



SES NEWS LETTER

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September Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September is finally here with a little cooler mornings and evenings, like you I'm glad to see the gradual decline of the summer heat, it's been a hot one.

As most of you know we had an earlier than usual membership meeting Saturday September 5 in order to get approval from the members to proceed with a runway repair project, which was unanimous, more about this later.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the attendance by one of our early members of the club, William (Bill) Fuori, we've learned Bill's AMA number is 136 which was issued mid to late 1938 not long after the founding of AMA. Bill has a couple of planes and wants a little help getting to where he can solo again so he'll be working with Tom Crawford for a bit. Should you see him at the field please introduce yourself and welcome this legend back to our club.

So back to our runway project, as most of you know we have a problem with erosion under our fabric covered runway.

Before I go any further **I want to warn everyone to not walk on the runway as the damage is under the fabric and you can't see it**, some of the holes are deep and you could severely hurt yourself. If you must travel on the runway use tiny steps to find your way to your plane and return.

Several weeks ago we noticed severe erosion at the northeast corner of the runway. Brian Smith was ask to examine the damage and suggest remediation, Brian was asked because he has had a career in the construction industry and as far as I know the most knowledgeable person in the room and he didn't let us down.

Not only did he find more erosion at the initial site, he found damage extending west further up the hill.

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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: **October, 17 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.

After much discussion it was determined that replacement was a better alternative to repair. By going the replacement route we'll be able to give you a runway five feet wider and fifty feet longer with a better base layer, a superior underlayment, and superior fabric cover. The cost is high but still within the bounds of our emergency fund that we set up for this very purpose.

If all goes well, we expect to get underway mid to late October with the runway project.

We've set up a donation fund for this project to help rebuild the emergency fund. As of now the donations has reached \$2,100.00, if you can contribute anything to help please do, large or small the donation puts your fingerprints on our new runway. It's cash or check now to our treasurer and we're looking for ways to make it easier.

I can't thank Brian Smith enough for the work and research he's done for the club to support this effort. Brian will be the project manager for this effort and as we know it will require a lot of help and labor from the club membership. Task will be large and small from shoveling to going after lunch and keeping cold water available so let each member find their way to help.

It was great seeing all of you again at our meeting on the 5th, this will be the last year of the summer recess as we now have a cool and comfortable place to meet. Our next meeting will be October 17, 2026 and I look forward to seeing and visiting with each one of you then.

Bob Dane, your President.

Southern Eagle Fun Fly

You're Invited!

Saturday September 26th from 9 till noon

Southern Eagle Flying Field

Lunch will be provided from 11:00 till 12 noon. There will be Hamburgers on the grill. Bob Dane will supply Baked Beans.

Anyone who would like to bring a side dish would be appreciated!

Mike Millhorn will be the master of ceremonies and the coordinator of activities

If you're interesting in participating in the fun fly reach out to Carl Angleberger or Mike Millhorn.



Southern Eagle Swap Meet

November 7, 2026 8am—11am

To sign up, click on this link: [Swap Meet](#)

Southern Eagle Squadron Annual INDOOR R/C SWAP MEET TO BUY-SELL-TRADE

Saturday, Nov 7, 2026 8am-11am

PLANES – JETS – HELICOPTERS – DRONES - PARTS & ACCESSORIES

SouthernEagleSquadron.com/swap-meet-2026



**Recreation Plantation Community Center
609 Hwy 466, Lady Lake, FL 32159**

Contact Bob McWilliams bmcwilly@gmail.com

Reserve Table(s) \$15 ea. online with credit card

Free Admission

*** Vendor only set-up starts at 6:30am**



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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!***

