



THE BARNSTORMER

Hemet Model Masters Newsletter



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President's Message

Hello fellow club members,

Hello fellow modelers. I hope everyone has stayed cool during these last couple of months of immense heat. I would like to thank Mario Corona, Rodney Luker and Lou Renteria for all the hard work they did at the Simpson field. They started work at 7:00am and finished at 4:00pm on a very hot day. The field looks just terrific due to their hard work and we really appreciate it. Thank you to all three so very much.

Well friends as the song said: THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGING. RC Flying has been in a state of change for at least five + years now. As soon as the first multi rotored quadcopter came out with GPS flight stabilization and a camera our hobby has changed. Now it has caught up to us and we the members of the Hemet Model Master must abide and conform to the changes. Thanks to the diligent work of Steve Staudenmeir and Rodney Luker the Simpson field has been classified as a FRIA (FAA-Recognized Identification Area flying field and we're still waiting on the Davis Field. What does this mean to you? It means you do not need a transponder (Remote I.D) in your aircraft sending out a signal of the altitude, location and speed your aircraft is flying at. This would add another cost we all would incur without having our flying fields approved as FRIA flying zones. Now wait there is a catch. Now all RC flyers must take the [FAA-approved Test Administrator of The Recreational UAS Safety Test](#) (TRUST) no matter what you fly. You must also have your FAA ID number. And now we must register our devices with the FAA. (UGH : /) plus have your AMA Card. Lets take these one by one. First, the TRUST test you get through the FAA costs nothing and is impossible to fail because they give you the answers.. Second, the FAA ID number costs five dollars for three years. As part of the FAA registration process you are now required to register your aircraft. This is a new requirement (OH JOY). We will put more information out to help guide the membership along. You may have very strong feelings about this subject. Many RC fkyers people hate these new requirements by the FAA. OKAY I get it. However, here are the facts. This is no joking matter. The FAA is not messing around. They are trying to get police officers to carry devices to read the transponders (Remote I.D) of model aircraft flying outside FRIA flying zones and to check RC flyer's paper-work while flying at FRIA locations.

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THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD
SEPTEMBER 16TH AT 10:00 AM AT THE SIMPSON FIELD

President's Letter Continued

From what I understand this has not gone over very well with the police as they already have quite a lot to do and are generally short-handed. But that is not going to stop the FAA from enforcing these new policies.

For the Hemet Model Master R/C Club to retain its FRIA flying field status all current and new members will have to show proof they have retained all documents following the FAA's guidelines and your FAA ID # as proof you purchased it. This is not just the Hemet Model Masters. All R/C Clubs that have FRIA flying status MUST require all of FAA and AMA policies to be followed. If a club that has FRIA status is caught allowing members or guests fly that are not following the current FAA and AMA policies the club field WILL LOSE ITS FRIA status. This would mean that everyone would be required to buy and have a Remote I.D in their aircraft. The latest price I heard for such device was 100.00 dollars each. In Canada the modelers decided to fight it. In response, the Canadian government shut them down and then imposed even more rules when they allowed flying to resume. Now you might say Canada has less population than California so it might be easier for the Canadian government to police modeling. However, we are dealing with the FAA and they are not going to put up with anyone's REBELLION. The FRIA status was very hard to get. But it is very easy to lose. I am one of the people that has an extreme dislike for these new FAA policies. But I will follow them. Maybe I will gain some insight as to why these policies were made and my position will change. Right now I feel the need to grin and bear it and do what's in the best interest of the club and my modeling future. As of this writing these are the current policies we must abide by. From what I have been hearing and reading policies may be fine tuned as time goes on. So, when you renew your club membership and you're being asked to show you have complied with the FAA and AMA policies please do not get upset with Club officers and board members. They had nothing to do with these decisions by the FAA.

See you at the field!

Carl

FAA Extends Date for Remote ID Enforcement 6 Months

The FAA has announced that they are delaying enforcement of the remote ID requirements for 6 months. This did not impact us at the Simpson Road facility because we have previously been approved for FRIA status. It is good for the Lakeview field as FRIA status there is still in process.

Anyone Interested In Night Flying At Simpson Field

Rodney Luker is interested in doing some night flying @ the Simpson field with electric only airplanes. Anyone who would like to join in please contact him @909-374-2685

Gold Leader Club Status and FAA and AMA Compliance

As you are probably aware, both the AMA and FAA have certain requirements that RC recreational flyers are required to meet. The AMA has had a longstanding requirement that all members label their aircraft with the member's AMA number and their name and contact info. This information is not required to be displayed on the outside of the aircraft and most members place it somewhere inside under the canopy. Also for some time, the FAA has required recreational RC flyers to obtain an FAA Registration number, and place that number on the outside of all aircraft. Additionally in the past year or so, the FAA has also begun requiring recreational flyers to take a basic knowledge test, called the TRUST test. You can obtain the registration and TRUST test on the FAA website. The TRUST test is short and there is no way to fail it as they provide the answers with the test. In the past, Hemet Model Masters has taken a hands-off approach to member compliance with these requirements. However, times are changing and as a proud AMA Gold Leader Club, HMM does not want to place our status at risk due to failure to comply with these requirements. As a result, HMM asks that all members using our club facilities comply with both the AMA and FAA requirements and we will begin checking to see that our members are in compliance in the near future.

Please Don't Forget to Maintain Your Membership in the AMA

Unlike your club membership, AMA memberships do not run on a calendar basis and may expire mid-year. As you know, as an AMA chartered club, AMA membership is required to fly at HMM club facilities. We have noted that sometimes members are unaware that their AMA membership has lapsed during the year. Please take the time to verify that your AMA membership is current throughout the year to prevent loss of flying privileges. If your AMA membership has expired please renew it prior to coming out to fly. Thank you for your compliance with this requirement.

Volunteers Are Always Wanted And Needed!!

As you know, last year the club membership voted to increase annual dues to \$100 but also adopted a volunteer credit of up to \$40 so that volunteers would pay the same amount as they had before. The good news is that there are many ways to earn volunteer credits. If you have physical or other limitations we can still use you. Volunteer activities include cleaning up at the field, field maintenance (spraying, etc.), helping out at club events, assisting with the flight training program, food preparation, etc. If you would like to serve as a volunteer please let Carl Lindou, Steve Staudenmeir or Rodney Luker know which types of tasks you would be willing to help out with and we will help find the right opportunities for you. Believe us when we tell you it's easy to earn volunteer credits regardless of your physical limitations.

Please Join Us On The Hemet Model Masters Facebook Page

Some of you may not know that Hemet Model Masters has our own page on Facebook. This has turned out to be an excellent place for members to share comments, event pictures, videos, for sale items, etc. Not everyone has joined however. If you are interested, please search for Hemet Model Masters on Facebook, click Join and we will approve your request.



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HEMET MODEL MASTERS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Minutes for June 17, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Carl Lindou at 10:31 AM

There were 20 club members in attendance at the meeting.

There were no 3 visitors at the meeting—Michael Wheeler, Steve Olejnik and Linda Gregory

A motion to approve the minutes from the last general membership meeting and the most recent Board meeting published in the newsletter was made by Lou Renteria, seconded by Garrison Rios and unanimously approved by the members present.

The Treasurer's report was read at the meeting and approved by a vote of the members present at the meeting. A motion to approve the report was made by Rodney Luker, seconded by Dave Kennedy and unanimously approved by the members present.

Rodney Luker had planned to do some maintenance on the access road but reported that he has been unable to do so due to some back issues.

We had a guest from the Hemet School District (Linda Gregory) who said she is interested in possibly having our club to assist with an Extended Opportunity Learning Program involving model airplanes. She was hoping to start the program in November. She plans to schedule a meeting with Steve Staudenmeir to discuss possible plans for the event. She said she would get back to us after she returns from her vacation.

It was announced that the gate code was being changed. The gate code was given out at the meeting and would be sent out via email to all current club members.

It was announced that the Board is now requiring all members to wear their membership badges while flying at the field.

Steve Staudenmeir discussed the new FAA registration requirements and the status of the club's FRIA application.

We are still planning to hold a Jet Rally in November (Tom Mulder is coordinating) and a Christmas Toy Drive on the second Saturday in December.

No show and tell or raffle was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 AM.
Minutes submitted by Steve Staudenmeir

HEMET MODEL MASTERS BOARD MEETING

Minutes for July 10th, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Carl Lindou at 7:05PM. The meeting was held on-line.

Club Officers and Board Members Present — Carl Lindou, Rodney Luker, Steve Staudenmeir, Garrison Rios, Kevin McDonald, Lou Renteria, Jim Christy, Howard Hibbler, Dave Kennedy, and Mario Corronna

There were no guests or members present at the meeting.

Garrison Rios presented the club's financial status and Jim Christy discussed membership status. There were no significant changes to either. The debt outstanding to the lawyer remains at \$20,000. We also had a couple of new members join this month.

The Riverside that we previously understood would be closing has received a reprieve and may have another field as a possibility. All good news.

The Board is still working on the new Flying Rules and hopes to have them finalized over the next few months.

The Board is proceeding with plans for field security at Simpson field. Details are not being publicized for security reasons. If you have any questions, please talk to a Board Member.

There are no updates on the possible Hemet School program as we are waiting for the school sponsor to get back to us.

Howard Hibbler reported that the planning for the HMM Jet Rally to be held in November is currently underway.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM.

Minutes submitted by Steve Staudenmeir

HEMET MODEL MASTERS BOARD MEETING

Minutes for August 7th, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Carl Lindou at 7:03PM. The meeting was held on-line.

Club Officers and Board Members Present — Carl Lindou, Rodney Luker, Steve Staudenmeir, Garrison Rios, Tom Mulder, Kevin McDonald, Lou Renteria, Jim Christy, Dave Kennedy, and Mario Corronna

There were no guests or members present at the meeting.

Garrison Rios presented the club's financial status and Jim Christy discussed membership status. There were no significant changes to either. The club currently has just under \$14,000 in the bank. The debt outstanding to the lawyer remains at \$20,000. We also had one new member join this month.

The Board decided to cancel the August Board meeting due to excessive heat. We will assess the heat situation for the September meeting at the next Board meeting in September.

The Board Flying Rules Committee will be meeting with Carl Lindou at the main field on August 19th at 7:00 AM to review the recommended flying boundaries.

The Board continues to move forward with security at Simpson field and voted to approve \$105 for some metal boxes.

No changes in the status of the Hemet School program. We are still waiting for the school to get back with us.

Howard Hibbler and Tom Mulder are working on trophies for the upcoming Jet Rally.

The Board agreed to keep the need for volunteer opportunities for members interested in reducing their annual dues.

Don Radford is working on scheduling for the 2024 IMAC event to be held at our field.

The Fall Swap Meet planned for October 21st has been published in the AMA magazine.

Steve Staudenmeir announced that we have received word from the FAA that our FRIA request for the Simpson Road field has been approved so remote ID devices will not be required at our field. We are still awaiting an update regarding the Davis field.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43PM.

Minutes submitted by Steve Staudenmeir

HEMET MODEL MASTERS EVENT CALENDAR

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| HMM Board Meeting—October | October 2nd |
| Fall Swap Meet | October 21st |
| General Membership Meeting | October 21st |
| HMM Jet Rally | November 3rd to 5th |
| HMM Board Meeting—November | November 6th |
| General Membership Meeting | November 18th |
| HMM Board Meeting—December | December 4th |
| General Membership Meeting and Christmas Toy Drive | December 9th |

Please note that members are welcome to attend Board Meetings. If you would like to attend, please let us know and we will forward the meeting location.

HEMET MODEL MASTERS OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

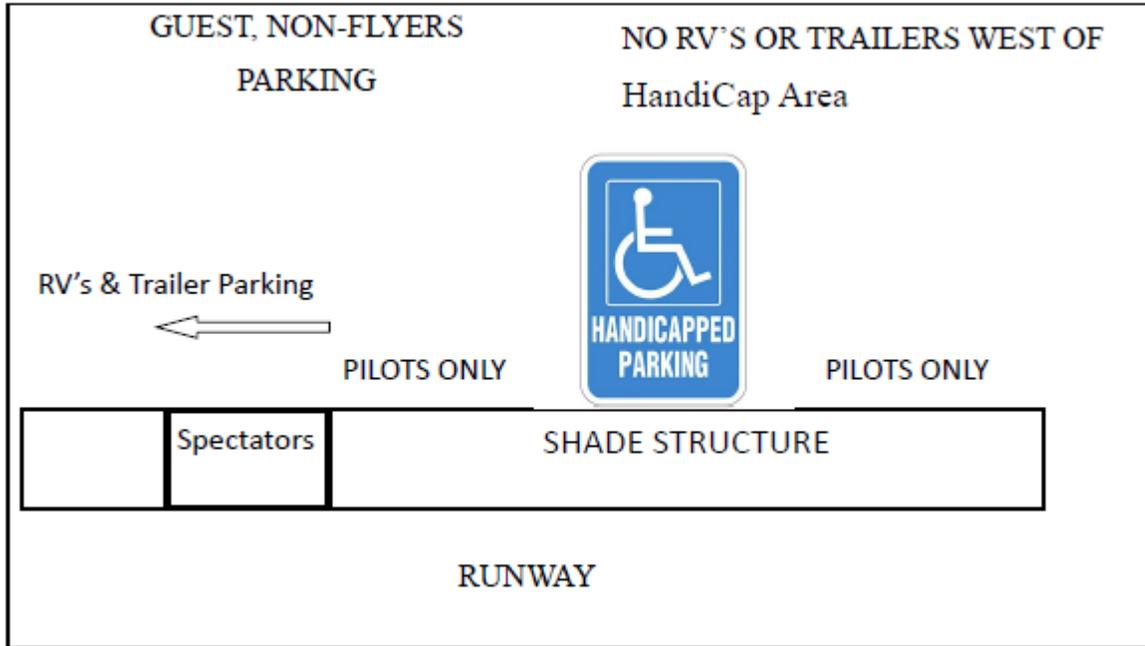
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BOARD MEETINGS 1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
GENERAL MEETING 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

Parking Plan For the Main Field

Parking by the shade structure is reserved for pilots. Non-flying individuals, spectators and guests are to park south of the shade structure. No RV's or trailers are allowed West of the Handicap parking area. If you are parking a trailer in front of the shade structure, the total length must not exceed 18 feet or you must unhook.



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Safety At Club Flying Sites

Starting of any engines is north side of yellow line, aircraft facing runway. No taxiing in the pits and staying within established perimeters , exceeding 400 ft ceiling. We have full scale aircraft overhead all the time and it only takes ONE incident to lose our field. No flying over the field workers on adjacent properties EVER!

All members are required to carry a first aid kit and fire extinguisher in their vehicles when flying. You never know when you or a fellow member will need some aid. Be prepared!! We strongly urge that no one fly alone.

TURBINE, IMAC and PATTERN MUST HAVE A SPOTTER WHEN FLYING!

Use of Club Facilities

You must be a member of our club or a guest to use our facilities. Members please have your membership cards with you when you fly. Guests (per the bylaws) are allowed to fly three times prior to joining but must have an active AMA membership. Guests and 72mhz flyers must have AMA on frequency board prior to flying!

The Hemet Model Masters will extend courtesy membership to any "Active Military" individual allowing them to fly at our club fields as long as they have a current AMA membership.

Retrieving Crashed Aircraft From the Aqueduct Near Our Main Field

Aqueduct Information for Retrieving crashed aircraft. Mike Thompson is the service representative that services the aqueduct near our main field. If your airplane is behind the second fence and not in the water runoff it is serviced by Mike Thompson. His direct line is 626-844-5610. Note: Before calling be nice and explain that you are with the Hemet Model Masters and that you have crashed you're rc plane beyond the second fence and would like to retrieve it without breaking any laws. If your plane is between the first and second fence it is serviced by another agency (Securitas Security), Mike Thompson can not help you. Hopefully this will help our members to retrieve their aircraft.