

# Flight Feathers

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## MEETINGS

FIRST  
SATURDAY OF  
THE MONTH  
AT 11AM

NO MEETINGS  
JULY/AUGUST

NEXT MEETING:  
FEBRUARY 6th

EMERGENCY  
CALLS FROM  
OUR FIELD

**352-485-5111**

## 2021 WISE OWLS

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### Change of Newsletter Editor

Greetings. As noted in the last meeting's minutes I (Ed Centanni) have volunteered to continue the Newsletter so ably produced by Bill Brooks. Any help in the way of news, and especially pictures, will be greatly appreciated. My email is [edcentanni@gmail.com](mailto:edcentanni@gmail.com).

### Covid news

From our President, Ron Sanders, comes the news that one or more of our members was exposed to the Covid-19 virus. Members at the field are reminded to wear masks, keep social distance and wash hands. Sanitizer is available at the field to use on any items (combination lock, chairs, etc) handled by members..

### Owl Member Published

Email from Fernando says, "Our member Dennis wrote an article that was published in this month's AMA Model Aviation magazine. The article takes a closer look at the Physics of an F3J glider launch. The article starts on page 74. On page 76 a familiar barn and runway can be seen on the photos."



### "Curse you, Red Baron!!"

Our favorite cartoon WWI Ace, Snoopy, makes a fly-in at the OWLS field with a little help from Charles Montford.



**F5J and F3J Soaring Palooza**

The Orlando Buzzards have rented our field for a soaring event to be held Jan 29 – Feb 1. The field will be closed to our members on those dates unless they wish to register for the event and participate. <http://www.f3xevents.com/>

**Speaking of Soaring...**

A new world speed record for an unpowered RC sailplane was set last June. A sailplane named the Transonic DP and piloted by Spencer Lisenby reached a speed of 545 mph. That's not a misprint, that's approaching mach 1.



Sailplanes can reach amazing speeds using a unique combination of geographic features, wind shear, and flight technique. You can read the details here: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dynamic\\_soaring](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dynamic_soaring)