety Committee and has plans to have a meeting with the members involved to get their perspective on some troubling issues. The dates will be posted on the IC (Information Center) so, don't miss your opportunity to be heard.

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We still have many important decisions to make as a club member and we want to get your opinions on all these matters. Of course the major item will be to decide to keep paying higher rent or relocate to another field. The answer is not an easy one. There will be problems and challenges with whatever choice we make. As for relocating to another field, we have had a few members involved in that search. The best change we can make here is to get every member involved in the search for a new field. We have two hundred members and therefore we need to utilize them as two hundred searchers. We need to talk to different people and find out what land is available. Example, your neighbor may be a park district employee that knows of some land that they want to develop. Someone that you work with may know a politician that is in charge of land development. We all need to get out there and find out what is going on. We need to get the information, a name, a phone number, an article in the paper, etc. And if you get that information, contact a board member or bring it to the meeting. There's a lot of information out there, we just need to get it!

### LAST Minute Information

Fred Hale and I, just met with our landlord Mr. David Yergey. It was a very positive meeting. The good news is that they have no plans to sell the property and they want us to stay! With a little bit of negotiations, he agreed to give us a one year lease for the site. The lease would be renewed for an additional year at the end of each year thereafter. I did ask him for some help on the increase of the tax burden. Remember, what they say, "You don't get, if you don't ask!" He did say that he would look into it and get back to us during our next meeting. We do have another meeting scheduled with David after the first quarter. So, that's the good news for the start of the new year. We'll go into more detail at our meeting on January 14th. All of this sounds good and hopefully, it will come to pass. We still want to have some options available to us, so we still need to keep looking for a new flying site. We would like nothing more than to have a few choices.

Fly safe and have fun,

*John J. Foushi*  
President RCACF



**Fred Hale**  
Vice President

Happy New Year to all.

We are looking to a lot of positive things happening for the club.

The board has decided that while everyone will be required to wear their ID badges, only those on 72

will be required to put their membership card in the. "Info Center" and put the channel pin on their radio as we have done in the past.

I am looking for suggestions for speakers or areas of interest for our general meetings. Also we need a volunteer to

head up the chefs(concessions) for our different events If you are interested, please let me know.

Keep your wings level,

*Fred*



**Alyn Jackson**  
Treasurer

Welcome to 2012 with the RCACF.

As we start a new year, there are many changes we are looking towards. I would like to take this time, and say Thank You to those who have helped and supported the RCACF these past couple of years. Many thanks to Graves RC for their generous donations with various club functions and events. We also received assistance from Troy Built Models, Castle Creations, Mike Miller and Steve's Hobby shop. And I'd like to give kudos to our club members, like Glen Harkey, who have donated back to the club their winnings from the 50/50. Chairs and tables have been brought in to the clubhouse and we were given space at Lake Highland Prep for our swap meet. All these things help the club, which helps you have a better flying experience.

There are many plans for upgrades to the field and facilities. Most will need money for supplies, but also manpower to get them done. We couldn't have redone the IC (Information Center, formerly radio impound) without the dedication of our members to not only get the job done, but to do it well. We still need your support, both monetary and elbow grease to keep the RCACF viable.

Get your membership renewals in as soon as possible, so we can keep improving the club. Let's make 2012 a great year for the RCACF.

*Alyn Jackson*



## **Greg Foushi**

Chief Flight Instructor

I hope everybody had a "Great" Holiday Season and you're ready to get back into the air at RCACF.

This year we will have all incoming "**new**" members be signed off by a pilot examiner. First question, you ask why? Because of the legal and insurance issues the club would incur god forbid we would have a mishap with a vehicle on either of the adjacent roads. Second question, I've been flying RC for over 10 years I shouldn't have to do that. Just like a full scale pilots license you have to have a check ride to stay current and fly safe. Third question, I fly a Helicopter or a Turbine Jet we have a Pilot Examiner for those aircraft too. So, all "**new**" members will have Certified Flight sign off sheet, safety rules sheet and membership application on file as club record that you have been certified air worthy.

Let me explain how this is going to work. We will have a Certified Flight / Flight Instruction sign off sheet mailed to you by our Membership Chairman Bill Wilson. If you loss it, they will be in the Information Center aka "I.C." at the field for you to pickup as well. It has a check list for your aircraft and maneuvers you will perform for one of the four (4) Pilot Examiners to sign you off. Once you're signed off by a Pilot Examiner you can drop it off in the drop box in the I.C. or mail it back to Bill it's that easy.

If you're a brand new member and need instruction we have six (6) Certified Flight Instructors to choose from to begin your flight training. Once you are signed off by your Certified Flight Instructor you will then have a check ride with a Pilot Examiner to complete the process it's that simple.

I'm sure your asking who these Pilot Examiners & Certified Flight Instructors are. Well let me introduce our 2012 flight team to you. The Pilot Examiners are Dustin Buescher, Bob Fiorenze, Don Lowe and I. The Certified Flight Instructors are Fred Hale, Steve Homenda, Jim Lackey, Charlie Pierce, Tom Spelzhausen & Gary Zaffino,.

I want to thank all of these guys for offering their time and efforts in making the 2012 Flight Instruction Program one of the best ever assembled.

I will be posting our contact information for all ten (10) of us in the I.C. and on our RCACF web-site. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [gfoushi@aol.com](mailto:gfoushi@aol.com) or by phone at 407-453-1060.

I'm looking forward to a great and safe flying season in 2012.

*Greg Foushi* - RCACF Chief Flight Instructor



**Barry Vaught**  
Photographer

RCACF needs your help.

Hello Pilots, thank you for your support. I am establishing a Photography Committee. If you have a decent camera, and know how to use it, please contact me. We need help in photographing all the events, airplanes, jets, helicopters, maiden flights, 1<sup>st</sup> solos, etc.

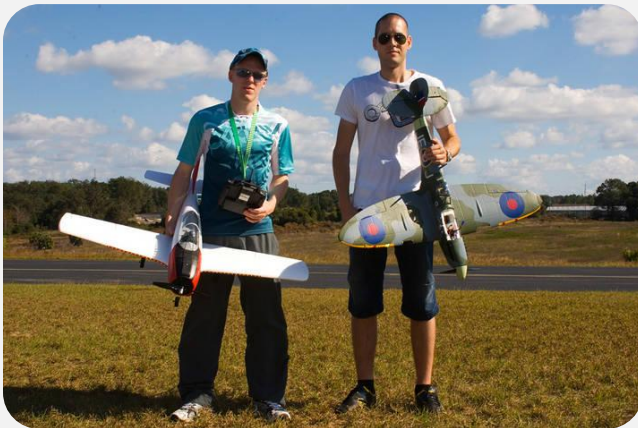
Thank you & Happy New Year!!!!

*Barry Vaught*

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Welcome new pilots from Norway, Joukim  
Fredheim and Robert Oines  
Pilot Edward Pasick and his beautiful P37D



# RCACF Club Meeting Agenda

Saturday, January 14, 2012

10:00 AM

Club House

## Agenda

- I. Open meeting, Questionnaire,
- II. ID any new members or visitors
- III. Roll Call of members
- IV. Reading of last meeting's minutes
- V. President's Report
  - a) Changes in meetings, new member procedures, safety rules, flight training, committees.
  - b) Search for new flying field
  - c) Meeting with landlord
  - d) Horse Farm agreement
- VI. Vice President's Report
- VII. Treasurer's Report
  - a) Financial Report
  - b) Dues update
- VIII. Secretary's Report
- IX. Membership Chairmen's Report
- X. Safety Director's Report (Hand out Safety Rules)
- XI. Chief Flight Instructor's Report
- XII. Contest Activities Chairman's Report
- XIII. Facilities Chairman's Report
- XIV. Publicity Chairman's Report
- XV. Web Master's Report
- XVI. Photographer's Report
- XVII. Unfinished Business
  - a) Status of Container "Clean-Up" How you can help!
- XVIII. New Business
  - a) Upcoming events
  - b) Other new business
- XIX. 50/50 and Raffle
- XX. Adjournment



**Michael Vivona**  
Webmaster

A story I was once told.

It was back about 5 years ago as I remember it, I was flying at a my local club and a youthful man with his wife came up all curious and seemed to be immensely fascinated by my fine-looking RC plane. I graciously said hello and introduced myself. They responded back with the characteristic formalities.

As I was getting prepared to taxi out my little 35" home built biplane, the guy asked how much I have invested my entire setup? I paused for a instant as I thought back and then responded, well.. I have about \$275 thousand invested in this plane alone. The couple laughed and said "\$275 thousand"? You are flying a 35" balsa biplane that couldn't have cost more than about \$90 bucks, what are you telling me?

I leisurely put my controller down on the table, and proceeded to tell him the story.

It was several years ago, I had just gotten married and was very interested in RC flying, but did not have a plane as of yet. I went to my wife and asked if I could acquire a little plane as a hobby. She responded back "HOW MUCH". I timidly pulled back and said... *uh.. only \$90 bucks dear, it's on sale*. She calmed down once she heard \$90 bucks and sale all in the same sentence.

A couple of weeks later, my plane finally came in from UPS and I quickly went to the basement to get her put together. To my surprise, it was a box of sticks and balsa wood. Well, being my first time, I didn't know any better.

I then ordered the glue, clevises, control horns, piano wire, monokote, engine, radio, etc, etc. Each item was only a few bucks and I only purchased a couple of items each trip to the store so it didn't seem like I spent too much.

Then one evening, as I was tinkering with my new kit, the basement door flies open and its my wife standing at the top of the stairs. She is waving our credit card statement in her hand and screams "*WHAT THE HELL IS ALL THIS*"?

With my heart pounding I said "*I had to purchase a few items for my plane dear*".

She then screamed "*YOU TOLD ME IT WAS \$90, NOT \$1000*".

The man I was telling the story to at the field speaks up and says "*I thought you said you had \$275 thousand in that plane*", not \$1000.

I took off my hat, scratched my head and said "after the divorce, and settlement, that little plane did cost me \$275 thousand bucks!

*Michael Vivona* - Webmaster

**Next general club meeting - January 14th 10AM**

**A great big *THANK YOU* to everyone who supports our great club.  
We could not do it without your continued help.**

**Have a wonderful day...**

**Come Fly With Us**

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