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President's Note

It has been a busy September at the Field with two workdays and some much-needed repairs and rejuvenation taking place. I want to say a hearty THANK-YOU to all who participated, and we are grateful for your efforts. There will be more workdays to come so stay-tuned!

Hopefully you survived Hurricane Helene with minimal impact, many were not so fortunate, even in this area.

I don't know how many of you receive emails from the AMA but I would like to highlight one program that is available to eligible seniors where your AMA dues can be reimbursed. Follow the URL address below for more information and to see if you qualify.

How do I get my membership dues covered?

Getting your membership dues covered with Grouper is simple. Just sign up at www.modelaircraft.org/grouper, check eligibility with your health plan using your ID and membership number, and once confirmed, Grouper covers your yearly AMA membership dues. Stay active, and you'll continue receiving this benefit every year!

I have been advised by Jim O'Brien that as of a couple of weeks ago there are only two aircraft left of the ones being sold from former member Bob Hill's collection. They are:

Avios Albatros Seaplane Original price was \$299.00 now \$150

Sky Flight Hobby Corsair Original price was \$199.00 now \$50

To see these planes, contact BCF member Jim O'Brien at: 727-776-8319

It is renewal season, please renew both BCF and AMA memberships now to avoid the rush! The website application process is working really well, make sure your AMA is renewed through 12-31-2025. No need to send a copy of your AMA, your expiration/renewal date is verified online. Please confirm your AMA number is correct before submitting the renewal form.

Our Annual Swap Meet and combined Open House is this month on Saturday, 19 October 0800-1500. Come out and get some stuff and get rid of some stuff. Kitchen will be open.

Next meeting is this Saturday, 5 October @ 0900.

Keep 'em flying!

See you at the Field.

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

Bay City Flyers 2024 Event dates

BCF SWAP MEET - OCT 19th

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 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

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.

Chief Flight Instructor - Mike Kohanyi 813-744-1471 mkohanyi@tampabay.rr.com

Pilot Instructor - Bill Intini 727-255-3809 chuchao48@aol.com

Pilot Instructor - Bud Walkinshaw 727-267-3519 bwgw1@verizon.net

Intro Pilot Instructor - Jody Lopez 813.843.4011 jmaxiim76@gmail.com

Finally, we have Designated Check Ride 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
- Any of the Club's Officers (see above) or official pilot instructors



Club Sponsors

The Sponsors listed below have very generously contributed merchandise to our raffles and annual events. Please patronize them whenever possible.



Next Club meeting October 5th 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.

