

# CSMS Skywriter

July 2010

Charlotte Sport Modelers Society  
AMA #3897

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month (Pt. Charlotte Middle School, Midway Blvd.) 7 pm  
Flying Site: Kings Highway - 5.3 miles east of I-75

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## President's Letter - Dennis Kirk



Dear Fellow Club Members,

Hello fellow pilots! Welcome to the 'Dog Days of Summer' with the hot humid weather, afternoon rains, and beautiful morning flying! This is still a LOT better than the weather back in January and February - remember freezing off your fingers and other body parts? There are two ways to look at summer here in Florida. The way I prefer is to expect the type of weather that is standard and make the best of it. This means getting out early to fly and then when the thermals pick up, switch to glider flying. Next after packing up, head to the local

watering hole to cool off with your favorite beverage, relaxing in the A/C and share some 'hangar talk'. I look forward to some rainy days so I can get in my workshop to repair/build some models that have been sitting way to long.

Our last meeting was enjoyable as we kept the business short and then had a pictorial presentation of members and their models by world famous club photographer, Bill Hare. Barry Wilhite also brought his FW-190 in for show and tell. A very nice airplane! You all are invited to bring your model in to talk about, or some equipment, flight gear, or other related stuff to share with our members at the meeting. This next meeting will again feature Bill's slide show of our field, aircraft and more! In addition, Fred Stiteler will have a presentation on something we ALL need to know about, and that is receiver battery systems. Fred is very well qualified in this field and has an interesting way to present this info - so plan now to attend and support YOUR club. Remember the NEW LOCATION AND TIME for the meetings: 6pm at the Sheriffs Office at Promenades Mall, behind the Winn Dixie on 41 in Pt. Charlotte.

I am collecting names for those club members interested in taking a CPR/First Aid course. We will discuss the final details at the meeting on WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 6pm. Spread the word about the CSMS FUN FLY and PICNIC, July 4th, Sunday, starting about 9 am to whatever. There will be prizes for limbo, combat, balloon bust, radar timed speed runs, ladies taxi contest and more. There will be lots of OPEN FLYING, too. Tell your friends and neighbors, you know, the ones that always see you loading your

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airplanes and equipment in your vehicle. Now is the time to invite them to our beautiful facility and show it off. There's going to be hot dogs, hamburgers, caviar, smoked salmon and some great side dishes provided by your significant other (remember to ASK her!!!!). This is again a good time to thank all the people that volunteer their time and energy to help others learn to fly, to maintain the field and equipment and to those that are active in supporting the Charlotte Sport Modelers Society. This club would not exist without you, THANK YOU!!!

Captain Dennis Kirk CSMS President

## **The Newsroom** - Jake Blake-Haskins

First off, congratulations to Mike and Angie Hague, on the birth of Lucas Michael Hague at 8:14 a.m today (7/1/10).

The last month has been a time for me to do some long overdue maintenance on some of my planes and helicopters. The salty environment we live in takes its toll on any metal parts, and I found that I had to replace all the linkage rods on my helis and a lot of struts and pushrods on some of the planes.

Next, I decided that I like my Habu electric jet so much that I decided to put together another one. Since I have a bucket full of discarded fan jet units and lots of speed controllers laying on one of my benches, I ordered a Habu airframe set, which includes every thing except the propulsion and radio equipment. I plan to assemble it so that I can easily exchange the fan units. This way, I can run a lot of plug and play fan unit tests on the same plane. Fred Stiteler is also doing the same thing, so we should have a lot of information on the various fan unit, speed

controller and battery combinations in the next few months.

I'm really looking forward to a relaxing time this coming Sunday at our July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic. Come on out and have a good time with your fellow club members, and bring your friends. Mark has assured me that there will be plenty of open flying time, a few special events, and some good old summertime food.

See 'Ya at the Field!

Jake

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## **The Hobby Shop News**

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The new Parkzone airplane has been released, and it's an Extra 300, powered by a 15 sized outrunner motor and a 2200 mah 3 cell lipo. The videos look pretty spectacular, and the plane looks great. If you've always wanted to try out some aerobatics, or are an old hand at roops (rolls and loops), you'll love this new plane.

As the share of electric powered RC planes, helicopters, cars, trucks and boats continues to increase in our hobby, so does the cost of the batteries to power all these goodies. The Hobby Shop has worked a deal to purchase lipo batteries directly form the manufacturer, and pass the savings on to you. We are now carrying a full line of MaxHP batteries a wide range of capacities and high 'C' ratings, at very low prices. For example, a

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3 cell, 2200 mah, 45 C lipo is now available for \$44.95, a huge reduction in price, with a big increase in performance. Stop on down to the Hobby Shop and check them out!

Good Flying, Mike and Brian

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## Classifieds

**Handyman/Plumber** available for work: CSMS club member Craig Goodie is available for work on your household plumbing or other projects. Phone 941-429-1101.

## Upcoming Events:

**CSMS Fun Fly 4<sup>th</sup> BBQ**, Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, CSMS flying field.

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Recently Seen on the Flight Line:



Joe Stedronsky holds up his hi-vis T-28.



Max Holmes needs those sunglasses when his colorful big Eratix is out in the sunlight!



Max shows off another colorful aerobatic plane, the Extra MX.

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A family affair: Carl Sr., Cat, and Carl Jr. spend a day together at the field.



Cat watches as Carl Jr. makes a low, slow pass with his Radian motorglider.



Likewise, Ray and his family joined the CSMS gang recently.



Ray's daughter Nysha soloed June 19th on the Radian.



Ray's really nice electric Spad looked great and flew well.



Ray's Spad flies by on a sortie. Great scale color scheme.

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Dan Lines poses with his  $\frac{1}{4}$  scale Piper J3 Cub.



The big Cub looks great on a casual fly-by.



Fred Stiteler has been enjoying his latest electric Sportster.



Fred holds up his Saito 20cc powered Seagull AT-6.



Wilf Tobin takes a minute from the pattern for a photo op with his World Models AT-6



Photo session complete, Wilf's AT-6 climbs out again into the wild blue.