

# Flight Feathers

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## MEETINGS

FIRST  
SATURDAY OF  
THE MONTH  
EXCEPT  
JULY/AUGUST

NEXT MEETING:  
MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>

EMERGENCY  
CALLS FROM  
OUR FIELD

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## WISE OWLS

FERNANDO MESA  
PRESIDENT

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VICE PRES.

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RON SANDERS  
SEC./TREAS.

~  
ART SCHEURER  
SAFETY  
COORDINATOR

~  
BRET MARTIN  
AMA INTRO PILOT  
INSTRUCTOR

## March Fly-In

We thank everyone that came out to the Fly-In. The weather was great, but it's the people that made it awesome. Pilots from Nature Coast RCers and OFMC were present. Everyone got along like family and friends. No doubt new friendships were made.

A top notch lunch followed the auction and raffle drawings. We heard laughter and saw many smiles. Both are signs of a great day. We shared laughter, advice, RC flying, and crashes, too. Good luck to our seasonal members as they return home. These guys are hard core OWLS members. They helped the club with everything from field repairs to event volunteers. It's a pleasure to have you all here. Fly often, stay safe, and hurry back. On behalf of all the members we thank you for your time and hard work. See Ya Next Year!



*Fernando*



Dan Kilgas operates driverless mower using hand-held control panel.  
**STEERS, STOPS AND STARTS  
BY REMOTE RADIO CONTROL**

Our mowing season is in full swing. The mowing schedule will be posted on our website under the *Members* tab and the volunteers will get an email with a copy of the schedule. Art S. and Ken will handle the tractor mowing while Fernando and Robert will handle the home and barn mowing. The rest of the volunteers will handle the runway areas. George K. will be a backup volunteer for any of the areas.

**And "NO" this is not our mower!**



## Field will be closed April 27 & 28

We welcome back the Pompano Hills Flyers for their yearly event. This event is a great opportunity to meet and fly with advanced skilled sailplane flyers on our field. It's always amazing to see what these RC pilots can do. We gladly yield the field to them on April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> and invite our members to visit and and/or enter the event.

Check out the OWLS "Events" page at: [onewinglowsquadron.org/all-events](http://onewinglowsquadron.org/all-events)

## *A Message from Our President...*

We thank our sponsors for supporting our Fly-In and assisting us throughout the year. DV Diesel provided generous funding for the raffle and they look forward to displaying our club photo in their customers' service area.



Rob's Hobby World could not provide us with their banner in time for our event, but Rob posted our flyer in his store and assisted us with the grand prizes.



We modified our solar powered charging station and replaced the dead battery with a new deep cycle battery. We reduced the charging terminals from six to four. Each terminal has its own 10A fuse. We placed new labels as a reminder to not exceed 10A per terminal. Our charging system is a limited field system for small or light use. It's not intended to equal a home charging system. We will continue to evaluate the system regularly and make improvements. Thanks to Alexis, Charles, Bret, Ray, Ken, and Ron for helping restore our solar powered charging system. Our generator was recently tested and remains available to our members.



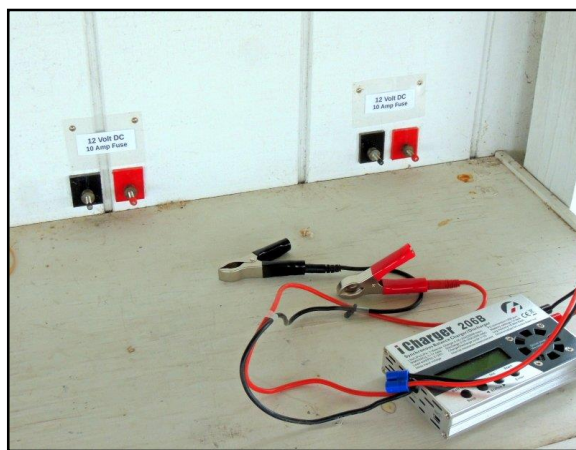
Ted, Art S., and Fernando replaced a 4x4 damaged column. This particular column was previously anchored on the ground and rotting away. The new column is now anchored on the concrete slab and out of the pit area. This gets it out of the way of the mowing team, and it simply looks better.

At our April meeting we agreed to treat the runway with a combination of fertilizer and top soil. The goal is to reduce or eliminate the dead patches on the west side of the runway. The top soil will be used as a spot treatment application after the runway has been fertilized. We volunteered Ken to steer the project and he agreed. Thank you Ken!

We have several AMA stickers posted throughout the clubhouse. Some of these stickers are in poor condition while others have been revised. We will be replacing and updating these stickers in the near future.



Jeff provided us with choices of Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken and Bratwurst for lunch during our Fly-In event. The quality was superb and the prices were too low to mention. The lunch was just really good stuff at wholesale cost. Big thanks to Jeff for his time and hard work.



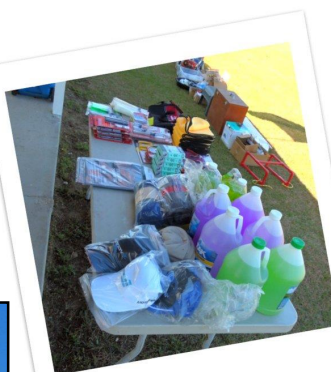
*Fernando Mesa, President*

# THE OWLS NEST GALLERY

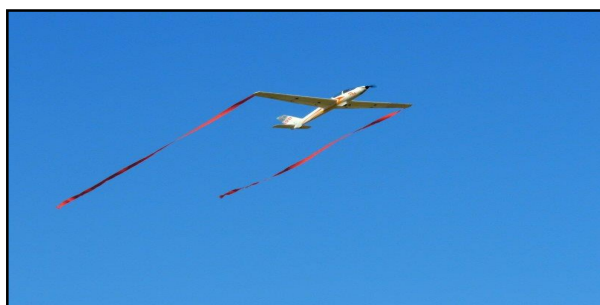
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## More from the March Fly-In



Lots of items were raffled off. And the remainder of %0000+stuff was auctioned to raise money for the club.



Bret Martin uses and recommends these connectors for high power models.

QS8-S Connector with Anti-Spark

### FEATURES

QS8-S Anti Spark Connector

These QS8-S heavy duty 8mm gold plated connectors are great for high power electric models. The ingenious design of the QS8-S is the positive connector has an initial low current section so that when you first plug them half way in there is no spark. Once you press the two small tabs the connector can be fully connected allowing full current. This system helps to reduce the risk of a sudden power surge damaging your ESC when you first plug in. The design also provides no chance of incorrect polarity connection. Once soldered up there are plastic guards that clip on each connector giving you a neatly wired plug and helps to prevent short circuits.



REST IN  
PIECES



A good gag for the next time you're on an airplane and the fellow sitting next to you falls asleep. Ask the stewardess to borrow her demonstration mask, put it on and shake him awake with an alarmed look on your face.