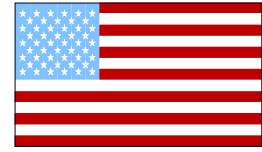
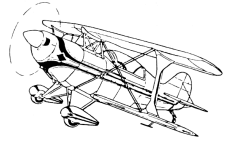




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## President's Corner

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Is it really officially autumn already...where did the summer go? The good news is at least in Florida we get to stretch that out a bit, but the sun is setting sooner and rising a bit further to the south (which makes the west to east morning take offs a bit easier on the eyes). We have had a very busy summer of flying and planning and have put some good things in place for the club.

The club now has a lawn service that will be cutting our field every week to help alleviate the hardship of mowing that was being shared by only a couple of members. I do ask that whenever the lawn service shows up to mow, all flying stops until they have loaded their mowers back onto their trailers. This is for their safety and will be strictly enforced. Dick Scott will still be mowing the taxiways & main runway to the optimum height. Which brings me to the next point, the deck on our current mower is quickly on its way out. We have a proposal that will be coming up for vote at the next general meeting to purchase a tow behind gang mower. This is the same type of mower used on golf course greens. A gang mower will facilitate mowing the taxiways and main runway down to "putting green depth" if we so desire.

COMING VERY SOON!!! The Zephyr will soon be upon us and we really have to start planning the work schedule NOW. We need YOU!!! To date, this has been our biggest event and money maker for the club, thus keeping your dues down all the while allowing us to add amenities to our field. Please consider helping us with this event and remember, for every 4 hours you volunteer, you will receive a \$5 coupon towards your membership renewal fee. Dick Scott will be coordinating the Zephyr again this year so please contact him with your work assignment preference.

Please, please, if you are the last one to leave the field, take down the windsock!!!!!! These are not cheap, and as long as they are left to stay up in the Florida sun & summer thunderstorms, we will need to keep replacing them on an all to frequent basis. So please do your part and take it down before you leave.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome back to the snow bird flyers that are returning to paradise and remind them to please close the door behind them when they come down.....

TSF & Have Fun

## September Meeting Headlines

Mark Rosendale

The general meeting was held on September 19<sup>th</sup> and unfortunately we didn't even have enough members attend to make up a quorum. For those of you that did not come, you also missed a great picnic lunch provided by the club, and we missed you. The following topics were discussed.

We would like to ask those of you who smoke not to do so during the general meetings. These meetings are in confined quarters and are usually short in length so we ask for your cooperation with this matter please.

We have contracted a lawn service to mow the general areas of the field for a year. Dick will still maintain the taxiways and runway. The board wanted to bring up for vote the purchase of a new gang mower to help facilitate the taxiway & runway upkeep, but without a quorum present the vote was postponed until the October general meeting.

The club now has a new board member and safety officer. Randy Leapley has stepped forward and was voted in by the board to replace the vacancy left by Dennis Taylor. I would like to thank Dennis for his time of service in that position and welcome Randy to the board.

The lock box that houses the club training equipment will now be locked with a key lock instead of the combination lock. The only people that will have access to that equipment will be the board members and the club approved flight instructors. This will hopefully help with the retention of that equipment and enhance the safety on the flight line.

We are looking for someone to take the lead in possibly putting together a Christmas party for the club this year. We would like someone to put together a few options and costing information before we decide on the event. If planning this party sounds like something that would interest you, please notify any board member soon.

And last but certainly not least, membership renewal time is right around the corner. This year you will be required to fill out a new application when you submit your renewal. We are trying to update the membership data base with the latest information and will use this opportunity to accomplish that task.

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Welcome, Can-Am Flyers!

It's good to have someone interested in club activities. Since I'm only there for little more than six months, it's hard to really get into things like you are. About all I can do is help out at our Zephyr and other events.

I belong to the Coulee Region Modelers in La Crosse, Wisconsin. What's a coulee you say? I'd never heard of it until I moved here, but it's kind of like a canyon amongst the bluffs and there are a lot of them along the river.

We have a place close to the Mississippi River and came here from Connecticut because our daughters now live in WI and we wanted to be close to the grand kids while they are growing up. Now that they are getting older (and we are too), we may sell our house here and make FL our full time residence. Enough of that.

The club here is small, about 35 members. We do have an outstanding airfield that's owned by one of our members that is a building contractor (see attached picture). It's great for flying high performance airplanes like my Spitfire because you have a long approach.

Many of the members are sailplane nuts. Our field is located on top of a hill and it gets windy at times which is good for gliders. The rest of us fly a variety of stuff, mostly nitro powered. I've managed to convert some of them to electrics, though.

The attached picture was taken during our annual Mini-Airfest which follows the big Deke Slayton Air fest held at LaX airport. This is open to the public and benefits the Children's Miracle Network. In fact, this year's event will be held this coming Saturday, August 8. Anyone want to come? It's basically a fun fly and we do have demo flights too. The field owner usually buys about 100 balsa gliders and we give them to the kids to fly during the noon-time demo to hopefully get them interested in aviation and modeling. Other than that, not much other activities. There are some other contests/fun flies held at other clubs around the state, but WI is big and you will put some miles on to get there. I sometimes go to Madison for their electric meet.

See you in October,  
Paul Stakun

Editor's Note: Paul had a couple more pictures, but I left them out. This one shows most of what is nice about the field in Wisconsin. Also, the article is a bit late. I had intended to have it in last month's newsletter, but September was a crazy month and the newsletter suffered.

