



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



Sanctioned Club #2465

BOD July Meeting at OFMC
Jesse, Dom, Paul, Nick, Pete

Nov. 8, 2023 5:00 pm

Jesse,

- A new wind sock has been ordered
- The well needs a new pressure tank - anyone with plumbing experience contact Jesse to help with the install
- Nick, Dom, Jesse, and Mike H. (mowing coordinator 2024) attended the FL Greenways Volunteer Appreciation luncheon. Great food and people, a very enjoyable lunch. Thanks Greenways!
- IMAC event on Oct 14 and 15 received numerous complaints from the dump staff (planes flying overhead).
- Oct 28, neighbor behind the heli-field complained that gliders were flying over her house.

Nick

- Nick will be at the meeting early and stay late to process 2024 membership renewals. You can pay cash or check on Saturday and receive your badge immediately. You need to have a 2024 or beyond AMA expiration. Note, all renewals received by Nov 8 have had their badges sent out - 'it's in the mail'.

Paul

- **Flying beyond the main field boundaries, the mowed area of the heli-field, or above 400' are violations that will result in a 30 day suspension. As FAA defined recreational flyers, we cannot fly over people or moving vehicles under any circumstances (period).**

In case you need more convincing...

- We are not allowed to fly over roadways, walkways, trails, and private property since we cannot prevent someone (or moving vehicle) from entering the area under the aircraft while it's operating (also, no flying over power lines or people mowing).
- RC pilots must ensure, in the event of a loss of signal or mechanical failure, the aircraft poses no risk to persons or property.
- According to FAA regulations, having a FRIA or a Remote ID Module does not remove these regulations.

OFMC areas of concern...

The dump - multiple calls from their staff during the IMAC event and also on a regular flying day (jet).
The neighbors - the gliders were flying over the 'horse farm' neighborhood and received a complaint.
Flying above 400' is not permitted regardless of aircraft type.

Again, since we are unable to guarantee that a resident, realtor, and horse or maintenance staff aren't outside in the areas beyond our field (classified by the FAA as non-participants), flying beyond our property is strictly forbidden. Note: Even Part 107 Licensed, commercial operators have very strict limitations when flying over people/property. FAA certified pilots must use a 'safety risk-based approach to ensure that':

- 1) Under the possibility of catastrophic failure of the aircraft, there is no risk to persons or damage to property.*
- 2) All flying sites must have restricted or limited access to prevent persons unaware of RC aircraft operating overhead, from entering the area.**