

# CSMS Skywriter

June 2010

Charlotte Sport Modelers Society  
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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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aircraft brought in for display, one brand new control line model and one VERY old free flight plane; really cool!

Those of you that attended our last meeting know that we are now keeping the 'boring business' stuff short and to the point. We are getting the things accomplished that this club needs to have done so that you as members can enjoy the field and flying site. You also will see that things are getting done in the way of improvements so that you, your guests and spouses, as well as potential members see that Charlotte Sport Modelers Society has a first class facility. It takes some GREAT VOLUNTEERS to do this, so don't be shy, ask not what your club can do for you but, ask what you can do for your club! Thursday is field maintenance day; depending on what needs doing and how much help there is will determine how soon flying will start. So stop in and see what needs doing. Thank you! Along the lines of growing aviation interest, especially in model aviation and UAV's, Barry Wilhite and some other club members have again this year agreed to teach a course with Karen Candiani at Charlotte Tech, sponsored by Embry-Riddle. I believe Barry will discuss these plans in his own article. There have been some great advances with indoor flight, with easier to fly and more controllable models available. Ronnie Rushneck has his finger on the pulse of this subject, and will report on the latest. Some new aircraft to hit the market that are as nice as the T-28 are the F-86 EDF and the P-47 Thunderbolt. Both of these are made for pilots that want to get in the air quickly with a great looking AND great handling airplane. Check 'em out!

Bring your new purchases to the next

## President's Letter - Dennis Kirk



Dear Fellow Club Members,

Hello fellow pilots! Good news! Our next meeting will feature an exhibition of Bill Hare's aviation photography, which includes lots and lots of club airplanes. Some of the pictures will be of new planes, some of old, some that have been converted back to kit form! The new meeting place has some good equipment for presenting a great slide show and even videos! Let's all SHOW UP and take part in some great hangar talk and swap stories of YOUR flying/building adventures. Also at the last meeting all present were treated to two very nice

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meeting to show them off. I know there were some really great bargains to be had. At this point I would like to suggest that all members support our local HOBBY SHOP! I know there are some deals out on the internet and that Mike and Brian and Jake can't always get what you need, but ask them first. It may surprise you to know that not only do these guys have parts and bits and pieces for all your modeling needs, but what they have that the internet DOES NOT is the personal touch of 'one on one' help that you can only get at a local place. I always have believed in supporting our local businesses, not just the Hobby Shop, but other club members business as well. When you visit them, the talk almost always centers around our hobby, and that's good for everyone.

Next item, I would like input from YOU as club members as to what presentations should be sought after, to be presented at our monthly meetings, so you would WANT to attend them! What do YOU WANT us to have at these meetings, so they will make you WANT to attend? Please, no dancing girls or gambling! (Well, maybe!).

Finally, our next club meeting place is going to be at the CHARLOTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE at the PROMENADE MALL, JUNE 9 and YES that is a WEDNESDAY!!!! 6 pm-----That's right---6pm. This Office/Meeting Room is located between Olean and Harbor Blvd., just off Hwy 41, behind the Radio Shack (The Shack). This will be our meeting place until further notice. The building address is 3280. Fair winds and clear skies,

Captain Dennis Kirk CSMS President

PS. Here is something to think about -----  
Success is a journey- not a destination.

## Fun Fly July 4th - Mark Hilliard

So, I am sitting at home relaxing, when I get a call from my buddy Jake. He and I have been doing a lot of fishing for Tarpon, lately... well Jake has been fishing and I have been watching... but not to digress... so after talking about the fish I haven't caught yet, Jake says, "Why don't we do something out at the field, like a fun fly or something?" I know he is changing the subject as he is probably embarrassed for me because my fishing prowess has not shown brightly... and truth be told I am a bit sheepish about my lack of production. Anyway, as I am always up for some fun, I mentioned the idea of a Fun Fly to a half dozen guys while out flying last week and all agreed it is past time to have some fun.

Here are a few of the suggestions for various events:

- T-28 Combat while simultaneously chasing a roll of toilet paper dropped by Fred from his glider tug. (This may be the only plane Fred has left in his inventory... he's had some problems landing lately)
- Limbo... always a favorite with SW Floridians
- Tethered helium balloon targets...
- Speed gun-N-run... how fast are you really?
- Glider tow/winch demonstration
- Back by popular demand... girls

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only taxi contest for a bouquet of flowers

- War bird formation flying
- Culminating with Jerry and Bill's famous Bar-B-Q. Desert to be brought by any wife willing to endure our fun and games or taxiing!

Bring your own ideas to next week's meeting. None of the above events are set in stone. All suggestions will be considered by those attending the June meeting at the Sheriff's office.

Mark Hilliard CSMS Vice President

## Indoor Flying - Ronnie Rusheck



Just as a reminder we're now on the summer schedule. The Wednesday morning sessions are cancelled until September. Our sessions are the first and third Thursday between **6 PM to 8 PM**. June 3 is our next date.

For our first Thursday night session only Jim and I showed up. Although having a

huge gym to ourselves for two hours was more fun than we could have asked for, the lack of support was rather disappointing. Jim and I got to practice our indoor aerobatics with our 4-Site biplanes: side by side harriers and hovering, rolls, split-s and the occasional loop. I have to admit we're getting better.

On our second Thursday night session we did a little better. My son Tucker and his friend Scott showed up to fly and Jose came to watch. Jose was absolutely amazed how the micro helis and 4-Site could fly so I offered him a turn on the sticks. He immediately asked if The Hobby Shop was still open! I said no, but there's always tomorrow! What I didn't tell him was that I heard ParkZone was working on an indoor foamie micro turbine jet with retracts! Just kidding, Jose...maybe someday.

I know there are a lot of you out there with planes and helis to fly inside. Hey, you've already made the investment so c'mon out and have some fun without the heat, wind or love-bugs!

See you inside!

Ronnie

## Charlotte High School Youth Aviation Program - Ronnie Rusheck

In our club's ongoing effort to promote goodwill and to increase RC awareness to the youth of our community, Barry and Bill have been working with Karen Candiani, club member and director of the Embry-Riddle program at the Charlotte Aerospace Institute, and her high school students. Over the last several weeks, Barry and Bill have assisted the students in assembling a Great Planes Matt

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Chapman Eagle 580 50 inch span ARF with the Embry-Riddle yellow and blue color scheme.

It was only fitting that Karen asked both Barry and me to give an actual indoor RC model flying demonstration to her classes. The original plan was to fly our fixed wing micro models in the Port Charlotte High School gym but it was unavailable. The backup plan was to use the auditorium which greatly limited our choices of demo aircraft. When Karen asked me if I could manage flying my 4-Site Biplane in such a small space I replied, "I guess we're gonna find out." Fortunately, I was able to do a 'cat launch' off the stage and a few high alpha laps around the 20 rows of seats with a safe return 'trap' landing back on stage. After my knees stopped knocking I looked over at Barry and said, "OK, your turn." Barry then proceeded to entertain the kids with his Walmart 'Voodoo' twin engine vortex foamie and several students actually took turns on the sticks and flew around, mostly bouncing off the walls and ceiling. Fortunately, I brought my Blade MCX twin rotor helicopter with a buddy box cord, extra TX and plenty of batteries (just in case). When Barry was done, we were able to give over forty students an opportunity to try their hands at a heli spot landing on stage. The kids had a blast but probably not as much as Barry and I did.

At the end of our session Karen asked if I would be willing to give the same demonstration for her friend Terry Carbonell at Charlotte High School the following week. I told her it would be no problem.

Once again, due to the unavailability of

the gym this time, I was forced to fly in front of the book store in the lobby of the new addition at CHS. Flying the biplane was not even an option, so I opted for the buddy box and heli and once again I was able to demo about forty students. We posted 'guards' around the perimeter and only flew in between class rotations to avoid any accidents.

All in all, Barry, Bill and I had the chance to work with some really smart and great kids. Our profound thanks to Karen for giving us such wonderful opportunity.

Ronnie

**The Newsroom** - Jake Blake-Haskins

Gremlins have kept my Sopwith Pup grounded lately. First, the receiver wouldn't power up last weekend at the Warbirds Over Paradise fly-in down at the Cape, so I was left to fly my Habu EDF jet a few times. I went home and fixed the receiver problem, and then the next day took off only to have the engine die due to fuel starvation. An examination of the fuel system revealed plenty of gas in the tank, but no gas coming out of the fuel line feed, so the clunk line must have come off. I have it on the bench, where I've been staring menacingly at it, but as yet, it hasn't fixed itself. I may have to take matters into my own hands. Summer weather means thermals, so I brought out my glider and staked out the High Start donated to the club some time ago. Mark and I stretched it out and attached the glider, and then a 'boing' was heard and the towline went limp. Back to the other end where we re-tied the line and 'boing' again. It turns out that the rubber tubing and the braided line were both suffering from dry rot, so Mark gave me a

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new towline rubber, and I bought 150 yards of 50 # Dacron line and the High start is now back in business again. It can be found in the Operations Shack, and members are welcome to use it. If you need help with it, feel free to ask Mark, Frank or me for a demonstration.

See 'Ya at the Field! Jake

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## The Hobby Shop News

Brian Hague Mike Hague

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We're finally getting into some nice warm flying winter after a tough winter, so don't forget to stop by the Hobby Shop for all your electric and fuel R/C needs.

Good Flying, Mike and Brian

### 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:



Barney poses with his camouflaged P-40 prior to flight recently.



Fred Stiteler's beautiful AT-6 is powered by a new Saito 4 cycle Gasser.



Joe with his Eflite Taylorcraft.

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Ron and his son Matt having been giving their fleet a workout lately.



Matt poses with his nice Decathlon.



Carl jr. and Josh with their electric P-51 and Mini Supercub (with tundra tires).



Wilf's SNJ comes in for a low pass.



Mike Conlon's Spacewalker walks on by on a airshow center pass.



A trio of Parkzone Radians nicely painted up by Larry, Fred and Bill.