

# CSMS Skywriter

May 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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## President's Letter - Dennis Kirk



Dear Fellow Club Members,

What a great time to be enjoying our favorite hobby (one of them, anyway!). This past month has been full of fun surprises! Those that attended the Perry Georgia swap meet got to mingle with some big names in model aviation! Some even came home with some very good purchases. This sounds like a really neat place to visit when the local club puts this show together. Maybe next year we can see if we can organize a CSMS club trip? This is a good time to remind all of you to thank Barry Wilhite next time you see him. He is not the only active instructor, but, he is the MOST active! It seems he is always helping someone set up a plane

or helping to fly and he seems to enjoy flying other peoples' planes. There is another group of club members that you need to recognize, too. This is our field crew headed by Barney. He and Barry, Jerry and Bill and several others have been busy pulling up weeds, the kind that have sharp stickers (thistles) before they go to seed. They have also installed some PVC drains in some of the low spots at the field and flying stations to drain it when we get our rains. It Works! Mark Hilliard volunteered several days operating a loader and roller as we had to get about 15 dump trucks of fill for the low spots and potholes in our access road. Those of you that have been to the field this past week know that it has helped tremendously. Again, as a reminder, PLEASE go slow on this road and if there is any standing water, do NOT go on the grass to get around it, go slow, go VERY slow, even slower than you think you are going! This will keep all authority people happy. The update on the installation of the new pipeline is still set for April 2011. The road will be re-graded after the water plant crew gets done (by their crew) so we need to maintain it within reason. Thank you all in advance for your understanding.

The water plant tour hosted by Sam Stone was very interesting and informative and appreciated by the 16 people or so that attended. There is a lot that goes into maintaining such a facility. If anyone else is interested in a tour, contact me and we can arrange another one.

Our membership is over 100 strong now, even without us chasing down people that lost interest, changed hobbies, avoided Mike C, and others that want drama

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instead of a fun, forward-moving club, which is what we have now. You all are the ones that make this club what it is! Our monthly meetings are held to bring up normal business, but more importantly this is the time for new, great ideas for our club to be brought for discussion. Our next meeting is at the Pt. Charlotte Middle School on Midway Ave. at 7 pm, Tuesday, May 11th. We will be deciding where to meet for the summer since the school will be unavailable. There are several options, one of which is the Promenades Mall Charlotte County Sheriffs Meeting Room. The other option is to meet on an evening when the indoor flyers are flying and then we can all see more of the micro and indoor flyers airplanes and flying abilities (or lack thereof). My personal choice would be to have some flying fun mixed in with the SHORT meeting and maybe get a few more pilots active in the indoor sport. This will be up for discussion at the May meeting, as well as any other options that members have, so please do your homework so if you think of an alternative meeting site; have the details of what we can do, directions, hours, contacts etc. I am really enjoying the direction of the activities of CSMS.

The NEW HATS are in! Only 10 dollars, or \$15 including a CSMS T-shirt! To get some, see Jerry Alexander. Thank you all for taking pride in our Club, the field our members and future members and their families! I would like to close with a 'thought for the day'----- Half of what you worry about NEVER happens, and the other half happens for the BEST!

Thanks, and see you at the field,

Captain Dennis Kirk

## Indoor Flying - Ronnie Rusheck



Our last session only mustered five flyers. In all probability it had to do with most of the snowbirds heading north and the fact that particular Wednesday was the only outside flyable day in one month.

The E-Flite 4-Site micro Bipe continues to be the plane of choice. Pilots are getting better with more experience and the walls seemed to have moved further apart. Unfortunately, the one basket at the North side of the court is broken in the down position (can you say, "tree") creating some interesting crashes. One pilot actually hit for a three pointer!

In an effort to accommodate more working pilots we will now be able to fly on every first and third Thursday night from 5 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., starting May 6! So working guys (that means you, Mike and Brian), no more excuses! C'mon out and have the most fun you can have with your clothes on! I guarantee it! If we have enough pilots turn out we have the option of *every* Thursday night! How cool would that be!

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Please note that due to the Recreation Center Summer Camp schedule our last Wednesday morning session of the season will be on May 19. That's all I've got this month.

See you inside!

Ronnie

## The Newsroom - Jake Blake-Haskins



Dennis is right on the money regarding Barry's dedication to teaching new pilots to fly. Every time I come to the field, Barry has a string of students following him around. He selflessly gives up his time to instruction, and many times doesn't have much time left to fly his own planes.



Because of Barry and the other instructors, you may have noticed how many new pilots we now have around, especially the younger ones. New pilots are the lifeblood of our club, so please

pitch in and offer some guidance and praise to the newcomers whenever you can.

See 'Ya at the Field!

Jake

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## The Hobby Shop News

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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:

**Warbirds over Cape Coral**, May 29 - 30, R/Seahawks Flying Field, Cape Coral, FL.

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Recently Seen on the Flight Line:



Mike Hague poses with one of the two Yellow Aircraft SN-J/AT-6's he's building.



Dick Slomba's T-28 Trojan has a distinctive early WWII paint scheme.



Bill Hare poses with his Hangar-9 Corsair. Welcome to the world of retracts, Bill.



Barry poses with his new Messerschmitt Me-109.



Barney Adams poses with his twin electric ducted fan Lear.



Ron and Matt having been giving this NexStar a workout lately.

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Carl Jr. looks completely relaxed at his pilot station.



Carl Sr. and Carl Jr. with 'Cubzilla' and Super Cub Junior.



So does Josh. He and his Dad Mark have a lot of neat projects going.



Josh shows off his Ultra Micro P-51 Mustang.



Dan Lines has been tearing up the skies with his nice Hellcat.



Joe shows off his Great Planes Cherokee. A real nice flying plane, with working flaps.