



THE HEADWIND

Newsletter of the CHIPOLA R/C AVIATORS
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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Thoughts from the throne

(Not that throne you dummies, the throne of knowledge and wisdom).

I thought the fly in went great and our club CD, Dale Cavin (not the guy they talked about in the newspaper "we are still looking for that guy"), will have more info on the event.

I bought a lawn mower so we, "I", can mow the field.

We had 7 new people visit Sunday, 3 of them are interested in flying.

I have bent 3 planes in the last week and a half and I am sure it must be some kind of radio interference since I know how good a pilot I am.

Everyone should make an attempt to send things to Dale for the newsletter to keep it going.

For all of you who can't remember, THE FIRST TUESDAY is the meeting.

Any one who is willing to be a Sunday attendant should e-mail me so I can set up another list, I think it may be showing some positive results. I am sending everyone an e-mail about the mower so please respond to it.

Francis

FROM THE EDITOR:

Well, the Perry Swap meet adventure is behind us for another year. Unfortunately the trip started out rough due to the rash of tornados that hit south Alabama and Georgia. Dale O was set up at the campground in Perry when an apparent tornado passed to the south and caused him some concern as his motor home started moving around. Rose and I were on the road between Albany and Cordele when an announcement came on the radio that a tornado was about to cross the highway about 30 miles behind us. By 1 am this had all passed and the weather was fine for the rest of the trip. I sold quite a bit and managed to buy very little. Jerry also sold quite a bit. If you have never been to this event, you need to try it. There are three buildings full of goodies that look like this.



As Francis stated above, Warbirds Over the Panhandle was held last weekend, March 23-24. We still had a light turnout, but there were some nice planes brought by the pilots who attended. The weather was very good, but a crosswind persisted both days and the guys with the heavy iron from out of town were a little spooked, not being familiar with the field's size and characteristics. Friday there were several mishaps, stalls, busted landing gear, and a couple hum dingers. Unfortunately, Jerry had one of them, losing his Byron AT-6. The prize for worst luck has to go to Jim Phelps from Charlotte, NC. He and his wife, Tracie came in their new 45' motor home and stayed with us at "Camp Marianna". Jim had 3 planes severely damaged or destroyed, and as they were leaving, he got the motor home stuck in the ditch by the gate. A wrecker (a BIG wrecker) was called to get it out and there was no damage. They were real troopers, however, and had smiles on their faces as they drove off heading home. He e-mailed a couple days later saying they'll be back next year. Speaking of e-mails, I have heard from others who attended and all indicated they would return and bring friends. By the way, Chris Joiner, co-founder of the Giant Scale Warbirds Association, could not attend due to having a stress test scheduled. Hope all that works out OK.

While we didn't have the pilot turnout we had hoped for, we attracted a lot of locals and pretty much all of the comments I heard were positive. Speaking of positive, the dinner provided by Mark and Madison's Warehouse Restaurant was just great and the word is getting around.

Here are a few photos of the event.





Thanks to all of the club members and their families who helped setup, operate, and clean up the field for the event. Looking forward to next year.

On another note, since I wanted to give out some sort of list of information sheet to the event pilots related to special rules associated with our field, I decided a somewhat generic info sheet could be used at events and to give to visitors who may come to fly at our field. I ran it past our illustrious leader and here is what I came up with.

Welcome to the Marianna Model Airpark

Marianna, Florida

As you probably have noticed, this field is located on an active airport. We have plenty of room to fly, but because of the location, there are a few field rules that are added to the standard AMA field safety rules. These additional rules should not cause you any inconvenience, but please feel free to let us know if you have any questions, problems or concerns.

- Proof of current AMA membership must be on hand.
- All AMA Field Safety Rules are effective.
- There must be absolutely no flying behind the flight line edge of the runway. That is, no flying west of a line running along the western edge of the runway and extending to infinity north and south. The main north-south full-scale runway approach/departure lane is just over the trees behind the parking area.
- Avoid flying over the large white warehouse to the north east of the flying area, especially when cars are in the parking lot indicating workers are present.
- No flying while alone at the field. A second person must be on site to provide eyes and ears to warn of full-scale aircraft in the area. If it appears a full-scale aircraft will fly over, or near the R/C flying area, bring any models in the air to the lowest safe altitude possible until the full-scale clears the area.
- A spotter is required during organized events. Pilots, please discuss with your spotters significant issues to watch for. We suggest: location of other models, full-scale planes in the area, runway edges and ends, power lines to the south, the "mound" off the opposite side of the runway, etc.
- Start engines with aircraft facing the field in front of white "blast boards".
- No alcoholic beverages allowed during flying hours.

Please fly safe and above all enjoy your visit.

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We can discuss any recommendations at the meeting.

Dale C.

MEMBERS PROJECTS

None this month

CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 2007

Not Available

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Chipola R/C Aviators is Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. The location is the Chipola College Administration Building Conference Room.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

All Size Warbird Fly In hosted by the Eglin Aero Modelers

May 12, 2007, Niceville, FL

TOP GUN

May 2-6, 2007, Lakeland FL

IMAA District V Minifest

October 26-28, 2007, Marianna, FL

That's all for this month. If you have comments, suggestions or items for future newsletters, e-mail me at dcavin@earthlink.net.

Dale