

CCF Newsletter

8/25/2023

From the President

Many members have been praising the beauty of our Flying Field Condition. I enthusiastically agree. CCF Membership greatly appreciates the member-efforts of Gene Monoit, Marcus Shaw, and member XXXX? Gene faithfully mows the CCF Pits and maintains the mower. Marcus cleaned-up our Two Taxiways by removing the unwanted vegetation. Unfortunately, I don't recall who our 'String Trimming Hero' was but, we are grateful for his service.

A member recommended we move the 'Back-Line Build Tables' nearer to the front row of tables and the flight-line. Members noticed and replied with favorable support for this move. Personally, I like this arrangement as it contributes to member unity and enjoyment. Notice, a Fuel-Start Stand/Table was moved to the West end of the Flight-Line. I like it! You might also NOTICE the white wheels installed on this Fuel-Start Stand. Bob Farrar noticed the need and then did something about it, [rpvodomg installing the wheels. Thanks Bob!

The Pilot Lounge/Training Bldg was a concept started by the CCF Administration of President Phil Eddy. The current administration continues CCF efforts to make this Concept a reality. Last year, Dale S. donated his time, talents, and resources to extend power to this bldg, installed a window AC and Flight Simulator computer, and ran AC-Power throughout. Wall & ceiling installation is completed, thanks to Marcus and Jim, Ceiling and Wall board covering installation will be followed by installation of a member donated large rectangular ceiling light. Marcus, Jim, and I will begin execution this week. Other members are invited to participate. Contact Jim B., if you can assist.

CCF has struggled with creating an Event Calendar that will draw more members to fly together and enhance their flying skills. The BOD understands the need and is working on an Event Schedule solution. However, no schedule will come to pass without committed Event Leadership. Our last two events; CCF Summer Swap-Meet and CCF Independence Day

Barbecue were led by the BOD leadership. This was fun and satisfying for us. This paradigm is not sustainable, however. A CCF Event Director/Manager is needed for each event. Each CCF member is invited to volunteer to be ED for one or more scheduled monthly events. The BOD will help each ED identify needed/desired preparation and execution objectives, as well as needed BOD support actions. Most of our Events will be Saturday AM events. PLEASE VOLUNTEER. The ED for CCF's longest event, Bloody Baron Combat, is Andrew Alvarez. The ED for our annual CCF Family & Friends is our Secretary, Mark Nye. You may contact Mark and Andrew directly to determine how you may assist them.

CCF Website: Thanks to member efforts of Mike Hendershot, CCF has an AWESOME WebSite. We can be very proud of this Public Facing resource.

For the last few years our FAA has been extending their control of ALL UAS air traffic operations. These efforts have worried many RC Pilots about the future of our hobby. Fortunately our continued flying freedom has been assured by FAA FRIA Approval of our club flying location, thanks to the efforts of member and Secretary, Mark Nye.

Best Flying Always,

Rex

Bloody Baron Combat

Our 2023-2024 Combat season will open on September 9th. For those who have not yet built a FT Bloody Baron, they are inexpensive, quick/easy to build and wicked fun to fly. Details/rules can be found on in the attached flyer or on the CCF web page. Thanks to Andrew Alvarez for leading this event.

Welcome New Members

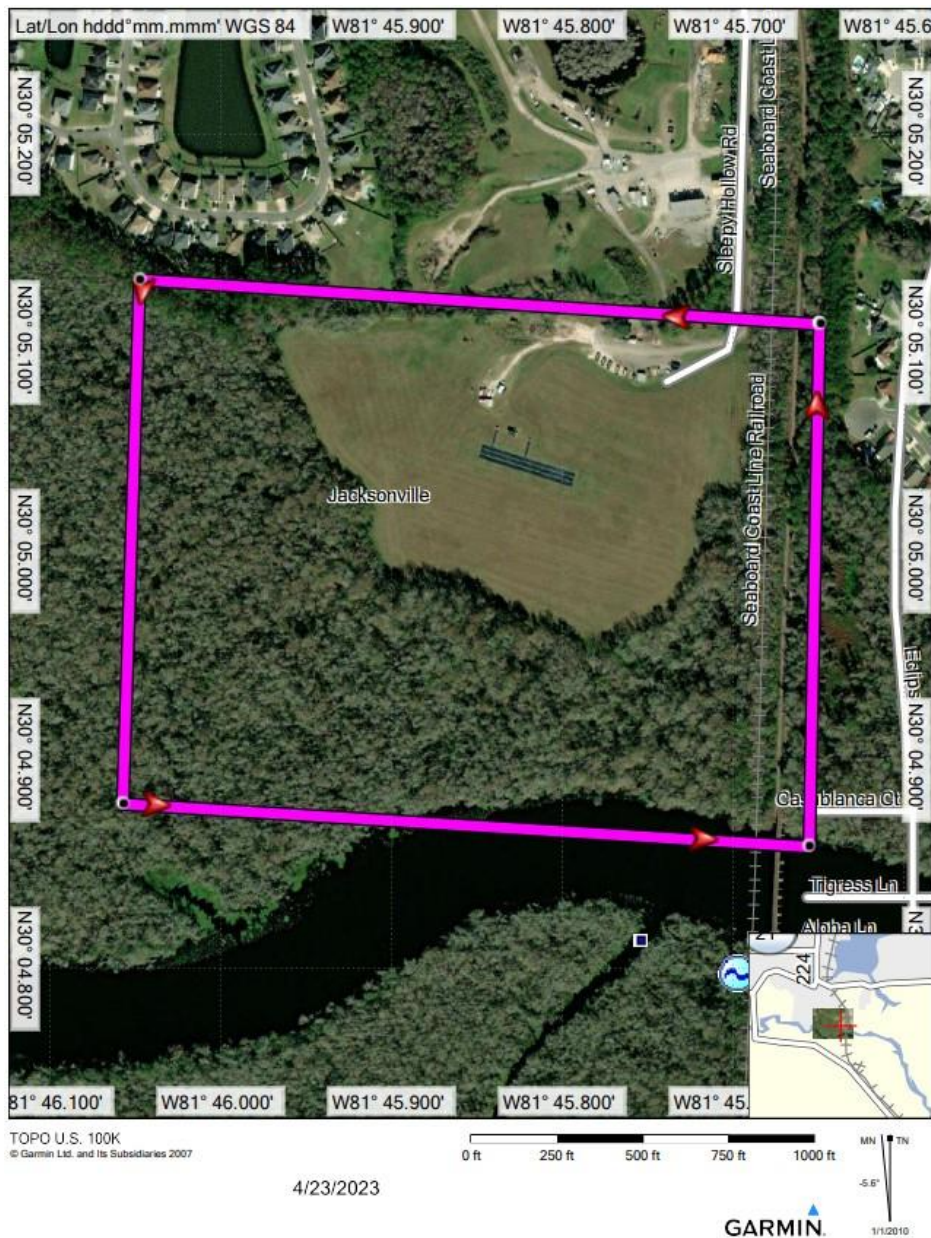
Welcome new members Jason Flynt and Ben MacMillan. We are very pleased to have you join us! Our membership now stands at 57.

Remote ID/CCF FRIA

On September 16, 2023, a new regulation called *Remote Identification for Unmanned Aircraft* (commonly called Remote ID) goes into effect. In a nutshell, this regulation requires all Unmanned Aircraft Systems (drones, R/C aircraft, etc) weighing over 250 grams (8.8oz) operating within national airspace to have the ability to broadcast information including the identity, altitude, and UAS location and operator/take off location. There are three ways which UAS pilots to comply with Remote ID: 1) Operate an aircraft with this capability installed by the manufacturer, 2) Install an aftermarket Remote ID Module into your existing aircraft, or 3) Fly at an FAA Recognized Identification Area (FRIA). For a more detailed description of remote ID, go here: <https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/blog/remote-id-explained/>.

The good news part of this story is that CCF's FRIA has been approved, so you can operate your aircraft at our field without purchasing any additional equipment. If you fly at other AMA Clubs, it is likely that they will also have an approved FRIA, but it is not automatic so ask before you fly. If you regularly fly at non-AMA sites like parks or private property, you will need to ensure that your plane is equipped with Remote ID unless it weighs less than 250 grams to be compliant. A picture of the CCF FRIA follows, keep your plane in the box to keep the neighbors, the FAA and Rex happy.

CCF FRIA



Clay County Flyers Calendar Events

9/9/2023 – Bloody Baron Series Registration/Meet and Greet/Practice

9/9/2023 – Membership Meeting (10am)

10/7/2023 – Bloody Baron #1

10/21/2023 – CCF Family Fun Fly

10/28/2023 – CCF Family Fun Fly Weather Backup

11/4/2023 – Bloody Baron #2

12/2/2023 – Bloody Baron #3

2/24/2024 – Bloody Baron #5

3/23/2024 – Bloody Baron #6

4/12/2024 – Bloody Baron Make-up Day (if needed)

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