

An Owl cannot fly without ...

Flight Feathers

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MEETINGS

FIRST
SATURDAY OF
THE MONTH

NO MEETINGS
JULY/AUGUST

NEXT MEETING:
JUNE 6TH

EMERGENCY
CALLS FROM
OUR FIELD

352-485-5111

2020 WISE OWLS

RON SANDERS
PRESIDENT &
TREASURER

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VACANT
VICE PRESIDENT

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FERNANDO MESA
SECRETARY

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ART SCHEURER
SAFETY
COORDINATOR &
FIELD MARSHALL

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BRET MARTIN
FERNANDO MESA
AMA INTRO PILOT
INSTRUCTORS

A Message from Our President

I just wanted to thank those who attended the May meeting Saturday. I know that you were probably apprehensive about attending. It went very well, and we did, for the most part, keep social distancing. The subject of keeping the grounds mowed was addressed and I am grateful that several members have stepped up to the plate. We have been blessed with the volunteers that we have. We will still have our club Fun-fly and member appreciation picnic most likely in November but that can change.

Keep the faith and fly safe.

Ron Sanders, President

Club Trainers

...by Charles

The club now has a very nice Sensei trainer and a very rugged Albatross trainer for students and novices to use while learning to fly. We also have a Spektrum transmitter donated to fly them.

On May 17th, Fernando and Charles Montford test flew the Club's Albatross model using the DX6 Transmitter donated by Ed. All went well. Both will be available shortly for Club member's use. Because the Albatross model is hand launched, it's recommended that a flier have assistance launching. It needs a hard toss.

Fernando worked on binding and setting up the Sensei on the Spektrum DX6. Because the Sensei has a 'Wise stabilization system', that effort will take some time to configure. That was the reason we made the decision that the Club models needed a dedicated transmitter. Interfacing a Spektrum transmitter to a model with a stabilization system can be frustrating and a mistake can lead to a trashed model.

Printed manuals for the Sensei, along with it's Wise stabilization system, the Spektrum DX6 Transmitter, and model implementation and operation info will be stored in the shelter near the Sensei model. Probably the most important info needed by a potential flier is the DX6 switch operation needed to control the stabilization system.

On a side note: We've had a resident Eastern Bluebird family nesting under the shelter on a plywood shelf for a long time. They fledged three siblings during late April. A few weeks later, their unprotected nest was attacked by a predator leaving the nest and newly laid eggs broken on the shelter floor. Being as they needed better nesting accommodations, a nest box was installed by the wind sock. Now the Blue Birds are out from under the shelter, away from flight operations, and in a safer place. Photo of the male Blue Bird atop 'his' new home is attached. If you doubt that the nest box belongs to him, just walk over there.



You can't buy happiness, but you can buy another RC plane, which is pretty much the same thing.

A Message from Our Vice President

Our membership is at an all time high. We welcomed three new members in May. They are Ed, James, and Merv. They increased our total membership to 36 active members and 1 honorary member. We extend our best wishes and look forward to sharing the runway with them.

In case you haven't heard, Debbie and Bruce have moved into the Goodwin home. The property is not for sale, and our club will continue to operate as normal. **Please avoid flying over the house for their safety and privacy.** Flying south of the home is fine.

AMA has renewed our Silver status as an **AMA Leader Club**. Congrats to everyone. We have extra award pins for members that didn't get one last year.

As a reminder, please feel free to contact our club President Ron if you have any questions during this time of isolation or self quarantine. His email is cncfred@hotmail.com.

Fernando Mesa, Vice President



Debbie says there are two owls (the real kind) hanging around by the barn.

Field Maintenance

...from Ken

Wow! What a busy week. Rick mowed all of the most visible areas of the field with the tractor on Thursday; then on Friday George came to take over but had a hard time getting the tractor out of the barn. I returned Friday to look at the tractor and found the sunshade damaged, so George, Bob and I removed it. I took it home to repair and modify it, and now the top is low enough to clear the barn door. Charles, Ed and I reinstalled the top on Saturday.

Saturday morning Rick brought his tractor to the field and a lot of back aches were spared for Charles, Ed and I as we spread dirt in the low spots of the runway and filled in the ruts at the driveway entrance. A big thank you to Rick.

Charles brought grass seed and we spread seed & fertilizer and then dragged the runway. I changed the blades on the tractor, and George was mowing when I left. Now with a little rain we should have a very nice runway. Thanks to all who came out and gave your time and labor to improve our field.



ANSWERS:

1. THE RANGE IS FURTHER THAN I CAN SEE
2. YES IT IS ELECTRIC
3. DEPENDS ON HOW MUCH YOU WANT TO SPEND
4. OH THIS ONE? LIKE \$400
5. NO YOU CANNOT FLY IT
6. YES I WILL DO A LOW PASS!

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Answers for commonly asked questions from non-RC people. (I know I asked them.)

New Clubhouse Padlock

...by Charles



"We have a replacement combination lock on the Owl's storage room. The new lock is set to the same combination numbers as the old one. The new lock requires that the combination numbers be aligned on the edge of the lock."