



CCF Newsletter

3/3/2024

President's Corner:

Hello Flyers!

I hope the winter has treated you well and that you have been getting out to the field. Regrettably, family matters have kept me away but that should change as we move into spring.

In early January, Clay County Parks and Recreation contacted us regarding the viability of hosting a youth rocket launch at our field. After some discussion and a review of the license agreement, the BOD decided that supporting this event would be beneficial both to the club and our hobby in general. (Many model rocketeers graduate to RC airplanes). As a result, on January 27th approximately 50 members of the Middleburg Trail Life Troop held a group rocket launch at the club. It turned out to be a wonderful event that was also widely attended by club members. In the aftermath, we received significant positive publicity on the County's Facebook page.



On another positive note, we continue to see growth with four new members joining since the beginning of the year. Please help us make the new members feel welcome by introducing yourself to any new faces that you see.

Lastly, we continue to struggle with the condition of the driveway. The county made a second round of repairs last week, but I fear that is only another temporary fix. We continue to work with the county on this issue but feel that pushing too hard will diminish the chances they will provide a paved runway. We will work on this issue more once the runway funding is resolved.

As always, feel free to reach out to me or any board member with suggestions/ideas which would make our club better.

Hope to see you out flying soon!

Mark

Club Membership

The 2024 membership drive has concluded, and our current membership stands at 51. Any member who has not paid their 2024 dues is officially on the “No-Fly” list and must pay dues before flying. The list of current members is pasted below.

Gate Lock Combination Change

In early February, the combinations to the access gates and clubhouse were changed. The new combinations were sent via email to all members who have paid 2024 dues. Please do not share these combinations.

Training at CCF

One of the items that the BOD has been working on is our training program. Past President Rex Hall has agreed to serve the club as our training lead. As such, he will be the primary point of contact for any member/potential member who wants training. Rex will also be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the club’s training fleet. Other details:

- The training fleet had been paired down to three suitable aircraft, two Apprentice and one AeroScout. Donors of the other aircraft in club custody may have their planes back if desired. Otherwise, they will be sold at the upcoming swap meet.
- Only AMA Designated Introductory Pilot Mentors are permitted to use the club training fleet.
- Currently, the club only has two members who are AMA designated Introductory Pilot Mentors. If interested, please contact Mark or Rex.
- After much consideration, the BOD has decided to discontinue our attempt to set up a flight simulator in the club house due to logistical issues. Any member who donated equipment may have it back, otherwise we will attempt to sell it at the swap meet.

Bloody Baron

The next and last Bloody Baron Combat session is on March 23rd. The FT Bloody Baron is cheap and easy build, so you have plenty of time to build one and join the fun. Kits are available at

Hurricane Hobbies or online at <https://store.flitetest.com/ft-bloody-baron-mkr2/>. Even if you are not participating, come out to watch the mayhem, laughter guaranteed.

CCF Swap Meet

On March 23, the club will have a swap meet organized by VP Jim Brazeal. Please bring anything that you want to sell. Club membership is not required to sell/attend but we will need a signed waiver for anyone not a member. If anyone has a plane that they would like to donate for a raffle, please contact Jim (jimbrazeal@gmail.com).

AMA Membership

All members are reminded to keep their AMA membership current throughout the year. In accordance with our site license agreement with Clay County, you MUST have a current AMA membership to fly at our club.

Clay County Flyers Calendar Events

3/15-17/2024 – Jax Jet Madness @ Gateway**

3/23/2024 – Spring Swap Meet

3/23/2024 – Bloody Baron #6

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

4/13/2024 – St Augustine RC Flyers Swap Meet and Fly-In**

5/25-26/2024 – Memorial Warbird Event @ Gateway**

6/8/2024 – Gateway Summer Swap Meet**

10/5/2024 – CCF Family Fun Fly

12/7/2024 – Gateway Winter Swap Meet**

** Non-CCF Event

2024 Clay County Flyers Officers

President – Mark Nye – mark.c.nye@comcast.net

Vice President – Jim Brazeal – jimbrazeal@gmail.com

Treasurer – Peter Craig – Petescrap86@gmail.com

Safety – Steve Morgan – stm1968@comcast.net

Members who have paid 2024 dues.

Tamburrino	Frank
Abrams	Marc
Ahik	Richard
Alvarez	Andrew
Bozwell	Bruce
Brazeal	Jim
Broyles	Ned
Cobb	James
Craig	John
Craig	Peter
DuBois	Tyler
Eaddy	Kevin
Farrah	Robert
Gibson Jr	Joseph C
Gregorio	Angelito
Hall	Rex
Hansknecht	Matt
Head	JR
Hendershot	Michael
Hunger	Kevin
Hunt	James
Iannuzzi	Marc
MacMillan	Benjamin
McCue	Brian
Moniot	Gene
Monteiro	Paulo
Morgan Jr	Steve
Mounts	Robert
Nye	Mark
Page	Terry
Penta	Kenneth
Perez	Louis
Pierce	Chance
Pooley	Michal
Rivera	Hector
Rogers	Thomas
Sadler	Rick
Schock	Robert
Shaw	Marcus
Szczepanski	Robert
Taylor	Kenneth
Todd	Bill
Turner	Gregory
Walters	Jason
Watkins	Thomas
Whatley	Raymond
Williams	Buel
Wojtanek	Richard
Worth	James
Wright	James
Zumwalde	Anthony