

# The Tale Spinner

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## NEW FLYING SITE A STATUS REPORT

Ken Bridges is in charge of the effort to find a new flying site for the Sun Dancers. Ken was too busy with the new Trauma Center to be able to write a report and I (Larry Olsen) agreed to try and bring us up to date on what is going on. It looks good.

Lee Ann Lowery, Assistant County Administrator wrote a letter to the assistant City manager Gregory Oravec that summarizes what has been going on very well. I will quote most of the letter.

"The Sun Dancers Radio Control Club currently utilizes two fields in Port St. Lucie as flying sites: Midway field and Blackwell field. The Blackwell site is utilized by a few float model remote-controlled planes; the site is unsuitable for other uses. In August 2008, representatives of the club approached St. Lucie County about the possibility of utilizing County-owned property for a flying site, indicating the City of Port St. Lucie (PSL) was very interested in relocating them from their current flying sites due to noise complaints. A thorough search of County-owned properties did not identify any sites which met the rigorous criteria required by the club for safe flying of their airplanes and/or which

However, after a lengthy and detailed search, the County's Environmental Lands Manager, Steve Fousek, identified a potential site owned by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD). The site could be leased by the County, and then a portion of the property subleased to the Sun Dancers club for a flying site. This site was acceptable to the Sun Dancers and can accommodate their flying requirements.

The proposed site is located at Germany Canal Road off Carlton Road (CR 613): a map is attached for your information. The 616-acre site is within the future footprint of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program's C-23/C-24 reservoir and, as such, would be a temporary location for the club. That said, the SFWMD has agreed to provide the County a ten year lease at no cost, with subsequent one-year extensions.

The County is willing to provide the Sun Dancers 80 acres at this site with the terms that reflect the SFWMD's requirements for the County. The estimated cost of required improvements to utilize this site (access, fencing, gates, signage, etc.) is \$50,475. The County is able to fund these improvements through ST. Lucie County Parks impact fees from Zone B (within PSL city

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July Report  
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Gang  
By George White

Things have been fairly busy lately at the field and although no Newsletter is due, there is plenty to report. Our fearless leader, that's Larry Olsen, had a first with the SomeThin Extra he flies all the time--the canopy shook loose and the battery fell out. This made the plane very erratic and wildly going over the pits with people yelling and running in all directions until the plane violently impacted Walt Swentzell's van tailgate. On impact the engine broke loose and bounced over and hit Vern Gillespie on the back, waking him up rudely. The failure analysis thinks the muffler came loose, hit the prop, causing much vibration and thus loosing the canopy and battery. This will be another good test of Larry's homeowner's insurance as it put a large dent in Walt's car.

On a lesser note, Ray Ingram is back flying with us after having some glitches with his 2.4 GHZ transmitter. Ray had 2 or 3 instances with his Futaba radio and sent it away for repair. They replaced the RF board and it all appears to be OK, so the 2.4 GHZ's are not perfect.

Speaking of radio problems, Paul Teitel had some glitches with his 72 Mhz receiver. Then on landing the plane got erratic, turned over the pits and crashed into a tree in front of the parked cars. No damage other than a badly damaged plane, and Paul will be sending the receiver for repair.

We had to call the police last week due to a continuing group of helicopter pilots using the field and none of them are Club members. When Walt inquired about their member status, he was verbally attacked. They stated "We don't need to join the Club to use the field." The police did their job very well and removed the offenders. Remember, we all need to check on other pilots to see if they are members. Just using 2.4 GHZ doesn't stop the requirement to show a membership card.

Some days are bad for trainers, as Walt couldn't save a landing attempt by his student Ernie Cloock and had a caartwheel landing that broke the tail. The worst part was his other student Arnie

Cloock (the father) then couldn't get his lesson.

Then Tom Celi had the rubber bands all break loose in flight with a "popping" sound and the trainer came crashing down on the runway in a "2-bagger" (trash bags). Larry couldn't save it since the wing landed 2 minutes after the fuselage.

Our Treasurer, Ken Bridges, lost his large Warbird (the B.F. Fury) on a landing attempt when one wheel hit early and tore off the wing. The result was a big 3-bagger of airplane pieces.

We are glad to see Ivan Gutierrez is back after his job termination in South Carolina. He is working at the Vought Plant in Stuart, now back at his old calling of sheet metal craftsman. His skill with the new BiPlane is amazing.

Keep them up in the air.

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limits). Please note that, although the proposed site is not located within PSL, The City will benefit from the development of the site by accomplishing the desired relocation of the club. In addition, the Sun Dancers representatives have indicated that 90% of their members are from Port St. Lucie. The County could also make a portion of the site available for other recreational purposes if desired.

For their part, The club has agreed to fund the installation and maintenance of all club-related infrastructure and amenities at a cost of approximately \$30,000. including land clearing, leveling and seeding, insurance and portable toilets.

The County is requesting the City review the above information and provide the County with an endorsement of this proposal, particularly as it relates to the utilization of Zone B Park impact fees as well as any interest PSL may have in utilizing a portion of the property."

This letter was written June 17th. Since then Port St. Lucie has endorsed the proposal. At present the County is in the final stages of review and approval of the lease of the SFWMD property to the County. When this is done, The County will then lease the 80 acres to the Sun Dancers for our flying site. Much work needs to be done to build our new field, but it looks like we are on the right path.

**TREASURER'S REPORTS**  
**February 1 to February 28, 2009**

<b>General Fund Acct. Bal</b>	<b>1/31/09</b>	<b>7117.11</b>	
<b>Income</b>			
Dues	<u>1215.00</u>		
Total	1215.00		<b>+1215.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Storage Locker	50.05		
AMA Intro Pilot Fee	5.00		
AMA Big Bird Sanction	20.00		
Mowing	500.00		
Portable Toilets	135.99		
Dues Refund	100.00		
Newsletter	<u>95.98</u>		
Total	907.02		<b>- 907.02</b>
<b>General Fund Acct Bal</b>	<b>2/28/09</b>	<b>7425.09</b>	

**March 1 to March 31, 2009**

<b>General Fund Acct. Bal</b>	<b>2/28/09</b>	<b>7425.09</b>	
<b>Income</b>			
Dues	255.00		
Shirts and Hats	64.00		
Big Bird	<u>2310.00</u>		
Total	2629.00		<b>+2629.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Storage Locker	50.05		
AMA Renewal Fee	150.00		
Midway Maintenance	691.33		
Mowing	500.00		
Portable Toilets	135.99		
Dues Refund	75.00		
Newsletter	72.41		
Big Bird	2335.50		
Membership	<u>58.04</u>		
Total	4068.32		<b>-</b>

**April 1 to April 30, 2009**

<b>General Fund Acct. Bal</b>	<b>3/31/09</b>	<b>5985.77</b>	
<b>Income</b>			
Dues	175.00		
Shirts and Hats	<u>48.00</u>		
Total	223.00		<b>+223.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Storage Locker	50.05		
Midway Maintenance	114.15		
Mowing	500.00		
Big Bird Toilet	30.90		
Portable Toilets	45.33		
Florida Youth Ranch Don.	<u>250.00</u>		
Total	990.43		<b>- 990.43</b>
<b>General Fund Acct Bal</b>	<b>4/30/09</b>	<b>5218.34</b>	

**May 1 to May 31, 2009**

<b>General Fund Acct. Bal</b>	<b>4/30/09</b>	<b>5218.34</b>	
<b>Income</b>			
None			<b>+000.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Storage Locker	50.05		
Midway Maintenance	29.00		
Mowing	1025.00		
Portable Toilets	135.99		
Web site Fee	<u>226.22</u>		
Total	1466.26		<b>-</b>
<b>General Fund Acct Bal</b>	<b>5/31/09</b>	<b>1466.26</b>	

**June 1 to June 30, 2009**

<b>General Fund Acct. Bal</b>	<b>5/31/09</b>	<b>3725.08</b>	
<b>Income</b>			
Dues	310.00		<b>+310.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Storage Locker	50.05		
Midway Maintenance	34.00		
Newsletter	40.74		
Portable Toilets	<u>90.66</u>		
Total	215.45		<b>-215.45</b>
<b>General Fund Acct Bal</b>	<b>6/30/09</b>	<b>3846.63</b>	

## **Board of Directors meeting, 07/07/09**

Officers present- John Wikoff-Tom Celi- Vinny Guiffrie- Al Chiaverinni'- Larry Olsen- Charlie Fisher- Ken Bridges, Ray Ingram

The meeting was held at 2pm at Duffy's in PSL

1 We had a discussion on keeping the newsletter going even if we don't or didn't have a meeting scheduled. It will help we hope answer questions new or present members may have while letting people know we are still active during these periods. Check regularly our web page for any announcements that may be important to your flying and also the news of the new field when all is said and done. We also want to send the newsletter out to inactive members and flying members to let them know we are still going and ready for more new members.

2 We also voted on and passed provisions for a swap meet on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will be in the present home page for our club and particulars will be found there. Ricky Calerro will supervise the event and act as co-coordinator.

3 A motion was made and passed to have a fun fly in September and a date will be set at a future meeting.

4 The next full membership meeting will be in September.

5 Progress is being made on the new field and all is reported from Ken Bridges to be going well. We should have some definite answers to all questions soon.

Happy flying and fly safely.

# The Snowbird

## Serendipity

I'm starting this piece with serendipity because that's what it is.



I've been flying the Razor, the one on the left in the photo, for a couple of years and it is a nice flyer once airborne and does the mandatory loop, roll and inverted flights with aplomb. What it doesn't do is a knife edge. Maybe because a razor is sharper, normally, then a knife ????



Here comes the serendipitous part. I also fly the Park Models T-28 foamy that I bought last winter while I was down in the warm because Jerry Wickline and Budd Insiello both flew them in the Warbird event when the wind stopped

some Warbird Hanger Queens from flying and they put on a nice show. Naturally, I had to have one.

I have been flying that and saving a ton of glow fuel and having a fine time but the original battery pack that came with the plane failed. Maybe because I didn't have a balancer at the time or whatever? It wasn't putting out like originally and I was left with the second Li-Po pack I bought at Lucas's so I bought another pack from Hobby King in Hong Kong, China because of the price, naturally.

Well, when the Li-Po pack arrived it was a two cell rather than the needed three cell. I checked the order slip and sure as shooten I had ordered wrong. Dilemma.



I debated what to do with the pack and decided to see if it would fit in the Razor because that system uses Two cells.

You can see

by the photo that the size of the new battery, 2,600 MAH as compared to the original 320 MAH had me wondering. As it happens, the big battery did fit the space if I sat it on edge and did the same with the receiver and controller.

The day came when the weather gods smiled and there was just the right breeze to get the Razor a head start and a fellow Eagle to launch and away it went. Hadn't checked the CG because there was nothing easy I could do to change it but the weight and CG proved out and the only complaint I have is that the Razor flies longer then I do.

**That's Serendipity**

**Jack DeLisle**

# Memories

The weekend of March 27,28 and 29 might have been the last big event held at the Midway field? We have been told that the Sundancers have signed a long term lease on our new field. If memory serves it is for 20 years at two dollars a year? Maybe only a buck ???

Actually, the weekend started out on Thursday the 26th around 9:30 AM with Ken ( Doc ) Bridges leading the way to the storage "cell" with three pick-ups and a van to bring back to the field all of the equipment needed to put on the Big Bird show. There was eight or more Sundancers in the caravan to get the equipment and set it up so that happened in jig time. I won't mention all the names because I'd forget a couple. For those that helped just an **ATTABOY**. But remember that one Awe Shucks wipes out a bunch of attaboys.

Friday was nice because the weather wasn't all that good and with a bunch of people having to work I didn't expect much of a turnout and was happily surprised.



Pictured above is Ivan Gutereze's **BIG Python**. It was / is the biggest plane at the event and the "little" Curtis in the background sorta shows how big it is. If I had a picture of Brian Luckett's really nice Yellow Python in a slightly smaller rendition I would have it here because , between Brian and Ivan, they showed the spectators and fellow pilots what radio control

aerobatics and 3D flying is all about. And they did that Saturday too.

The thrill of the weekend flying wise? It had to be Hector Restituyo taking off downwind first and then seeing if he could once again make his Big Beautiful Doll P-51 disappear behind the embankment on the West end of the field and then appear as if by magic. Hector said he had done it before and it is no big deal, **SURE !!!!**



Tony Muro flew his big Jodel again Friday. What's the big deal about that? Well, if you were at the Big Bird last year and watch Tony fly you would have seen him doing his thing in the air and then coming in for a nice landing **AND** when the Jodel came to a stop, the **WING FELL OFF**. Tony now uses only nylon bolts to hold that wing on heh Tony.

Friday had the Wright Flyers Enterprises Inc. hobby shop from Cocoa, Florida again set up on vendors row with their usual full line of hobby stuff and this year they were selling out their tee shirts at very reduced prices because Steve Anderson is getting out of that part of the business.

The guys who were running the Sundancers food concession will remain anonymous too because I don't remember all the names and some were there Friday and others Saturday so that would be a big list anyhow. They had the coffee and those calorie loaded buns ready by 9:00 AM or so and the and started the hotdogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers and , my favorite, sausage

ready for the eat lunch early crowd. Something new this year was that the food concessioners offered a "package" deal. The regular hotdog sold for two dollars but if you got the package you also got your choice of a beverage ( soda / pop, coffee and water ) and a bag of chips / Fritos for three dollars, And so it went too for the burgers and sausage. Of course all the cooking was done to order and no waiting either. So Kudos to those guys.



Saturday was also a nice surprise because all the Motor homes and trailers that weren't there Friday had their usual parking area filled up and all the canopies set up near the flight line and the lounge chairs filled and the guys talking airplane talk. I say surprise because it was windy with it coming out of the South and that makes for some interesting landings.

I showed Gary Ballard's 40% Cap because his was the only casualty of the day and his engine quit and he couldn't make it back to the field against the wind so he decorated a tree on the North side of the field. How bad was it? As soon as they got Gary's Cap back to the field he checked it over, put some clear packaging tape on the small chunk taken out of the leading edge of the wing and went flying again. HOWABOUTHAT.



And for the first time I got to fly at a Big Bird

both Friday and Saturday.

I cheated the rules by taking that foamy T-28 and getting in the flying before the official start of the festivities and before the wind got to strong. I mention that because my T-28 is on the 2.4 Gig spread spectrum band and I wouldn't interfere with anyone else flying early , or late for that matter. Bill Squillace actually taped a roman candle or something like it to the bottom of his T-28 and got it lined up to take off and lit the fuse. Luckily, to my way of thinking, The fuse went out and all the plane got was a little melt area where the candle was.

Another interesting thing. The impound saw three transmitters Friday and I think four on Saturday. A sign of the times ??

Saturday also had a nice turnout of spectators so I think our parking and food concessions did well. The Treasurer will have a full report money wise somewhere in this issue of the Tailspinner.

Sunday morning was a surprise too. I got to the field around 8:15 AM and the place was empty. Most of the motor homes were gone, the vendors too.



Why, because the weather promised to be LOUSY. The trailers still there belong to the guys who planed to help take down the fences and equipment and return them to storage . But the coffee was cooking and there were rolls left and the guys were gathered around the food canopy. Around 10:00 or so Charlie Fisher fired up the old grill and soon hamburgers, hot dogs and sausages were being consumed for free.

After the early lunch the raffle for the Flight Simulator donated by Lucas at half price was held and the winner was Joe. No full name ,just a phone number. Good enough.

So all of the equipment was back in storage and I was back home in time for lunch. I wasn't hungry ????

Jack DeLisle

## ADVERTISEMENTS

Ads are free for member's to buy, sell, trade model equipment, to buy something special or advertise a model service. Just call in or e-mail your ad to the editor. You must, however, notify the editor each month if you wish to continue your ad in the next month's newsletter, otherwise, it will be assumed that your item has been sold or located. Commercial ads will remain as a courtesy to our local area hobby vendors until they request otherwise. The local area code is 772.

**GB's Hobby Shop – 460-2844 – 6839 South U.S. 1, PSL in the Lexington Shops 0.9 miles north of Prima Vista Blvd. A full line hobby shop with a full service shop.**

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**Walt Swentzell - 465-4454 - Foam wing cores. Make wing kits. Model repairs too.**

**Ricky Calero—878-4602 Hi Tech Servos, Glue & Epoxy**

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**Ready Heli - 561-575-1118 - Specializing in electric helicopters. The store is located at 354 Cypress Dr. #7 in Tequesta.**

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Hats \$15.00 Adjustable size

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Contact Ray Ingram at the field or call 489-9883

**SUN DANCERS RADIO CONTROL CLUB, INC.**

**Membership Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

AMA Number \_\_\_\_\_ IMAA Number \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ (Former if retired)

First Name for Membership Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership(List familymembers names below)

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ AMA No. \_\_\_\_\_

Child \_\_\_\_\_ AMA No. \_\_\_\_\_

Child \_\_\_\_\_ AMA No. \_\_\_\_\_

List radio control transmitter frequencies (channel numbers) that you will be using on a regular basis

The 2009 calendar year membership dues are as follows: Full Member \$75, Family \$90 (Full member, Spouse & Junior age children), and Junior \$25 (less than nineteen years of age before July 1<sup>st</sup>) After June 30th all dues are half price for new members. Those initially joining the club after September 30<sup>th</sup> may pay dues for the full year and be entitled to membership for the balance of the year and all of the following year.

New members must pay a one time initiation fee of \$25. Junior members are exempt from the initiation fee.

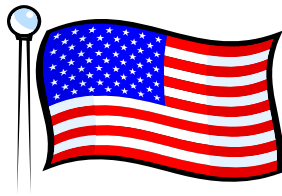
Memberships expire December 31<sup>st</sup>. Members have a grace period for renewal until January 31<sup>st</sup>, after which a \$25 late fee is required to renew the membership.

ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR 2009 AMA MEMBERSHIP CARD to this application along with a check payable to Sun Dancers R/C Club for the membership dues. Send or deliver to Sundancers Membership Chairman Ken Bridges, 9639 Fairwood Court, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**NEXT MEETING September 5, 2009 - 11:00 AM**

**Midway Field**