

# Charlotte Sport Modelers Society

April 2023 Newsletter

## CSMS April Club Meeting 9:00 am Saturday, April 8, 2023

### Newsletter Editor

My name is Eddie Mattingly and I have been a CSMS member since January 2015. I have served as Flight Instructor, Safety Officer, Vice-President, President, Newsletter Editor and the CSMS WEB Master. I desired none of these positions but was asked to serve and I tried my best to do my best for the club. But something happened on March 11, 2023 that makes me regret having cared so much for the well being of the club. Someone, I don't know the identity, made up and spread a vicious **LIE** about me that day. I did NOT, I repeat, did NOT tell or ask my friend Quique Somenzini to get on the public address system and say anything to those present. He did that on his own and for his own reasons. Since I didn't know he did it, I have no idea what he said. The **LIE** also claims I 'jumped on', 'chewed out' and / or 'reprimanded' Quique Somenzini. I did NOT! Your President, David Grantham visited Quique at Flex Innovations in Venice on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> and ask Quique if I asked or told him to do what he did and Quique said, "No, he did not".

When all this came down Sunday morning, March 12, it was quite a shock to both myself and Carol. We both felt betrayed. If the above wasn't enough, the **LIE** spread like wildfire without anyone other than David Grantham and Lee Ramsdell calling to find out the truth. I was hearing that some club members wanted me thrown out of the club. I don't know how you feel, but I call people that repeat lies without verifying the truth, **LIARS**.

It should come as no surprise, in light of what has transpired, I will no longer be Flight Instructor, Newsletter Editor or WEB Master. Carol and I will no longer mow the field or service the club's electronic equipment. Since I did not violate any of the club's rules I will not stop flying at the field, I just won't be flying with the **LIARS**.

It has been revealed that the Board is attempting to re-write the club's safety rules to exempt "Professional R/C Pilots" from abiding by some of the safety rules. The Club's By-Laws to not allow the board to do that. It requires the members at monthly meeting. Every AMA and CSMS member has the responsibility to require that anyone and everyone that flies at our field follow the rules. No exceptions. And, by the way, by the board's definition I am a Professional R/C Flyer. I have been paid to fly my R/C airplanes several times in the past.

### President Report

There will not be a meeting on April 1 2023 have a great April fool Day The next club meeting will be on April 8 2023 at the club airfields at 9:00 am there will be a vote for a new safety officer and there will be things that going to be brought up to the members . As for our airshow that we had, everything was good, and everyone had a great time. I have to say there were some great pilots out there putting on a great show and hoping to see them next year to do it again for our club. I would like to thank Flex Innovation and Full Throttle and JC Smith from Michigan all those who came down to put on a show to help us out to rebuild our club. Thanks, gose out for all those who donated stuff and their time for doing it. got to say it was a big help to our club President. David Grantham

### Vice-President Report:

#### No Report

Vice President - Lee Ramsdell

### Safety Officer Report

#### No report