

An Owl cannot fly without ...

Flight Feathers

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MEETINGS

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

NO MEETINGS JULY/AUGUST

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 7TH

EMERGENCY CALLS FROM OUR FIELD

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My First Time at Mowing Went OK

...by Charles

ō that is until the engine governor broke and that big old Kawasaki motor went to full power. Did you guys know that zero-turn could throw dirt and do wheelies?

I bounced off the parking lot fence first. Apparently the boards weren't nailed on too good. I didn't hit it hard but all four boards went flying. Only two of them broke.

Sorry about the damage to the start up bench. I think the only damage was the broken legs. I couldn't tell exactly, I couldn't get close enough. I left it where it landed on top of the shelter.

The only damage to the mower was the right rear wheel. When I did that NASCAR left turn slide is when it hit the startup bench. I don't think the axle was bent much. The tire has a very teeny tiny gash but I figured it wouldn't hold air so I stuffed it full of grass clippings and super glued it to the rim. The super glue held great til just before I drove back into the barn. That's when the governor failed the second time. I'll replace the garage door and bush hog mower. I think they are beyond repair.

I left the zero-turn hanging on the right wall about 1/3 the way up on a rack. It won't be hard to get down. Just give it a little nudge.

Anyway the grass got cut.

When am I scheduled to mow again?

Donations

Ray donated a couple foamies to the club to be used for training and/or fun for new pilots. This X-Vert VTOL is one of them.



He's Back in the Action

Great to see Ron back at the field five weeks after his back surgery. Recovery is slow, he says, but coming along.



Summertime...

...and the livin' is easy (Everyone sing along) Fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high... One of these mornings you're gonna rise up singing... And you'll spread your wings and you'll take to the sky...

The field looks great. The weather is hot with beautiful mornings as it was on this mid-July Saturday. It brought out a large parliament of OWLS anxious to *take to the sky*.



A Message from Our President

We hope you all had a nice July 4th. A few of our members got together and made it a glider day.



This month we welcome our newest member, John. He was the VP of the Cloud Climbers and a current member of another local club. He was flying planes this day, but for now his preference is helis. Welcome John! It's great to have you with us.

The Tangerine glider event has been scheduled for Nov 22nd thru 24th! This will be the 46th Annual AMA sanctioned soaring championships. It's a great experience for all glider pilot levels and everyone is welcomed to participate. It's a large group of friendly people that are willing to help everyone and it happens right here in our local area. The event is sponsored by the Orlando Buzzards and we will post more information as the event nears.



We continue to shuffle our signs and photos as we explore ways to optimize wall space. This month we added a photo of Steve and Jerry to the pavilion. The years of service they generously gave to OWLS will always be remembered.



A suggestion was made for a friendly balloon contest. The goal is to take out balloons with our planes. The balloons can be slowly released as the planes race to pop them. Other variations are on the table. Only consider planes that you are willing loose. Small prizes and pizza will be available. If you are interested in participating around the Labor Day Weekend, please contact Ron, Charles, or me.



Fernando Mesa, President



**REST IN
PIECES**

John intended to blow the dust of a plane he hasn't flown in a while, but something went wrong.



Yesteryear Photos...

The picture is of Bret in July 1962 when he was about 16 with a Piper Tri-pacer. He remembers it had a single channel radio with two escapements powered by an OS 19 with throttle butterfly on exhaust. It had left and right rudder on one escapement and about 1/3 or full throttle on the other escapement. Full throttle it would climb and at 1/3 it would slightly descend.

All sounded good but it was marginal control when it worked. He had his name and phone number in it and after a few flights he got a call from a man about 4 miles from the flying site telling him he found the airplane in a tree. It wasn't damage very much but Bret never flew it again.



Next Meeting: September 7th

Field Closed for Tangerines

The OWLS field will be closed **November 22-24th** as we yield our field for the Tangerine event. Get your flying done before the field closes or attend the event for a great weekend of glider flying.

