



CCF Newsletter

9/12/2025

President's Corner

As we shared several weeks ago, the county does not have sufficient funding to install an asphalt runway for the club. As a result, we have decided to move forward with repairs to our current runway. The basic plan is to lay about three inches of asphalt milling over the existing cloth. Once the millings are leveled and compacted, the surface will be coated with asphalt sealer. The resulting surface will be better than our current cloth runway and will be easier to repair when needed in the future. We have presented this plan to the county and have their support to proceed pending approval by the Florida EPA. We hope to be able to commence this project in the next month or two.

The runway repairs will be paid for using existing club funds, 2026 membership dues and donations. We normally start our annual membership drive on December 1st, but we will start early this year so that the money can be used to fund the runway. Early payment of 2026 dues is not required but will greatly help the club if you can afford to do so. Stand by for more information in about two weeks.

Since announcing the runway upgrade plan several weeks ago, we have received four very generous donation pledges for this project. While these take us a long way towards the amount needed, additional donation pledges will be necessary for us to start this project. If you are in the position to make any donation, please contact CCF Secretary Mark (mark.c.nye@comcast.net) to make a pledge. If we can get half of the membership to donate half the price of a new plane, we will easily meet our goal. Note that donations of \$500 will include free dues for 2026, and a \$1000 donation will include free dues for 2026 and 2027.

Airplane Adventures – September 20th

Our annual "Airplane Adventures" event with the county will be on September 20th 10am-12pm. Last year this event was very successful, with 119 people in attendance. Great fun was had by all, both the young kids and us old kids. Please attend and bring your coolest planes to fly. We are especially looking for helicopters and big loud gassers for demo flights (let me know

if interested). We will also have a combat demo and rocket launches. In preparation for the event, we will be cleaning out the clubhouse and refrigerator, so if you have anything of value there, please remove it. Besides attending, other ways that you can help:

- Volunteer to help with set up at 7:30am and/or cleanup at 1pm.
- Double park and park closely when you arrive.
- Donate a case of water or twelve pack of sodas.
- Help keep the guests behind the safety line.
- No maiden flights during the event.
- Gene will be mowing on either the 18th or 19th. Please do not fly while he is mowing.



The poster features a central illustration of a yellow and white biplane flying through a blue sky with white clouds. Below the biplane are three yellow stars and a white paper airplane with a dashed trail. The text is centered and reads: 'AIRPLANE ADVENTURES' in large, bold, blue letters. Below this, the date and time are listed: 'SEPTEMBER 20TH 10 AM - 12 PM'. The location is '349 Sleepy Hollow Rd., Middleburg'. A call to action follows: 'Join us for a morning of model airplane demonstrations, rocket launches, airplane-themed activities and crafts!'. At the bottom, there are three logos: 'CLAY' with a building icon, 'LET'S PLAY CLAY' with a bicycle icon, and 'CLAY COUNTY FLYERS DOCTORS INLET FLORIDA' with a propeller icon.

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Membership

We continue to gain new members at a steady pace with another two new members this month. If you see someone that you do not know, please introduce yourself and make them feel at home. Current membership is up to **70!!!**.

Clay County Flyers Calendar Events

SEPTEMBER

20 AIRPLANE ADVENTURES Kids Event w/ the County
CLUB MEETING

OCTOBER

18 FALL FUN-FLY (ALT OCT25)

NOVEMBER

29 TOYS FOR TOTS
FALL SWAP MEET

DECEMBER

CLUB MEETING/Elections

JANUARY 2026

24 Cub Scout Rocket Jamboree (Wx backup 31)

FEBRUARY 2026

14 NAS Jacksonville Sea Scouts

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