



Landing Strip

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2019 Club Officers

President - Bruce Curlette
Vice President - Mike Morgan
Secretary - Harry Woosely
Treasurer - Jeff Holsinger
Assoc. Safety Officer - Open

Upcoming Events

April 27, 2019 Opening Day Picnic at Miami RC Flying Field (See page 2 for details)

May 7, 2019 Monthly Meeting at Miami RC Flying Field

May 8, 2019 HOT DOG NIGHT STARTS at Miami RC Flying Field

Welcome Miami RC Members to the first edition of the Landing Strip Newsletter. This is a work in progress so please feel free to let me know what you would like in your newsletter.

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April 27, 2019
Miami RC
Flying Season Starts

Presidential Notes

Elections

Everyone was unanimously re-elected to their office:

President - Bruce Curlette
Vice President and Safety Officer - Mike Morgan
Secretary - Harry Woosley
Treasurer - Jeff Holsinger

Board

Mark Klingler
Jim Dalton
Keith Numbers

The position of Associate Safety Officer was left open as everyone wanted Don Dixon, but a member has to be present to be nominated. We will leave the position open until such a time that Don is at a meeting and we'll vote him in.

The AMA has awarded Miami R/C a \$500 Take Off and Grow (TAG) grant thanks to the excellent proposal writing of Mo Azar. We will be working with about 10 cadets from the BHW AFJROTC (Beavercreek HS junior Air Force ROTC). Mo will be heading this up and will begin setting up a presentation at BHS. Our first joint even with them will be during our Opening Day Picnic (April 27). They will be invited out to join us to see how we do things and how cool our airplanes are. The goal of this program is to teach these cadets about aviation with the end result being each one of them soloing with an RC airplane. Instructors will be Mo, Tom Bean, Keith Numbers and John Drake. More to come on this as we work through the details.

April 27 is our Opening Day Picnic. A day filled with fun, fellowship and flying. As usual, the eating part is a potluck. The club brings the dogs and burgers, along with the buns, chips and drinks. Members are asked to bring whatever they'd like to share. It can be salads or sides or desserts...whatever...but NO CHIPS. The club will bring plenty of those. In the past this has always been a great time with plenty of good food. We will begin eating at 12, but open flying is all day long.

The new charging station batteries are installed and are working great! With a little maintenance, they should last us for several years. The charging station is up and running for the 2019 season!

NEW! 24-volt charging station. Jeff will be installing a 24-volt charging station for all you guys that have 6s or bigger batteries. Most of the recent chargers can take 24v. If you are not sure, check your manual. Jeff will be adding a 3rd POSITIVE rail. It will be shorter than the 2 12-volt bars. So, when it's installed, you would put your positive lead on the short 24v positive bar, and the negative lead on the regular 12v negative bar. Presto! You have 24v. I'm sure we'll have some "accidents," so be sure to pay attention when we send out the information after Jeff installs.

Thanks,

Bruce

Hot Dignity Dog Dignity it's almost Hot Dog Time



Hot Dog Night and NIGHT FLY!!! May 8th is not only the very first Hot Dog Night (HDN) of the 2019 season, but it will also be the first of our monthly Night Fly. Several of us have night flyers, but if you've never done it before, come on out and try your hand at it. I'm sure you'll be hooked. It's not really a big deal to put lights on your plane, and many planes already come equipped with them. So come on out on May 8th for some good picnic-type food. Remember, Pat Drake is in charge (when is she not???) and she ALWAYS makes a great picnic spread. Then, experience the fun of a night fly!

April 9, 2019 Meetings had a Great Guest Speaker

This month we featured the illustrious Keith Numbers and his scratch built WW I biplane. As you all know Keith is a top grade builder and I'm sure the model will be impressive, not only in it's quality but it's SIZE. This bird has a 140" wingspan!! If you're on RCScaleBuilder.com, you've seen his AMAZING work.



(A Must Read)

FAA Makes Major Drone ID Marking Change

Here is the latest on FAA markings on our aircraft: FAA Makes Major Drone ID Marking Change

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has posted a rule in the Federal Register requiring small drone owners to display the FAA-issued registration number on an outside surface of the aircraft. Owners and operators may no longer place or write registration numbers in an interior compartment. The rule is effective on February 23. The markings must be in place for any flight after that date.

When the FAA first required registration of small drones in 2015, the agency mandated that the registration marking be readily accessible and maintained in readable condition. The rule granted some flexibility by permitting the marking to be placed in an enclosed compartment, such as a battery case, if it could be accessed without the use of tools.

Subsequently, law enforcement officials and the FAA's interagency security partners have expressed concerns about the risk a concealed explosive device might pose to first responders upon opening a compartment to find a drone's registration number. The FAA believes this action will enhance safety and security by allowing a person to view the unique identifier directly without handling the drone.

This interim final rule does not change the original acceptable methods of external marking, nor does it specify a particular external surface on which the registration number must be placed. The requirement is that it can be seen upon visual inspection of the aircraft's exterior.

The FAA has issued this requirement as an Interim Final Rule -- a rule that takes effect while also inviting public comment. The FAA issues interim final rules when delaying implementation of the rule would be impractical, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest. In this case, the agency has determined the importance of mitigating the risk to first responders outweighs the minimal inconvenience this change may impose on small drone owners, and justifies implementation without a prior public comment period.

The FAA will consider comments from the public on this Interim Final Rule, and will then review any submissions to determine if the provisions of the ultimate Final Rule should be changed. The 30-day comment period will end on March 15, 2019. To submit comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for "RIN 2120-AL32."

As Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao promised last month, today the FAA also posted proposed new rules to let drones fly routinely at night and over people, and to further integrate them safely into the nation's airspace. The comment period for these proposals begins Feb.14, 2019 and will end April 15.