



# The Flight Recorder

Tri County R/C Club



August 2016

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## A few words from the president

Hello one and all. I hope you are all enjoying the summer heat and humidity. Early morning flying seems to be the best time to be at the r/c park. Received some sad news, one of our members, Steven Maple, is losing his eyesight and getting out of the hobby. All his hobby stuff is for sale. We should all pray for his well being and wish him and his wife the best. It's really sad to see such a young man be handed such a raw deal. I hope each of use appreciate what we have, aches and pain and all. Good luck to you Steven and your bride.

Norm Albert

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Not much to say, I have been out of town, and of course it is hot so I'm afraid I have not been to excited about going out to the field. Because of the lack of rain our mowing crews have had a bit of a break, but it has been hard on our grass, we need rain!

There are a couple of extra pages this month, page four is an order blank for t shirts, the instructions are all there, and remember there is a cut off date to order.

The last page is a poster for our upcoming General Chuck Yeager war bird fly in on September 17<sup>th</sup> so there is still time to get that warbird ready. Remember the profits from this fly in go to the local American Legion post and they in turn will use the proceeds to help local disabled and needy vets in many ways, every penny of it! So lets get behind this one and make it bigger than ever they can use all the help we can give them.

See ya at the field! Dave Small

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**Next Meeting Saturday August 6th  
9:00 AM at the field**

## Minutes for the Tri-County R/C Club, July 2, 2016

The July 2nd general membership meeting was convened, by our club President, Norman Albert, at around 9 o'clock, with 25 members present. The previous months minutes were accepted, as printed, by the membership, after a motion by Tom Cornell and seconded by Jerry Dittmar.

**Secretary:** John Kettgen, made an updated June Minutes "omission correction", by stating that the 50/50 winner was Clyde Altemose, who donated his winnings back to the club. Thank You Clyde! and the Door prize was won by Ralph.

**Field Marshall:** Ken Serikstad mentioned that we are starting to "ease into" cutting twice a week. Tom Gorth mentioned that we are going to replace the 4X4 "parking bumpers" in back of the fence in the parking lot. Tom did some price hunting and calculations and we have decided to use wooden pressure treated lumber. It was deemed too expensive to use concrete bumpers at a cost of \$1300.00 Tom is requesting volunteers. Please give a call to Tom and volunteer some effort and time.

**Safety Report:** none this month

**Pilot Training Report:** Norman Albert reported that we have two new members, Ray Shultz and Bob Myers. Welcome to our club. Terry Austin is still training, when he is available and feels a little better. Terry went back to his home in Georgia for a few weeks. He will resume training when he returns to Florida.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Gorth reported our club finances. See Tom for details.

**Club Events/CD's Report:** Terry Bingham is working on our Chuck Yeager fly-in. Terry is considering doing a raffle similar to last year's event. John Kettgen has volunteered to call Balsa USA with a request for another WWI or WWII airplane "choice certificate", kit donation or at least, at a reduced price for use as a raffle at the Chuck Yeager event. Last year's event was a very profitable event, including using this raffle.

Events that are left for this year include the following: Chuck Yeager Fly-in on September 17th, Our **Club Picnic on October 1st**, and the Santa Fly-in on December 3rd. We always appreciate all our volunteers to help run these events.

**Membership Chairman:** Tom Gorth said that we had 130 members, to date, and that we are still on track with last year's number of members.

**Old Business:** Rafael Figueroa mentioned that someone is not locking the gate. So once again, we ask everyone's diligence in this matter, and please make sure you lock the gate if you are the last one out. Thanks!

**New Business:** Wayne Briant is looking into getting new shirts made. He is looking into having a "digital transfer" method utilized by the supplier. It appears to be more permanent and the "logo" more durable. There might be a \$600.00 up front fee, which will be paid by the club and we will have to amortized over the total costs. The club may pay any up front money, which will be reimbursed to the treasury, upon shirt sales. Wayne indicated that we need a minimum of a 50 shirt order (which should be no problem, by the show of hands). The shirt total cost might be somewhere around \$22.00/shirt. This is still negotiable and not cast in stone (as yet). Tom Gorth asked if it was possible to use our own shirts. Wayne will check it out and answer all our questions. One thing for sure, you will probably be asked for the funds, up front, when you place your order. Tom Gorth is investigating the future purchase of a new zero turn mower. Unfortunately, this is not the timeframe to buy a new mower, due to the higher sales volumes during the summer season. It appears that November is the time to buy, when prices come down and are more negotiable. Ken Serikstad mentioned that Tom Gorth talked about getting a free dirt analysis, which will indicate how much and what fertilization will be required, re: "Ag Center Analysis". So we'll wait and see what the analysis determines. Nice work Ken and Tom! Art Lowery recommended that we allow him to use "roundup" around the "fiber" runway to kill the grass from overtaking the edges. Wayne made a motion to accept his proposal and was seconded by Walt Graves. A vote was taken by the membership and voted as a "GO".

**Cook Shack/Picnics:** Joe Dias reported that everything is "status quo" for now, but that he needs a fill-in for the next event. Joe and his wife Rita will be on vacation. If someone would step-up it would be great!

**Good and Welfare:** Ken Bonneau reported that he has cards if we need them. Please see Ken with any inputs for Get Well.

**Crash of the Month Award:** Jim Marquardt talked about his awful crash of his Sukoi into the trees. Guess what--he got the total vote to be this month's "Crash of the Month" winner. Jim you are the winner, (or loser if that's the way you look at it)

**50/50:** Richard Loveless **Door Prize:** Terry Bingham

The meeting was adjourned, by our President Norman Albert, at approx. 9:31 A.M. , after a motion by Robert Fehlberg and a second by Wayne Briant

Respectfully Submitted, 7/14/2016 by, **John Kettgen, Secy for Tri-County R/C**

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## NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA 2016 R/C & SPECIAL EVENTS

Jul 25~31 **64<sup>th</sup>** EAA Air Venture EAA Oshkosh WI  
Aug 20 **7<sup>th</sup>** Hot Deals Swap Meet H.A.M. Brooksville  
**Sep 17<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Yeager Warbird Fly-In Tri-Count Dunnellon**  
Oct 8 **3<sup>rd</sup>** Hellings Benefit Fun-Fly H.A.M. Brooksville  
Oct 8 **16<sup>th</sup>** Open Fly-In O.T.O.W. Ocala  
Oct 20~22 **3<sup>rd</sup>** 12 O'clock High F.T.E. Lakeland  
Nov 19 **Big Bird**H.A.M. Brooksville  
**Dec 3 18<sup>th</sup> Santa Fly-In Tri-County Dunnellon**  
Dec 17 **7<sup>th</sup>** Cool Deals Swap Meet H.A.M. Brooksville

### Corrections/Additions to

[lyslackevents@bellsouth.net](mailto:lyslackevents@bellsouth.net) ~ List updated Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 2016

## Area Hobby Shops

Lee's Hobbies Pine  
Spring Plaza 750 W.  
Hampshire  
Citrus Springs 34434  
(352) 527-1500

ROB'S HOBBY WORLD  
8585 S.W. S.R. 200 Ste.  
N Steeplechase Plaza  
Ocala, FL 34474 352-  
854-2799

NOELL'S HOBBIES  
113 N. Main Street  
Wildwood, FL 34785  
352 - 748-003

## Website Address

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**Check the web site for upcoming events,  
pictures of events that have happened,  
and all the newsletters for the last year**

Special T Shirt Offer



The Tri-County R/C Club will be offering a one-time purchase of T-Shirts for club members. These Shirts are not printed via silk screen (which can fade), but a new process called “Digital Transfer”. The outcome will be a more durable print that will keep you looking good. Shirts will be yellow and have the club name and logo. Each shirt will also include the member name on the front, along with a shirt pocket.

Club shirts will be offered at \$23.32 each inc 6% FL sales tax          Shirt order deadline is October 1, 2016

Estimated arrival date: TBD

Information Requested:

Member name \_\_\_\_\_ Shirts @ \$23.32 each tax included    Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name to be imprinted on shirt front \_\_\_\_\_ Size    S    M    L    XL    XXL (Circle)

Make Checks payable to Tri-County R/C Club

You may print off this form, attach your check, and give to Wayne Briant or Rick Loveless, or mail your order with your check to Rick Loveless, 12910 West Highway 328, Ocala, Fl 34482. You may also email your order to Rick at rloveless1@yahoo.com or Wayne at cherryvalley@cfl.rr.com and follow up with your check. You will be contacted as soon as the shirts arrive.

# 16th Annual General Chuck Yeager Warbird Fly-In



## September 17, 2016

Military Aircraft with a 60" wingspan and above are Welcome

- ✂ Rainbow R/C Park, Dunnellon
- ✂ Location: East of Dunnellon on S.R. 484 to Bridges Road, follow signs to the field.
- ✂ Camping with no hook-ups
- ✂ Pilots Choice Awards

- ✂ Pilot registration starts at 8:00.
- ✂ Pilot meeting 8:30.
- ✂ Landing fee \$5.00
- ✂ Parking donation for non-flyers \$2.00.
- ✂ No Fueled Turbines
- ✂ Camping with no hook-ups

**All Profits to the Disabled Vets of local American Legion Post 58**

Rainbow Cafe will be OPEN

**Sponsored By: Tri-County R/C Club**

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