

**President:** Jeff Houck  
**Vice President:** George Andruss  
**Secretary:** Werner Keil  
**Treasurer:** Mike Sperato  
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**Newsletter:**

**Board Of Directors**  
Jim Slaughter, Pete Rundel,  
Roger Cherry



**May 2026**

### **President's Note**

The dry season is here and things are very dry and crunchy and the days are warming up, be careful when at the field, stay hydrated, and wear sunscreen. The field is still in good condition despite the lack of rain.

Earlier this month an email was sent re-affirming the requirement to take the TRUST test and register as a recreational pilot with the FAA and carry these documents with you. Signs have been placed in the pilot shelters to remind us all of this requirement (thanks Reed for printing them) as well as the requirement to display your BCF membership card.

Signs have also been placed in the pilot shelters as well as the GATE regarding the Saturday gate procedure. We will begin this Saturday, opening the gate in the AM and leaving it open to encourage visitors to stop by and experience our hobby and field. This is for SATURDAY mornings ONLY and the gate MUST be locked around the 1100 hour or when the last member leaves if before 1100. This is a trial process and long-term implementation will be determined by whether the gate is locked in a timely manner each Saturday. Please make sure if you are the last Member to leave on a Saturday morning, that you advise any visitors that the gate will be locked and to leave before getting locked in when you leave and close/lock the gate!

Fans for the East/West shelter have been purchased as discussed at the last meeting and will be installed in the near future. The Swap Meet held in April was well attended and the event brought us two new members. If you see new faces at the field, introduce yourself and make them feel welcome!

**Reminder - Next Membership Meeting will be on  
Saturday, 2 May @ 0900. See You There.  
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  
General Membership Meeting  
4 Apr 2026**

**0900 - President Houck called the meeting to order with the 17 members present.**

**He then led the members with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for those departed.**

**Roger Cherry made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting.**

**Werner Keil seconded the motion.**

**Treasurer M. Sperato gave the financial report. The club has approx. \$37k on hand which is approx. \$9K less than last year.**

**The club has approximately 130 members.**

**Pres Houck spoke with SWFWMD about the recent hog damage. Their trapper is not available at this time.**

**So far, the field is in good condition. The minor hog damage has been repaired.**

**Swap Meet is scheduled for Apr 18th. The field will be open for flying.**

**The Bay City Flyers website is in the process of being changed to "Dual Rates" webservice.**

**The board recommended to change the By-Law to reflect the AMA age limits for junior members which is 19 years of age.**

**The change will be advertised in the newsletter and then voted on at the next club meeting.**

**The club is in need of more intro pilots.**

**Reiterated the need to display club membership card at all times when flying.**

**We are going to start installing new ceiling fans in the new shelter once we settle on the costs of new fans.**

**Pete Rundell made a motion to approve the costs of the fans.**

**Perry Crowell seconded the motion.**

**The vote was unanimous.**

**A discussion was made to keep the gate open on Saturdays from 0700-1100. We will try it on a trial basis.**

**The April IMAC event has been cancelled.**

**All members are reminded take it upon themselves to clean up/repair areas whenever possible or at least report discrepancies to the club officers**

0950 Werner Keil made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Pete Rundell seconded the motion.

**A REMINDER !!**

**ALL pilots must take and pass the FAA "Trust" exam regardless of age or type of aircraft flown (F/W, Drone).  
The exam is a 15 – 30 minute safety test.  
The test is free and is designed that all will pass.  
The test can be taken on the FAA website: [FAA.gov](http://FAA.gov)  
Your completion certificate must be in your possession at all times when flying.**

**Minutes recorded and submitted by:**

**George Andruss  
V.P. BCF**

**Bay City Flyers – By-law change notice.**

**As discussed at the April Membership meeting, a change to the BCF by-laws regarding the age limit for a Youth Membership is being proposed for vote at the May Membership meeting. Currently, our by-laws state that a Youth Membership at BCF is for Youth through the age of 18. The change would be to mirror the current AMA Youth Membership age eligibility of 19. Thus, we would change our by-laws to read:**

**“Youth Membership age limitation at Bay City Flyers will be concurrent with the Youth Membership age limitation of the Academy of Model Aeronautics”.**

**This change and language will ensure that Bay City Flyers will mirror the age limitation of Youth Memberships at the Academy of Model Aeronautics both now and in the future.**

**Next Club meeting May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 09:00**

**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.

