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and George Andruss



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Fighter Town has come and gone, the event was a great success. We had 22 pilots flying scale built aircrafts. Also great looking foam made ARFS both propeller and fan jet driven. The weather was outstanding could not have ask for anything better. With Jim Slaughter's advertising blitz, we had a good number of spectators and everyone enjoyed watching the show.

I want to thank everyone that made this event successful, the event organizers, grass cutters, gate crew and the Kitchen team, thanks for job well done.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday with your family's, and enjoyed all the good food. Watched lots of football games and had your nap time, digesting your Dinner.

At the December meeting, your new Board will be voted in by paper ballot, since we have more than one member vying for several positions for next year.

Just a reminder, if you have not renewed your AMA membership, you need to do it fast. You need your new AMA Card, in order to fly after the first of January. Also do not forget to renew your club membership, before the end of the Year, or it will cost you \$125.00 more to fly.

Since this is my last message, I want to thank everyone that supported me over the years, we have had some trying times, but over all things went well. I look ahead for Sunshine, Blue Skies and lots of fun flying.

Happy Flying see you at the field,

Werner,

over and out.

**All Members if you are not receiving the club newsletter by e-mail,  
Please e-mail Jeff Houck at <jeff.rcpilot@gmail.com>**

## Minutes of the November 5, 2022 Membership Meeting

President Werner Keil convened the meeting at 9:00 AM with 20 members in attendance. Joe Barzyz led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for our departed veterans. All officers were present with the exception of Jeff Houck, who was away on business. Louis Perez joined the Club at the meeting. Welcome aboard Louis. No Minutes of our last meeting were available. The Treasurer report was accepted as read.

Attendance at the December meeting is very important because the 2023 Club Officers will be voted in at that time. This years' election is not a slate consisting of single nominations for each office, but a number of nominees running for a single office. Voting will be by ballot and every individual vote will count.

### The Nominees are as follows:

President: Paul Ericson and Jeff Houck.  
Vice President: George Andruss and Jim Slaughter.  
Treasurer: Mike Sperato.  
Secretary: No Nominations.  
Board: Bill McCallie, Henry Foytik, Pete Rundel, Mike Diesu.

Anyone interested in the Secretary position, please contact President Werner Keil, [wkeil@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:wkeil@tampabay.rr.com) or 727-510-0402.

Andrew Reeves suggested we notify the membership each week in December concerning the upcoming voting at the December meeting. A general discussion followed and it was agreed to do so. Mike Diesu agreed to contact Secretary, Jeff Houck.

Mike Diesu made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the AMA "IT" Campaign. This was seconded by Mike Dawson. The motion passed.

"IT" provides education kits for educators and parents. It also provides college scholarships that enable AMA Youth Members to seek higher education in the world of Aviation. In addition to helping clubs rebuild after devastating natural disasters such as Hurricane Ian.

Jim Slaughter agreed to be our Recreational Manager. The responsibility of this office is to gain a better relationship with the local communities and improved communication and socialization amongst the members. A good example of club socializing would be Members Day.

President Werner Keil stated the dates for our 2023 events need to be selected and filed with AMA.

Mike Diesu stated he would take the Membership Meeting Minutes until we have a Secretary.

A motion was made by Jim Slaughter and seconded by Mike Dawson to replace the kitchen covered floor area with the material on hand. The motion was passed.

Mike Sperato suggested to help keep the membership more aware of club activities the Membership Meeting Minutes should be published in the 'member's only' section our web site in. A general discussion followed and it was agreed to do so.

Mike Diesu mentioned that previous motions made changing our current By Laws were never up dated. In addition, some wording within the By Laws is ambiguous and may need to be clarified. This matter should be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

The purchase of a new mower was mentioned, and tabled at this time. The price of a new mower similar to our present mowers would cost approximately \$19,151.00.

With no further business, Werner closed the meeting.

Mike Diesu

## Bay City Fliers – FIGHTER TOWN EVENT Report

Contest Director – Pete Rundel

November 12, 2022

After all the complaining and whining about the lack of member support. First of all, I need to thank the Gate Monitors: Don Mriscin, Darrel Sweetwine, Steve Wilson, Werner Keil, Henry Foytik. Many others helped as noted below, and I thank all of you for your help! What a team!

At the gate, Steve had a problem with some hikers essentially crashing the gate and parking their vehicle on the road inside the gate. We were concerned that they would get locked in if all members left after the completion of the event. Apparently they returned and moved their vehicle around 2 hours after the event was over. Sadly a member needed to hang around until they showed.

Henry suggested we use 2 gate monitors at the gate to prevent situations like this in the future. Thanks for your suggestion Henry. Now to get 10 gate monitors for the next event!!!

And Thanks a whole bunch to Roger Cherry for mounting the event advertisement board on the sign on SR52. Not sure how you did it or who else helped, but thanks.

And for all he did and does, Thanks to our president, Werner Keil, for filling in where needed (gate and some other stuff) and posting signs along SR 52 the morning of the event.

And of course – thanks to the grounds crew that got the field looking like a professional golf course just prior to the event after a wet week. I think that would be George and Paul.

Regarding attendance, we had about 45 fans make donations at the gate; Then there was the pilot participation @ \$10 per pilot registering – that was 22 pilots. And then we had 50-50 raffle. I need to thank Bruce for harassing the attendees, pilots etc. to PARTICPATE - For a total of \$125. Split with the winner (a fan not a pilot) whose son picked their own winning ticket – put another \$63 in the club's coffers.

And regarding attendance, looks like Ocala had a 'SCALE' event which (I think) conflicted with our Fighter Town 'Scale' event. Not sure why the AMA didn't flag the conflict! I'll

need to pose that question to the AMA event coordinator. Since there was something of a conflict, I think our pilot attendance was a bit lower than it may have been.

And then there was our announcer – Jim Slaughter. Jim is well versed in announcing at our events, particularly the quirks of our flying field, and did a terrific job. Thanks Jim for digging out the audio system, placing the speakers and filling in details that I totally missed. And Jim, do take a few extra minutes to clear out the debris in your Big Yellow Tiger Moth Biplane, so that the throttle doesn't get stuck! We were wondering if you were going to try a full throttle landing while the wind was whipping! When the motor about died, an almost dead-stick landing worked with just a little damage. Thanks for keeping our attention.

And another KUDO to Jim for finding me a registrar – Ted Quigley - to collect the registration fees and get the pilots to sign in with their names, addresses, email addresses, AMA numbers, etc. – So important for the AMA report.

Sadly one beautiful BIG Corsair – powered with a 5 cylinder radial – had a structural failure with a spectacular crash. The left wing flew off in some other direction and the rest of the plane hit the ground – thankfully nowhere near anyone or spectators. Thanks to the pilot for making a left turn away from the crowd and the pits so that – if bad things were going to happen – people would be out of harm's way.

So actually we had a good turnout with lots of help – much of which happened as the event unfolded. I don't know about you, but I had a good time and chatted with several spectators that were enjoying the event.

That sums up my event report to the club. Now some other stuff.

I will not be able to make the next general club meeting because I am having some elective hip surgery on Friday December 2. Not a big deal but don't really think I'll be in any condition to attend. Please share my thoughts below and the event report at the next meeting in my absence.

Regarding the new "BCF Club administration" – I will again step up and be the club's primary Contest Director for most events, if that is the membership's desire. Regarding events for 2023, at this time I have not registered any events. Please have a discussion of events and I'll support the same events we had in 2022, Swap Meet in October, FighterTown USA in November, and as many members have asked me, I'll register another FUN-FLY Event in late March. Some have asked if that could be a club-only event, but my preference is to have an open event. The more the merrier! – It doesn't cost any more to include other non-members (but will require gate monitors) and

although there are fewer attendees from other clubs, it enhances the contest – my opinion only. Let me know what is the preference, and with help, particularly the unenviable gate monitoring, we should have another fun flying year in 2023.

Respectfully

BCF CD of the year – PETE RUNDEL

## Bay City Flyers 2022 Event dates

### Secretary Note

It has been brought to the attention of the Board at the August meeting that Club Members are not reporting lost and unrecovered aircraft as required. If you lose an aircraft and are unable to recover it for whatever reason, please provide date/time and approximate location of the aircraft in an email to Secretary Jeff Houck at [jeff.rcpilot@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.rcpilot@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.



**WHEN RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP, YOU MUST SUBMIT THE PAPERWORK, NOT JUST A CHECK.**  
**ALSO, PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE AS IT SAYS ON THE RENEWAL FORM**

***Volunteer Flight Instructors are needed!***  
***Please contact an officer or Chief Instructor Mike Kohanyi***

## **Bay City Flyers: CLUB INSTRUCTORS**

If you are new to our club and need flight instructions, please contact Mike Kohanyi , our Chief Flight Instructor. If you are a current member and would like to become a Flight Instructor please contact Mike Kohanyi .

Bay City Flyers provides a number of ways to introduce individuals into the sport of Radio Control Flying. Never flown before? No Problem. We have a group of members who are designated as "Intro Pilots" by the AMA. An Intro Pilot offers you the opportunity to fly a few times without purchasing equipment and to be covered by the Intro Pilots AMA Insurance. If you are interested in continuing flying you must join AMA and we can provide you with a Club Instructor. If you have a friend or relative who holds a Bay City Flyer Solo Card, he or she may be able to act as your Instructor, but the student must be checked out by Chief Flight Instructor.

Intro Pilot Instructor and check pilot - Jody Lopez 813.843.4011 [maxiim76@aol.com](mailto:maxiim76@aol.com)

Pilot Instructor - Bud Walkinshaw 727-267-3519 [bwgw1@verizon.net](mailto:bwgw1@verizon.net).

Finally, we have Designated Check Pilots, who will check you out and determine if you can be issued a Bay City Flyers Solo Card:

Mike Kohanyi 813-744-1471 [mkohanyi@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mkohanyi@tampabay.rr.com)

A club officer can also be a check pilot if a regular check pilot is no available.



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**Next Meeting December 4th at 9:00 AM at Area 52 Field.**

**Check out our web site:**

**[HTTP://WWW.BAYCITYFLYERS.ORG](http://www.baycityflyers.org)**

*Review the Bulletin Board and our Website to keep informed of what is happening at the flying fields.*

The main gate at the flying field 52 must be kept locked when entering or leaving the field. The four tumblers must be turned each time the lock is closed. When entering the field if you find only one tumbler has been turned, try to find the last member who entered the field and closed the lock incorrectly. Explain to the individual that all four tumblers must be turned.

