

# CSMS Skywriter

MAY, 2017

Charlotte Sport Modelers Society  
AMA #3897  
Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday monthly, CSMS Flying Field, Kings Highway Lake Suzy, 9:00 am  
Flying Site: Kings Highway - 5.3 miles E of I-75  
Website: [www.csms-rc.org](http://www.csms-rc.org)  
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PS. The mentee goes against his mentor at the next IMac event in June, sportsman class, Land O Lakes, Fl.

Kim Klempner

President

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## SAFETY OFFICERS REPORT

I must say the new safety fence and flight stations look really nice. I am surprised at how clean and strong it all looks. A job well done.

We've recently had a fly away and some reported signal glitches while flying. This has always been a problem with radio-control and as such we must constantly review our radio link on our airplanes to make sure we have the range to fly safely. The AMA Safety Code requires us to do a range check for each new airplane and each time an airplane has been repaired. I personally don't think that is enough. Most of the radio failures I have witnessed have been when the transmitter and/or receiver is first powered-up for the day. That is why you will always see me do a range check before the first flight of each and every day. If there is a problem I would like to detect it before I'm airborne. Of course it possible that the range check will be good and there is still a problem, but we must eliminated one problem at a time.

Many times when I look at radio installations I see many wires and/or

### President's Letter - Kim Klempner

Another good, productive month at CSMS thanks to several volunteers for all the help with the fence and other projects at the field. Really, I appreciate all the help.

I'd like to congratulate Greg Lindstrom for winning basic class at IMac event this month, first time out. The force is strong with this one!

Projects still to be done, pads done in concrete, out house converted to monthly service, sod old stations (low areas). We need rain for green grass to finish off these projects at our field.

Hats and t shirts have been ordered, hats should be in this week.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting. Any ideas for our next get together at the field or elsewhere, get in touch with me.

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servos touching the receiver antennas. This is a real no-no and must be avoided. Try to keep all wires and electronics away from the antennas as much as possible. Also the antenna wires should be kept as straight as possible. Do not put the 2.4Ghz flight (clothes) pin on the antenna of a 2.4Ghz transmitter. The little wire spring on the clothes pin is about as long as the antenna itself and it will de-tune the antenna and reduce your range.

Lastly when you have a glitch try to land immediately and fix the problem before you fly again. Remember the definition of insanity is "doing the same thing over and over expecting different results".

Eddie Mattingly, Safety Officer

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## Upcoming Events

CSMS next meeting will be May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Come early and fly and stay for the meeting.

AIR FAIR Sarasota, FL 4/29/2017 & 4/30/2017 Visit: [sarasotarc.com](http://sarasotarc.com) for more info on event

TOP GUN, Lakeland, FL 5/2/2017 thru 5/7/2017 Paradise Field.

## RECENTLY SEEN AT FIELD:



Hard working crew putting up new fence

A yellow advertisement for NAV-A-GATOR Grill. The central graphic is a large black silhouette of a gator with the text "NAV-A-GATOR GRILL" in white. Below the gator is a small illustration of a boat and the text "DeSoto Marina". To the right of the gator is a red starburst that says "AIR BOAT RIDES". At the top left, it lists "COZY COTTAGE RENTALS", "BOAT SLIP RENTALS", and "CANOE & KAYAK RENTALS" with the phone number "941-627-FISH (3474)". At the top right, it lists "PEACE RIVER WILDERNESS ECO-TOURS", "GUIDED FISHING TRIPS", and "MUSEUM & GIFT SHOPS". At the bottom left, it says "HOME OF THE ORIGINAL 'BIG FISH'" and "Voted #1 'Trop Rock' Venue in the U.S. 3 YEARS IN A ROW!". At the bottom center, it provides the website "WWW.NAV-A-GATOR.COM" and email "INFO@NAV-A-GATOR.COM". At the bottom right, it gives the address "9700 SW RIVERVIEW CIRCLE LAKE SUZY, FL. 34269".

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Brief discussion about next step on fence



Toughest job on fence is holes for posts



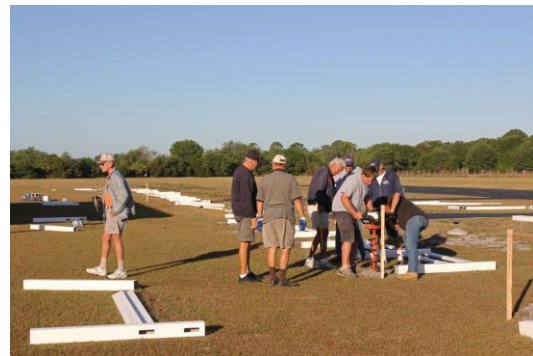
Installation of new flight station



Putting pieces together for flight station



Assembly line at work on new fence



Looks like a government job with all the supervisors.

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Owen & Neil McMillan with planes



Great crowd on land at IMAC show



Planes lined up at the IMAC event



Spectators at the IMAC show



Planes on flight line at the IMAC event



Our PRESIDENT in deep meditation?