



Ocala Flying Model Club
1020 SE 110th Street
Ocala FL 34481



Sanctioned Club #2465

General Meeting at OFMC
Dom, Paul, Jesse, Pete, Nick

Aug. 12, 2023 10:00 am

Nick - Treasurer's Report - ending balance on Aug 11, \$50,700.37

Jesse,

- New lock on the gate - same code.
- 20oz water back in stock in the soda machine
- John Deere mowing unit fixed (twice) this month - thanks Art!
- AMA sent confirmation that our FRIA application has been submitted to the FAA
- Safety - don't retrieve aircraft in the field until everybody has landed. Don't take off if an aircraft is down and the pilot is going out to get it.
- Mike Young, a previous OFMC President and long time member has passed away - no services planned.

Motion by member to have the club provide free dues to BOD members for 2024 similar to the mowing team members that mow 10 or more times during the year. Motion seconded, a ballot will be emailed out.

Volunteers Needed:

- Art will be traveling more so we will need help with mower maintenance (thanks again to Art).
- Mowing teams will have some vacancies for the 2024 season, see Ralph Rowe or Jesse if you can mow two mornings a month (one Tuesday, one Friday) during the growing season. Mowing volunteers earn a 10% reduction in renewal dues each time they mow. Mow 10 or more times and pay no dues for the following year.
- The Board of Directors will have openings for the 2024 positions at Field Safety Marshal and Secretary. The Field Marshal's main duty is getting fuel a couple times a month during the mowing season and helping with Safety when at the field. The Secretary takes notes at the BOD/General Member meetings, compiles the volunteer (mowing) time sheets, and keeps the membership roster up to date (basic computer skills are helpful).

FAA Update - Mark H. : The EPA site survey waiver given to FRIA applications is speeding up the process for approving fixed flying sites. We may not know until the Sept. 16 deadline is closer as to our application approval or if the FAA will issue an extension on the 'remote ID' deadline. Watch the OFMC homepage for further updates. **IMPORTANT NOTES:** The FAA have been actively enforcing regulations with the help of local law enforcement. Some of the fines for violations is staggering so it is highly recommended to know and comply with all of the FAA regulations for recreational flyers. SEE PAGE TWO for the rules.

12 O'clock High Event is Sept. 15-17. See Jesse if would like to participate and/or volunteer to help out.

New OFMC logo gear is coming! Coffee Mugs, Shirts, and Hats. See Jesse to order your limited edition logo items today. The prices are low and the quality is fantastic.



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FAA reference:

https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_flyers

What are the Rules for Recreational Flyers?

The Exception for Limited Recreational Operations of Unmanned Aircraft (USC 44809) is the law that describes how, when, and where you can fly drones for recreational purposes. Following these rules helps keep people, your drone and our airspace safe:

Fly only for recreational purposes (personal enjoyment).

Follow the safety guidelines of an FAA-recognized Community Based Organization (CBO).
For more information on how to become an FAA-recognized CBO, read Advisory Circular 91-57C.

Keep your drone within the visual line of sight or use a visual observer who is co-located (physically next to) and in direct communication with you.

Give way to and do not interfere with other aircraft.

Fly at or below FAA-authorized altitudes in controlled airspace (Class B, C, D, and surface Class E designated for an airport) only with prior FAA authorization by using LAANC or DroneZone.

Fly at or below 400 feet in Class G (uncontrolled) airspace.

Note: Anyone flying a drone in the U.S. National Airspace System (NAS) is responsible for flying within the FAA guidelines and regulations. That means it is up to you as a drone pilot to know the rules: Where Can I Fly?

Take The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST) and carry proof of test passage when flying.

Have a current FAA registration, mark (PDF) your drones on the outside with the registration number, and carry proof of registration with you when flying.

Note: Beginning September 16, 2023, if your drone requires an FAA registration number it will also be required to broadcast Remote ID information (unless flown within a FRIA). For more information on drone registration, visit How to Register Your Drone.

Do not operate your drone in a manner that endangers the safety of the national airspace system.