



# SES NEWS LETTER

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## March Newsletter

### Club Officers

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello and welcome to all the great members of our club. Here it is March with much warmer weather, beautiful skies, and while it brings some wind, so far, it hasn't hampered flying too much. We had a good club meeting for February with good attendance and good exchange of ideas on several topics, its great to see and hear the excitement coming from the attendees.

There's been a couple of new appointments made concerning the structure of the club. First, I'm happy to tell you that Tom Crawford has been named head of all introductions into the club and training for new members. Training is not just for new members but also for members that have been around for a while without flying and want to get checked out before the put their plane in the air again. This appointment and change in our structure offloads a big responsibility being handled by our very able Membership Coordinator Bob Smith, I'm ashamed to tell you I had no idea what an incredibly busy job Membership Coordinator is. Be sure to congratulate Tom when you see him and you might want to talk to him about being a flight

trainer.

The next appointment made is another very important move, Carl Angleberger, one of our past Presidents, has been named head of all activities and event planning for the club. Carl and I agree there is very little more important to the health of the club than activities, you never attend an event without coming away knowing another member of the club a little better.

Carl is a very capable leader and an asset to our club, he hit the ground running by planning our first fun fly for the last Saturday in March, the 28<sup>th</sup>, put it on your calendar. If you don't know him, find him and introduce yourself and thank him for taking on the role.

In conclusion I want you to know we're discussing the possibility of creating an area where the club members can race and enjoy their RC cars. We have a lot of work to do before we can move forward with this idea but we'll keep you posted and by the way, if you have comments pro or con please let me know.

Look forward to seeing every one of you at our next meeting scheduled for 21 March.

Bob Dane, President

Southern Eagle Squadron  
Lady Lake, Florida



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### Important Club News

The next SES General Meeting will be:  
**March 21, 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/>

# 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.

## Members Corner - Building a RC Plane

We have a new Newsletter feature this month to highlight member builds.

Building model airplanes used to BE the hobby, but with at advent of the “ARF” (Almost Ready to Fly) in the 90’s, and “BNF” foamies in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, building has taken a back seat to flying. But a few holdouts remain, and we’ll highlight them here from time to time. The first comes from our WebMaster – Jon Baker

### **Guillows Fokker Dr-1 Triplane**

I ran across this old Guillows kit at the recent LARK’s swap meet in Tavares. At \$10, I couldn’t pass it up. Believe it or not, this kit (#204) has been in continuous production since 1958! You can buy it today for \$112 (and I should have!), only today, it’s laser cut instead of die-“crushed”. I built many other little Guillows rubber-powered planes as a kid, but I don’t recall building anything this difficult. I am amazed at the planes I built as a kid, armed with nothing more than a tube of Ambroid and a razor blade. This little project challenged all 60 years of my building experience.

You’ll notice, it’s not covered in tissue and dope (although the kit included the tissue). Stevens Aeromodels sells “AeroLITE”, an iron-on covering that actually weighs less than tissue and dope. It’s also much easier to use.

I used Ecalc to select the propulsion, and Aloft and ValueHobby for the parts. By the way, this project is another argument against the old saw that you can’t build cheaper that you can buy. I have \$92 in the project, including covering and glue. And I got 3 weeks of building enjoyment out of the deal!

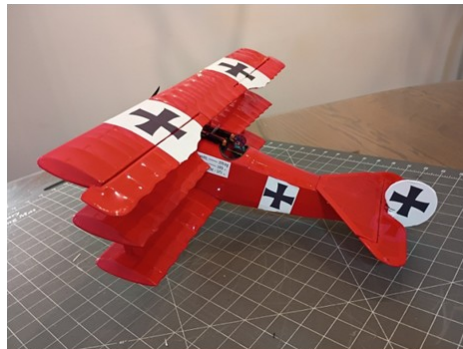
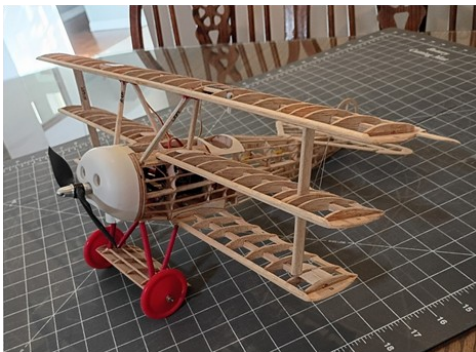
#### Total flight package:

39g	EMAX CF2812 KV1534 motor
13	Hobbywing FlyFun 12A ESC
8	Gemfan APC Style 7 x 5
18.4	(4) Torkstar SA-37 3.7g Metal Gear Sub-Micro Servos
4	Spectrum AR6100 DSM2
24.8g	Gforce 2s350-25 battery

Total weight came in a little heavy, at 9oz. I can never resist adding scale details, like the accurate instrument panel. I also used the kit plastic wheels, which are heavy. Balance came out a bit nose-heavy, which seemed odd. But I think it will fly without adding any ballast. Ecalc says it will be a moderately difficult flier, at a cubic wing loading of 9, with a stall speed of 16mph and climb rate of 962 feet per minute. It has a power-to-weight ratio 1.19:1, so it should loop easily from level flight. I disagree. I suspect it will be a VERY difficult flier!

And, no, I haven’t flown it yet. I like to look at them a while, while they’re still pretty! This one will need a perfectly calm day, anyway, and we all know how rare those are in Florida!

Jon Baker, your humble WebMaster



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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!***

