

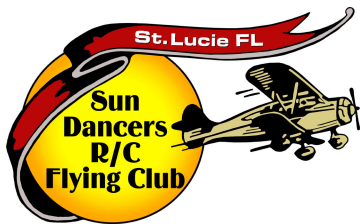
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Sun Dancers,

Well things have been real busy for the club ever since the letter to the Mayor and City Council members. For those of you that are not up to speed with what has been going on, here is a little update.

The day the Mayor and City Council Members received the letter my phone began to ring off the hook. The first call was from Jack Kelly. Jack and I had many conversations over the past few weeks and in my opinion Jack is a nice guy. But I know the personality of politicians. The next call was from the Port Saint Lucie News. Hopefully most of you had a chance to read or see the article. We were also mentioned on Channel 5 news the same day. By the end of the week from when the calls began Jack and I have built a good understanding of each other and our goals. Here is where the Sun Dancers stand as of right now as far as a flying site.

We will have the Midway field for a min of 2-3 more years. With this we are first in line to get the property out by the sewage treatment plant. However we would not be able to get this property until 100% of the construction is done to the plant and area around it. Jack said this is probably a year away from completion. So in the mean time we will fly and maintain Midway. I will also make it my job to become Jack Kelly 's new best friend. So Sun Dancers get out there and fly and have FUN.....

Chris

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**Attention!!!  
Our new web site is  
[www.sundancersrc.org](http://www.sundancersrc.org)**

## Sun Dancers Radio Control Club, Inc.

### Minutes Club Meeting June 2, 2005

Sundancers R/C Flying Club Meeting

June 2, 2005

Discussions Opened: 7:45 PM

Discussions Closed: 8:20 PM

Kobelguard Student Union Bldg., IRCC, Fort Pierce, FL

A quorum was not present so an informal discussion period was conducted. The discussions were lead by Club President Chris Costantino. Approximately 15 members were present.

The following items were presented or discussed:

1. New Shirts and Golf Towel with the Club Logo were presented and are available for purchase.
2. T-Shirts are in stock, Small-Medium-Large are \$10.00 each, XX are \$11.00 each and XXX are \$12.00 each.
3. Golf shirts were shown (samples only) and orders are being taken. They are \$25.00 each.
4. Golf towels with the logo are \$5.00 each.
5. **A volunteer is needed to handle the shirt and hat sales.** No one at the meeting volunteered. Is there any one interested in taking on this responsibility? If so, please contact Chris Costantino.
6. Hats are expected to be available within two weeks.

Walt Swentzell presented an update on the Field Search Committee's activities. They are as follows:

1. City Waste Treatment Site. A great possibility. There is plenty of space to fly and it is only about 7 miles from our present Midway Field. The City Utilities Department manages this site. Our initial contact with them left us with a negative indication but we did not receive a definite no. Our next step is to enlist the Mayor and City Council's help to push this site for our use. A letter is being drafted for Chris Costantino's signature and will be sent by the end of June 2005.
2. Carlton Ranch space (just next to the "old Carlton Field") is still available. This is a possible option if the Waste Treatment Site or other City/County property is not available to us.

Tobe Kallner had a nearly completed electric powered "Beercat" aircraft model for us to look at. No formal presentation was made but Tobe freely answered all questions about his aircraft and it's

## ADVERTISEMENTS

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construction.

**Note!** Not mentioned at the meeting but worthy of inclusion is Don Brown's contribution of four plastic chairs for our comfort at our Midway Field site. Thanks, Don!

### End of Discussion

Submitted by: Vern Gillespie

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

**South Florida Hobbies** – 465-9441 – Hobby Shop – 2921 South US 1, South Fort Pierce. One block north of the railroad crossing and behind Pizza Hut.

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

**The Craft House Hobby Shop** – 683-0764 – Joyce Hart has a very well stocked hobby shop newly located at 1379 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach.



**Well, give us a few nice - weather Saturdays and the excitement mounts! That picture with two planes in it, is not a 'near miss' but rather, two enthusiastic formation flyers, Strat and Bill, possibly giving birth to 'The Blue Water Angels Demonstration Team'. Though the picture was taken at an odd moment, they did really well, giving the crowd many thrills.**

**I can just imagine, sometime down the road, four of them flying in a tight diamond formation. (I have a good imagination).**

**Next, we had a solo pilot demonstrate a long, low, approach. Again, just a nano-second later, the pontoons brushed the grass at the edge of the pond. If all that and the more normal flying was not enough, George wowed us with his new yacht. You must admit that it looks like the real thing churning ever so smoothly through the water.**

**For my personal thrill, the thirteen ounce, foam, electric, J3 Cub behaved beautifully on take-off, landing and in the air. It's finally become (somewhat) reliable. I'm trying to tell you all you're missing, but why not come to the pond to see all the fun through your own eyes?**

**'Til next month, happy flying.'**

Letter Sent to the Mayor June 10, 2005

Dear Mayor Minsky and Council Members,

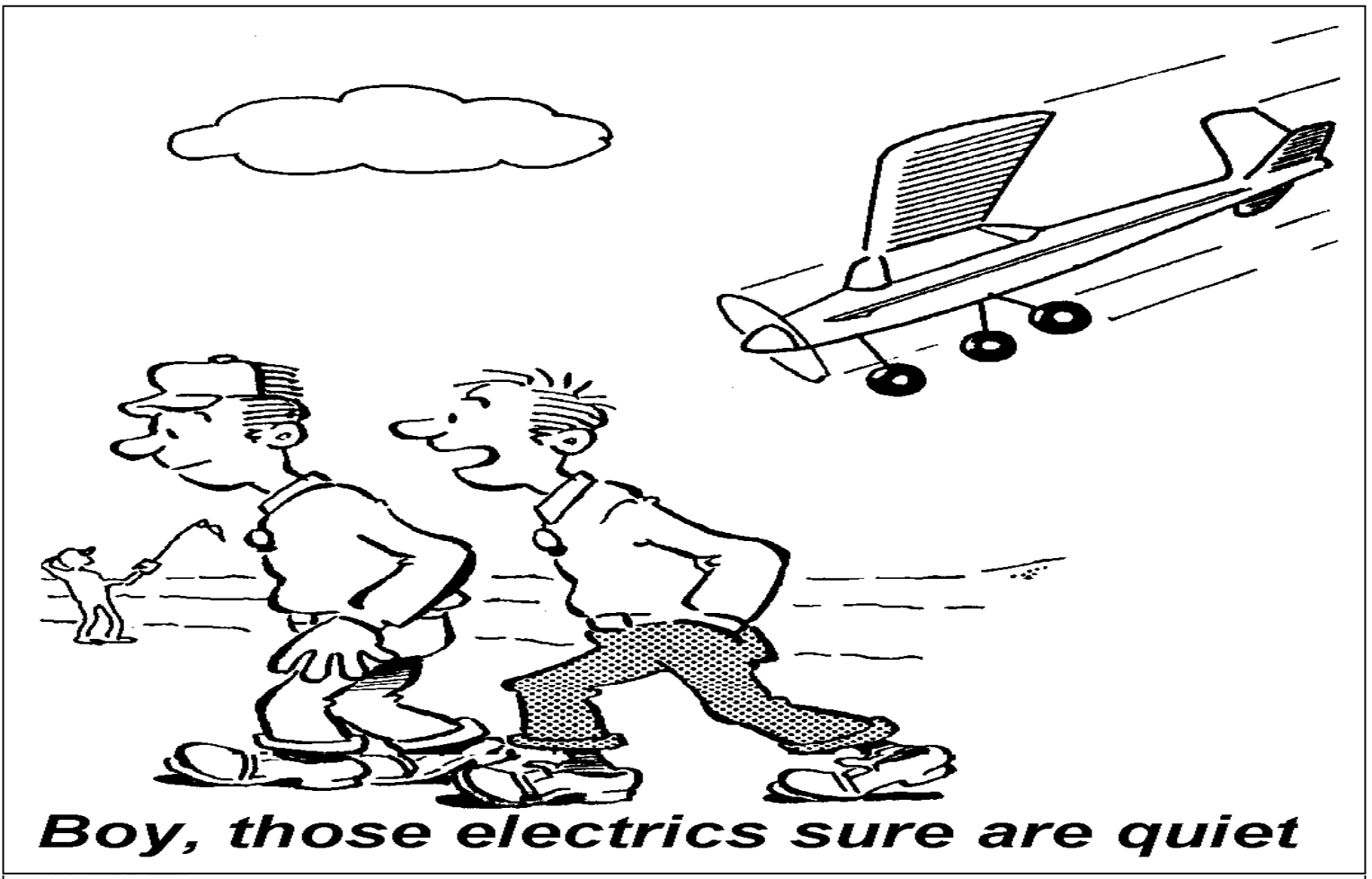
The purpose of this letter is to request your, and the council 's help in finding a new flying site in Port St. Lucie for the Sun Dancers Radio Control Club. We have been flying from the city park off of Blanton Blvd. since 1997. We cleared the land removed the stumps and graded it for a model flying field and planted the grass all at no expense to the city. We have enjoyed the privilege of using the site for the last eight years, but have always known that the park land would some day be needed for other Parks and Recreation needs and we would have to find another field. It appears that that time is rapidly approaching and we will have to leave late this year or early next year. We have consulted with the Parks and Recreation Department about other locations in the city and found that there are no other parks in the city that would be suitable for a model flying site. We know that the Utilities Department has purchased over 400 acres of land West of I-95 for the building of a sewage disposal plant

that takes up about 70 acres. The balance of the land was leased to the original owner for the continuing operation of the orange groves that were there. Since then Canker was found in the groves and they have been removed. The property can no longer be used for citrus for some time. We have been told by the USDA that there are no other restrictions on the land.

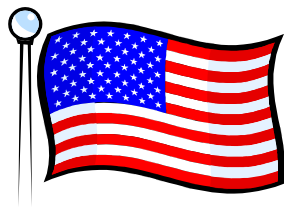
We feel that a portion of this land could be ideal for a model airplane flying site. The Sun Dancers would pay for all of the improvements necessary and would provide an excellent flying location that the city would be proud of. The Sun Dancers are a not for profit Florida Corporation and have been flying in Port St. Lucie since 1988. We provide needed recreation for many junior and seniors citizens and have used the park land seven days a week weather permitting. Our membership is approaching 200 this year. We have also put on Air Shows and displays to assist in promoting the City. The Hobby Shop in Port St. Lucie is a business that is supported by our members. We believe that we are deserving of having a place to safely fly and enjoy our recreation. Your assistance in obtaining a lease or agreement to use city property for a flying site would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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