



CCF Newsletter

10/11/2024

President's Corner:

2024 Club Officer Elections are scheduled for December 9, 2023. Please begin your nominations considerations for All CCF BOARD Office positions, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Safety. Election nominations will begin on November 1, 2023.

Membership:

Current CCF Membership count is 59. It's likely we'll exceed this number before Dec 31. Many of these members are new to RC Flying. The last four memberships are two 'Father & Son' duos. Each new member is excited about this opportunity to learn and fly with us. I want to thank all CCF members for the friendly and supportive assistance you've extended to All CCF members, especially our newest.

CCF - Clay County Partnership:

A relationship of trust and support with Clay County Parks & Recreation and Waste Facility Maintenance leadership continues to grow/deepen with Clay County Flyers RC Club. The CCF BOD met with both leaders on Sept 7th to consider potential future support of CCF. Action items were assigned and accepted. Details of this meeting were presented at the Sept 9th Club meeting. I sense they believe in our value to the community and are eager to help us improve the flying and access conditions of the CCF Flying Site.

Flying Enjoyment Improvements:

- The new shade is being enjoyed by ALL. Thanks Tyler and Jim.
- Significant Pilot Lounge Improvements have been Completed: Many man hours were expended by a fellow CCF member' Some sub-projects remain; floor painting, dry erase board hanging, etc. If you are available email bod@clayflyers.org

2024 Membership Renewals:

Your individual memberships are advancing the 'hobby' in Clay County. County leadership has recognized this, which is a good thing. 2024 CCF membership renewals will begin in November, details will be provided by the club secretary.

2024 Activity/Event Calendar Creation:

Your Board has begun creation of our 2024 CCF Activity Calendar. Some activities are repeatable ie. Swap Meet, Bloody Baron Combat series. Etc. I believe we need AM(morning)-monthly flying activities i.e 'landing accuracy', to encourage greater CCF membership flying activity. Please email your 'flying-activity' recommendations to bod@clayflyers.org. Thank you for all forms of support you've rendered your BOD in 2023.

Best Flying Always,
Rex

From the VP

So far we have added shades to each end of our covered area out by the flight stations to give everyone more area out of the Florida sun. This was suggested by one of our members, Tyler, and seemed like an easy way to get more shade. It worked well, so construction is underway to build two more tables and move the one center one from our covered area and add another 20'x30' shaded area. The goal is to have this completed before our Family Fun Fly day so will be looking for volunteers to help build a couple tables here soon. Additionally, the county is supposed to have the road fixed down by the yard waste area so we won't have to go mudding to get to the field and that should also be completed before the fun fly if everything goes as planned. We also added an area for our Helicopter landing pad that with a little bit of cutting could also be used for anyone that wants to fly control line. The club house has been insulated and drywalled by Marcus and should help the little AC in there keep it coolish and make that a more useful space. Will give people a place to go get out of the sun a cool down. The other thing recently done was to add a second arming table by both taxiways so there is more room there when needed. These ideas and improvements were all suggestions from members, so if you have any ideas to help out the field and improve what we have please bring them up and we will see what we can do. Keep the ideas coming so we can make our field the best it can be. Thanks to all those that have come up with the ideas and helped bring them to completion.

CCF Friends & Family Fun Fly

On October 21st, CCF will be hosting our annual Fun Fly Event. (Weather backup October 28th.) All CCF Members, their family and friends are invited. Select Clay County Officials have also been invited. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. Requesting the following:

- Bring your family.
- Bring a couple of planes for static display and for open fly.
- Bring a Warbird to fly in the Warbird Parade.
- We are looking for some flight demonstrations: helicopters, big gas planes, big EDF, Super Connie, etc. Please email me if you are willing.

- We need a few volunteers to help with food, set-up, parking, welcoming etc. PLEASE let Mark (mark.c.nye@comcast.net) know if you can help.

New Runway 2025?!?!?!?

As discussed at the membership meeting on September 23rd, CCF Board Members met with Clay County officials to discuss the long-term viability of our club at its current location. At that meeting, county officials reiterated their position that we are a valuable asset and want to help us succeed. Since then, the following has occurred:

1. Clay County and CCF executed a five-year license agreement for our current location. Previous agreements were only one-year duration.
2. The county prepared a cost estimate to install a 400'x60' asphalt runway with two 50'x6' asphalt taxiways. This cost estimate exceeds \$100k.
3. Clay County Parks & Rec has indicated that funding for the asphalt runway will be included as a capital improvement in the FY2025 budget. (FY2025 begins October 2024.)

At this point, the CCF BOD is optimistic that the County will provide us with an asphalt runway in 2025. As a fallback plan, the BOD will continue to plan/budget for a replacement fabric runway with crushed stone base.

FAA Delays RID Enforcement

As previously discussed in this newsletter, *Remote Identification for Unmanned Aircraft* (commonly called Remote ID or RID) went into effect on September 16, 2023. Just days prior to that deadline, the FAA announced they were delaying enforcement of RID until March 16, 2024, due to the unavailability of RID modules on the commercial market. This delay has zero impact on operations at CCF because we have an approved FRIA in place. For those who fly at other locations, you have a six-month reprieve before you will have to equip your planes for RID. (Editor's note – I have a module pre-ordered and will report my experience with this device once it arrives.)

Clay County Flyers Calendar Events

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

12/9/2023 – CCF Membership Meeting and Election of Officers

2/24/2024 – Bloody Baron #5

3/23/2024 – Bloody Baron #6

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

Clay County Flyers Officers

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