September, ’14

President’s Letter – Doug Cerrito

I hate to start off with a cliché, but has it been hot enough for everyone? I’ve lived in Florida for several years and it seems to get hotter every year. Who knows, maybe Al Gore was right after all.

Well the good news is that here we are in September and the weather should begin to start cooling off, just in time for our big runway expansion project planned for early November. We have all the materials ready to go and once we have the Water Departments approval, we will set a firm start date.

On behalf of all the officers and board members, we would like to thank Kim Klempner for stepping up and offering to be our construction manager for the runway expansion project.

Happy Trailers to You.

Okay, so I admit to being old enough to remember the Roy Rodgers TV show, as I’m sure many of you do. In case you haven’t heard, we recently purchased a new multi-purpose trailer, which we need for a variety of maintenance and other tasks. This is high quality trailer and it should last us many years.

I would also like to thank all of our hard working volunteers who are cutting the grass in this heat and keeping our field in tip top shape, and a special thanks to Darrell for his welding skills in repairing one of our mowers.

Safety First.

Sometimes it is easy to overlook our safety rules and even feel a bit intimidated when one of our safety officers confronts you, but the following story emphasizes the fact that an accident could happen to any of us. We received this story from Andy Bowen, IMAA District 5 Director. He hopes that we will demonstrate that all of us AMA members are part of the same community and that if there is any way that clubs and individuals can help out, we will!

Chuck was the President of the Hernando Aero Modelers RC Club and a vital cog in the wheels that made this Club so good. On February 2, 2014, Chuck was struck in the head by a large out-of-control radio controlled airplane, sustaining a life-threatening injury to his head. He was knocked to the ground...
unconscious. After he attended to Chuck and Chuck was in a Medivac helicopter on his way to the trauma center, an EMT who was at the field said, “That’s not a survivable injury”! Well, Chuck did survive and is undergoing intense rehab to regain his speech and the use of his right side. He remains in a lot of pain. Chuck will never be able to enjoy the happiness of flying his planes again. The injury has left him wheelchair bound at this point. The Hernando Aero Modelers is hosting a Benefit Fly-In in his honor on October 4, 2014 at the Cemex Plant in Brooksville, FL. The purpose of this is to raise the funds necessary to make the needed modifications to his home that will allow his wife to care for him. He will need ramps, doors widened, accessibility modifications and a lifting device to allow him to be able to get out of bed. Please consider donating to this needed campaign. You’ll find Andy Bowen’s email address in the back of your latest Model Aviation Magazine.

Election Time is Approaching.
Yes boys and girls, it’s that time again. We will be seeking nominations for the following positions in just two short months - President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and members of our Board of Directors.

I will not be running again for the simple reason that unlike the vast majority of our CSMS members, I am still working and very involved in the day-to-day operations of my company, Hygienitech Systems, which, thank God, continues to expand and now has 922 dealers in 76 countries around the world.

We need a President, as well as other officers who have the available time necessary to keep our club going as it continues to get bigger and better every year. When you’re working 6-days a week from 7am to 7pm like I am, I just don’t have the time I would like to devote to CSMS and sometimes it’s even difficult for me to make it out to the field on a Sunday.

So put your thinking caps on and start thinking about what people you’d like to see running CSMS, or maybe it’s you!

Doug Cerrito - President 2014

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From the Newsroom - Jake Blake-Haskins

It’s been a long time since I’ve been covered with balsa dust, but I am, as I continue on 1/3 Spacewalker project. I’ve almost completed two 4 ½ foot wings. The wings plug into a wing center section, however the wing is first built in two parts, with one half of the center section and a wing panel included in each half. The center halves are then cut from each wing panel with a razor saw and glued together (weird, huh?). I’ve decided on a G-38 powerplant.

Tom Emery has been building also, and recently completed the green and white Midwest version of Pappy DeBolt’s Live
Wire Champ, 55’ ws/OSR .25. Hal DeBolt designed this as a rudder only plane in the 50’s.

Tom also just finished up this 37% Pitts Challenger, designed by Miles Reed and flown by Shawn Tucker at airshows. It has a DLE 111 for power, and is equipped with a smoke system.

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Upcoming Events

** GoFundMe Benefit Fly-in, for injured Hernando Aero Modelers RC Club President Chuck Hellings, October 4th, 2014, Cemex Plant, Brooksville, FL, Mark Lackey CD 352-397-9695

** Light Plane & Golden Age Fly-In, October 4th, 2014, Sarasota RC Squadron field, open to any size scale light planes of WWI, Cabin, Military, Golden Age or light planes type.

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