

SES NEWS LETTER



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month I want to honor one of our past Presidents and his wife Carol. Frank Mintz passed away last month and the model airplane hobby lost one of its longtime activists.

Frank was an avid builder of fine planes and rejected the onslaught of Styrofoam and plastic. He was an engine versus motor hobbyist and absolutely a reminder to all of us as to how it used to be.

Through the years, Frank took on many responsibilities with the club and served as our President from 2020 through 2024. Frank told us one Saturday at a monthly meeting that his leaving had nothing to do with wanting to but instead his battle with his health was taking a toll on doing the job for us that was so important to him.

Frank loved the club and gave us a lot, he took us through the FRIA certification process for

our flying fields and always kept us aligned with AMA.

Some of our most senior members spoke of Frank as the most conscientious leader we ever had. For me personally I admired his dedication to his faith, his church, to his family and to his country.

Frank's wife, Carol, served as our secretary for several years. You could find her busy with many tasks at our functions like picnics, fun flies, swap meets, our scheduled meetings, and was forever supportive of Frank and his challenges leading our club.

To say thank you to people like Frank and Carol is just not enough so we will remember them and always honor them and all they shared with us.

I have included a few pictures on page 3 in memory of Frank.

Bob Dane, your President.
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Southern Eagle Squadron
Lady Lake, Florida



R/C Flying - For Fun

Important Club News

MEETING NOTICE:

The next SES General Meeting will be: September, 26 2026 @ 10am

Recreation Plantation
Community Center

609 Co Rd 466, Lady Lake, FL 32159

(Corner of 466 and Rolling Acres Rd)

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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

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

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:

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.

In Tribute to Frank Mintz - Thank you for the memories you gave us





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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-

navics 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!***

