



# SES NEWS LETTER

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## February Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### It's February Already!

Hard to believe we're already into February. Winter has definitely made its presence known, but it feels like we're slowly turning the corner. The days are getting a little longer, and while it's still cold out there, the flying weather is starting to look more promising—even if we're still watching the forecasts closely.

Membership-wise, things are off to a great start. As of the second day of February, we're at 119 renewed members, which puts us ahead of this same time last year. That's awesome to see and a big thank-you to everyone who has already renewed and continues to support the club.

A couple of important reminders:

The gate lock code was changed on the sixth day of February. Please make sure you have the current code before heading out to the field.

Our February club meeting has been rescheduled and will now be held on **February 28, 2026**, at 10:00 AM at Recreation Plantation. We hope to see everyone there.

And since February is also the month of Valentine's Day, I have to ask—did anyone get (or give!) a model airplane for Valentine's? ❤️ ✈️

If so, be sure to bring it out to the field or at least tell us about it at the meeting. Bonus points if your significant other picked it out!

Always, but always, respect your fellow flyers.

Bob Dane, President

Southern Eagle Squadron  
Lady Lake, Florida



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### Important Club News

#### NOTE NEW DATE:

The next SES General Meeting will be: **February 28, 2026 @ 10am**  
Recreation Plantation  
Community Center  
609 Co Rd 466, Lady Lake, FL 32159

(Corner of 466 and Rolling Acres Rd)

This would be a great opportunity to renew your membership!

### 2026 SES Membership Renewals

If you haven't renewed your Southern Eagle Squadron membership by now, [your membership has expired](#). The easiest way to renew your membership is going to our website, click on join/renew tab at top, then click on 2026

SES Membership renewals online. <https://www.southerneaglesquadron.com/member-renewals/>

If you want to pay by cash or check, Bob Smith is usually at the SES field Monday and Thursday mornings until 0930. If he is there, he can give you your 2026 decal at the same time. You can also renew your membership at the meetings too.

# Pilot Safety Briefing

## ***Required for all new Pilots, New Members and all club members.***

These safety rules and procedures established by our club and AMA are for everyone's safety:

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1. All pilots must display their Visible Club ID at all times while on the flight line.
2. Pilots on the flight line must be in a flying station for their safety.
3. Pilots must announce takeoff and landing and communicate with other pilots on the flight line each time.
4. Pilots must fly in the direction of the active indicator.
5. Taxiing of aircraft in the pit area is **STRICTLY** forbidden.
6. No flying over restricted areas or no-fly zones.
7. No flying at any time when the county is cutting the grass.
8. Pilots must fly within the field boundaries.
9. All aircraft must have AMA and owner's information displayed on or in the aircraft.
10. No more than **FIVE** aircraft are permitted in the air at the same time.

**For every aircraft you fly:**

Make sure your Name, Phone # and AMA # is displayed on the aircraft.

## Spam, Phishing, and Online Fraud Tips

### **SES Members,**

Unfortunately, we live in a time where getting unsolicited texts and emails is a regular occurrence. SPAM is unsolicited messages sent to numerous people. Phishing is the practice of tricking internet users in revealing personal information or responding text or emails in the hope of getting the victim to purchase gift cards or cryptocurrency.

Have you ever seen a message with subject lines like: Act Now, File Your Talcum Powder Claim Today, Final Notice, Cloud, Rewards, Payment/Declined, we've blocked your account! Your photos and videos will be deleted, and Receipt. All of these are used to draw you in and to get you to click on a link or email taking you down a very bad path.

How about an email/text like this:

*Hi Smith*

*Are you there?*

*I'm currently on limited phone coverage. Could you help me handle a minor service expense on my behalf for The Southern Eagle Squadron?*

*I'm unable to get it done due to my bad cell phone reception right now. Please let me know the most convenient payment's methods through zelle/chime/venmo or Bank transfer so I can send you the payment information. I will have your reimbursement processed as soon as I can*

*Please get in touch here & I'll forward the details as soon as I can  
Kind Regards,*

*Jones*

*Club*

*Southern Eagle Squadron*

*[Fake-email-address@gmail.com](mailto:Fake-email-address@gmail.com)*

### **How about one like this,**

*Hello. Do you have a moment? I have a discreet request for you. I'm busy right now, so please respond by email only.*

*Dr. Jones*

*Pastor Church*

*1234 Way, Wildwood, FL 12345*

### **Texts Example**

Your Vehicle has unpaid toll bill. To avoid excessive late fees on your bill, please settle it promptly. [www.fake.com](http://www.fake.com)

Or

Might even threaten with legal action

### **How to Identify Email Phishing:**

- Requests for personal information - Legitimate companies will NEVER ask for your personal information through email.
- Urgent problem - Many scammers will disguise their phishing attempt with an urgent notice, such as an account breach, payment failure, login verification, or copyright infringement. Do NOT click on any links and go directly to the website to check.
- Shortened links - Shortened or condensed links are ways to mask malicious URLs. Services like Bitly or Tiny URL can hide the actual web address the link will take you.
- Non-domain email addresses - Fraudulent email addresses often use third-party providers or variations of legitimate email domains (ex. @upguardnow.com instead of @upguard.com). Always hover over the sender's email address to ensure it matches the user's or company's name.

## Spam, Phishing, and Online Fraud Tips

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- Spelling & grammar mistakes - Any misspellings or grammar issues in an email should trigger a red flag. Scammers often come from non-English speaking countries.
- Any file attachments - Unless the source is verified, a good rule of thumb is never to open any attachments, especially if they include .exe, .zip, and .scr extensions. Most companies will direct you to their website to download files or documents.
- Single or blank image - If the email is a screenshot of an email or a blank box but with no real text, do NOT click on the image. Malware code may be tied to the image that can trigger an automatic download.

### **Common Signs of Phishing Attempts**

Requests for personal data, login credentials, or credit card information

- Unreasonable threats
- Sense of urgency
- Spelling or grammatical errors
- Suspicious URLs
- Once-in-a-lifetime offers

### **Bottom line -**

Don't respond to these attempts, if you think the text msg or email is legit contact the federal agency, person, church, or company directly **using a number or email that you have not provided by the text or email**. The bad people can make an email or weblink look legit but really is not.

Another problem concerning is how legit the pop-ups on computers are looking. If you're around looking at various websites, and you get a pop-up that says, click here. DON'T - I have seen more computer problems from people clicking on the pop-ups which essential gives who ever ok to do more damage to your computer. Also having some computer tech remote into your computer can lead down a very bad road too. I've had calls from people that let this happen, call me letter regretting they did only to realize their computer wasn't fixed they spent a lot of money, and they just gave some unknown person access to whatever is on the computer. Most of us have friends that can help with computer questions and problems before letting someone in. The Villages have many computer groups and some libraries have resources too.

Thanks,  
Bob Smith  
SES Membership Coordinator

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The Southern Eagle Squadron is an AMA Chartered Radio Controlled Flying Club. Our field is located in the North Central Florida town of Lady Lake, adjacent to The Villages.

The history of the Southern Eagle Squadron [SES] dates back to the mid 1970's. SES is an active club with membership in excess of 100. The club leadership continuously arranges various events throughout the year including Club Meetings, Swap Meets, Social Gatherings (otherwise known as Food/Fly days), Fly-ins, and Family Days. SES cooperates with other local clubs in event planning as well.

## Learn How To Fly Program

We have a "Fly Before You Buy" program which is offered by Southern Eagle Squadron members. We offer **introductory no cost training flights** to individuals who are curious about RC model flying.

For those starting out, the purchase of a trainer airplane system, membership in the club and the required Academy of Model Aero-

nautics membership could total over \$500. Before you make that investment, you can **fly an SES trainer airplane with the assistance of an SES Instructor at no cost!**

Through the use of a student held "buddy box" controller, the instructor can allow the student full control of the airplane and allow them to get a genuine feel for the

experience. When needed the instructor can take control back with the flick of a switch on his controller and the flight continues.

If you are interested or have further questions, contact us and we'll coordinate time with a SES Instructor to meet you at the field so you can "FLY-BEFORE -YOU-BUY."

***FLYING IS FUN!***

***WE CAN SHOW***

***YOU HOW!***

