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## **Mowing Schedule :**

Bill Tyler will be mowing for all of 2017.

## **Wx Info:**

St. Augustine Airport – 904-824-7084

<http://www.weather.com/weather/local/32145>

## **February Meeting:**

### **OPENING**

President Sterling Hart called the meeting to order @ 10:00AM.

### **PAST MINUTES:**

The minutes from the March meeting were read.

### **TREASURER REPORT:**

Paul Oakes gave the Treasury report and the ending balance was \$6608.83.

If you would like to make a donation to our club or a potential project, please mail them to the club's mail box: ATTN: Warren Vanderwell

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## **Upcoming Meetings:**

May 13<sup>th</sup>, Parker Field

June 10<sup>th</sup>, Parker Field

## **FIELD MARSHALL REPORT:**

Discussed possibility of fertilizing the field with 5-6 bags @ \$28 per bag. Joe Petty and Harold Colson said they would volunteer to apply fertilizer if club decides to purchase the fertilizer.

## **SAFETY:**

Stay hydrated and use sun screen.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mini swap meet today with funds from Mat Freuh and Ed Nelson will be donated to club. Mat also has planes at his house such as a trainer, Piper Cub, and Pete & Poke. Mat's address is 4528 Coquina Crossing, email: [mat\\_fru@yahoo.com](mailto:mat_fru@yahoo.com)

See next page for information concerning County's drone ordinance.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Bill Tyler gave Paul Oakes a trainer that can be used as a club trainer. The transmitter is a Tactic that has a wireless "Buddy Box" system and is requesting if anyone has a old Tactic radio to donate to use as a Buddy Box.

**CLOSE:**

The next meeting will be May 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM at Parker Field.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Harold Colson.

**See what's happening in our neighboring clubs:**

*Click on the links below*

[www.flaglerrams.com](http://www.flaglerrams.com)

[www.staugustinerflyers.com](http://www.staugustinerflyers.com)

[www.jaxrc.com](http://www.jaxrc.com)

[www.riverratrc.net](http://www.riverratrc.net)

[www.delandrcclub.com](http://www.delandrcclub.com)

[www.flying-gators-mac.com](http://www.flying-gators-mac.com)

**Some Useful links:**

[www.headsuphobby.com](http://www.headsuphobby.com)

[www.towerhobbies.com](http://www.towerhobbies.com)

[www.gravesrc.com](http://www.gravesrc.com)

[www.chiefaircraft.com/radio-contol](http://www.chiefaircraft.com/radio-contol)

[www.hobbyking.com](http://www.hobbyking.com)

<http://www.flyinggiants.com/forums/showthread.php?t=93480>

**AMA's corner**

FAA registration: <https://registermyuas.faa.gov>

AMA'S website: [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org)

The following is from Sterling Hart after he attended the County Council meeting on April 18.

I attended the St. Johns County Commissioners meeting today to monitor the progress of the proposed ordinance regulating the use of “Drones” in St. Johns County. Attending with me were Alex Gaillard, Paul Oakes, Jim Thompson, and Wayne Walker.

After the commissioners were briefed by the assistant county attorney, I was given the opportunity to speak and raise our concerns with the proposed ordinance. I told them that the term “Drone” as defined by the FAA included any small unmanned aircraft system (UAS) and as such that included the aircraft we hobbyist fly as well as those the business and commercial operators and the general public fly. I told them that we understood their concerns given the amount of bad press that irresponsible operators have caused and that we were concerned that their efforts to regulate that bad behavior would adversely effect us as well. I explained that we operated our aircraft under a *community based system* that was safe, self regulating and insured, and that any efforts they took to regulate us would be unnecessary and redundant given that the FAA and the AMA had matters well in hand.

I further told them that what was needed was LESS REGULATION and more EDUCATION about UAS (drones) as the general public is largely ignorant of the regulations governing the registration and use of drones and their responsibilities when operating a drone. So long as anyone can easily purchase a UAS, bad behavior both unintentional and intentionally will continue given the lack of information available. Given the questions they asked me and the assistant county attorney it was obvious that they too needed to educate themselves better on the subject and local law enforcement officials as well. To help them do this I volunteered the services of our club. We’ll see if they take us up.

The discussion went on for some time with much interaction between the commissioners with one or two of them siding with our arguments. One of them wanted to table the whole thing until more is known about on going efforts at the State and Federal level but another still wanted a narrower county regulation to prohibit drone flying over open air events such as the TCP golf event at Saw Grass and the St. Augustine Amphitheater.

That is where the matter ended and the county attorney is now tasked to rewrite a narrower version to address those issues but with exemptions for model aviation. While we didn’t get it killed entirely I believe that what, if anything, that finally comes out of this will have little impact on our flying.