

CSMS Skywriter

January, 2012

Charlotte Sport Modelers Society
AMA #3897

Meetings: 2nd Wednesday monthly, Pt.
Charlotte Sheriff's Dept., Harbor Blvd, 6 pm
Flying Site: Kings Highway - 5.3 miles E of I-
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President's Letter - Barry Wilhite



Happy New Year!

Today we begin a new year, 2012. Last year our club was met with challenges and field improvements that have made our club so exciting to be a part of. We enjoyed Fun-Flys that entertained our members as well as the spectators. Best remembered was the Flying Oddities that amazed all of us by what was able to fly. But we also hosted events involving the Boy Scouts of America and other groups that got a brief introduction to our wonderful world of flying RC's. We made some major improvements to our flying

site with the addition of concrete slabs beneath all of the flight tables, a sidewalk leading to the restroom facility, and the new table tops.

Unfortunately, our use of the site was temporarily suspended while a new water pipeline is being installed beneath our access road. While this effort has been going on much longer than originally expected, upon its completion we will have a new access road. As of this date, I have not had any further information regarding when to expect to regain access to the site. As soon as I have that information I will forward it on to all members. When we are able to return to our field, we will again be flying at the best field in the area.

During the past three weeks, we have not found any new field damage due to the wild hogs. This past week I spoke with the trapper and he informed me that since he started trapping on the properties adjacent to ours to help us with our problem, he has trapped almost 100 hogs. This is in a period of approximately two months.

In the new year we will continue to make improvements to the field. We have plenty of good ideas and have been discussing them at our board meetings, however, let your voice be heard. Give us your ideas, thoughts, and suggestions. With all of us working together, it will insure that we are following the path of the clubs views and making the improvements that will best serve our membership.

Here's wishing you and your families the very best that the New Year has to offer.

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Hope to see you at our next meeting, Wednesday, January 11th, 6:00 pm at the Sheriff's Department, Promenades Mall.

That's all for this time around!

Barry Wilhite - President 2012



The Newsroom - Jake Blake-Haskins

The winter season offers some of the best opportunities for the RC enthusiast in south Florida. We have lots of our friends returning from the north to join us, and we have a lot of scheduled fly-in events to attend. We recently went to and flew in the annual Warbirds over Sarasota, the fifth annual Venice Electric Fly-in, and some members attended 'Twelve O' Clock High', a new giant military scale event held in Lakeland at the site of Top Gun and Florida Jets.



Frank Leggio, Mark Hilliard and I took a

grand total of 22 planes up to the 5th Annual all electric Venice fly-in event last week, and flew until we were out of electrons. We had 3 SE-5a's, 3 T-28 Trojans, 3 Acromasters, 3 Jets, and a flying pig barbeque, just to name a few. Fred Stiteler had his electric camera plane, and used it to follow and film our squadron of SE-5a's as we made our way around the pattern, and later he published the video online at the Vimeo website. The event directors hosted a gaggle of T-28's as well as a incredible noontime combat session, with about a dozen small foamie fighters going at it hammer and tongs. Finally, the ESM team pilot put on a terrific demo flight with an electric 80" Pilatus PC-9 scale model.

On New Year's Day, we joined Dennis and the Shell Creek gang out at their field for a magnificent morning of flying on the first day of 2012; very light winds, bright and sunny weather, 80 degrees. Life is good.

Come on out and join the fun. Jake

The Hobby Shop News

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The Holiday season is over, but the Hobby shop guys still have various ARF's and used planes priced to move. The guys have also have the brand new Spektrum DX7S radio systems. Whatever your RC needs, stop by the stores in Pt. Charlotte on Tamiami Trail, or in Sarasota on Clark

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road and pick up some goodies from Brian and Mike.

Upcoming Events:

Venice Annual Swap-Meet and Auction,
January 21, Venice RC Fliers Field.

IMAA Wings Over Venice, February 24-26, Venice RC Fliers field, Laurel Rd, Venice, Florida.

Cape Coral Swap-Meet and Auction,
February 11th, 4544 Coronado Parkway, Cape Coral, Florida

Cape Coral Gathering of the Giants,
March 17-18, Cape Coral R/Seahawks Field, Cape Coral, Florida.

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Classified Ads

Maxford 1/5 scale Curtiss Jenny, DLE 50 powered, BNF, 105" w.s., full flying wires, \$800 Call Mark Hilliard @ 941-380-7058.



For details see www.maxfordusa.com

Custom Interior and Exterior painting by John Hepler, over 20 years experience, 941-237-6536, jmhepler@Comcast.net. Custom work and painting of RC projects, planes and boats also available.



Recently seen on the Flight Line:



Bob Mele and Barry Wilhite with Barry's sharp looking Ryan STA. This is one of the best looking examples of planes from the 'Golden Era' of aviation



Jerry Alexander shows off his nice P-51.

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Bob poses with his impressive looking P-40 Warhawk.



Bob makes a photo pass with everything hanging down in the beautiful P-40.



Fred Stiteler holds up his new Parkzone Carbon Z Scimitar, which features Vectored Thrust.



The Scimitar shows a low profile on a quick fly-by.



Chris Hallinan's $\frac{1}{4}$ scale J-3 Cub features functional scale landing gear, a Saito 125, and flies like the real thing.



John Hepler shows off his nearly complete electric Bird of Time.

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Dwayne holds up his Parkzone Habu EDF Jet prior to another mass Habu launch.



The Habu EDF Jet gang makes a mass Jet-a-pult launch.



Maurice, Ronnie, Dwayne and Fred hold up their Habu's.



Breakfast of Champions - Jake and Barry prepare hog bait: Corn, Wheaties, and Fosters.



Some of the CSMS Hog Tamers: Frank, Jerry and Mike, with our new trap.



Pulled Pork - one of the 100 hogs removed from our flying site in the last few weeks.