

**PALM BEACH RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION**



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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



The new field is finally open, so now what do we do? We fly of course. Its time to enjoy the results of all the hard work the club has put in to make Palm Beach Downs a reality.

Speaking of all the hard work, I would like to thank the members that showed up on the "working weekends" to get the field ready to go. I would also like to thank Walt, Doug and especially Steve for their efforts above and beyond the call of duty to make this happen. As I said in my very first Presidents Message, "our membership is our greatest asset".

Having said all that, remember that the work is not complete. There are still quite a few loose ends that we will be tidying up over the next few weekends. Please be patient if we are working in the pits or if there is a short wait while the sprinklers are being run.

Here is a parting shot of Kraft Field as we locked the gates for the last time.



Someone did remember to lock the gate, right? “:O)  
See you at the Field,  
Ray

To: Walt Dreyfus From: Tony Stillman Date: 2007/04/24 Tue PM 03:59:10 EDT

Subject: **Congratulations on AMA Flying Site Grant**

Sir: I would like to congratulate the Palm Beach Radio Control Association for being awarded a flying Site improvement grant from AMA!! You can find more details on the front page of the AMA website at [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org).

Tony Stillman, President, District V  
Radio South 3702 N. Pace Blvd Pensacola, FL 32505 1-800-962-7802 [www.radiosouthrc.com](http://www.radiosouthrc.com)

# PALM BEACH RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION



## GENERAL MEETING APRIL 12, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM  
New members and guests were introduced.  
The March minutes were approved as read.  
The Treasures report was read.

### OLD BUSINESS

Election was held Pete Ferris and Walt Dreyfus are the nominating committee

President

- Ray Murtha

Vice President

- Doug Christensen

Treasurer

- Woody Rackoff

Secretary

- Walt Dreyfus

Newsletter Editor

- Steve Westervelt

Safety Officer

- Ben Perreau

Chief Training Instructor

- Robert Thompson

Director

- Alex Moreno

Past President

- Howard Kelem

The Board of directors is still looking into using Roberts's rules light

Alex talked about the Warbird event on May 12, 2007.

### NEW BUSINESS

- April 14, 9 am pilots meeting
- First flight to be done by board of directors
- Remember all fuel must be trapped in a container. No fuel is to hit the ground
- There is a 30 day spotter rule ending May 14
- There will be no turbines flown during a burn ban.
- No turbines will be flown after the burn ban is lifted until a test flight has been made
- Fire extinguishers will be placed at 4 locations at the field.
- All members must sign form that they understand safety rules before they can fly.

Raffle was held.

MEETING ADJOURNED 9.10 P/M

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
WALT DREYFUS SECRETARY**

June 14 2007 General meeting 7:30 PM South County Civic Center 16700 Jog Road

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The club will be hosting a group of young teens for a Project Helping Hands session on **Wednesday, June 20th**. This will be the first PHH event at our new field. Volunteers are needed for the Delta Dart building and Buddy Box flying. The session will run from 9 am till 12 noon.

Club members who want to help out at this event can contact Doug Christensen at: [doug@palmbeachrc.com](mailto:doug@palmbeachrc.com) or myself at: [arty@palmbeachrc.com](mailto:arty@palmbeachrc.com) for further information. **Arty Mundell, Project coordinator**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

**Ransom Fairchild  
Mornel Alexis  
Hector Betancourt  
Keith MacBride  
Edgardo Ramos  
James Threlkeld  
Aaron Khan  
Lee Montgomery**



### "Editors Corner"

First of all, we won! How about that! \$4745.00 awarded to us by the AMA for the new field. Very nice, this will help with the "finishing touches" that are yet to come. Added to the trainers and flight Sims we are on a roll... But now as always back to real events. Flight Safety in our new home, a hot topic before we moved in, seems like all the warnings have paid off. Things are really going well at the new site. All members were advised many times how important it will be to do it right and so far you all are "on the stick" or "flying tight and doing it right" could be our new slogan, practiced by all. Thank you. We will need to continue on this path as more and more people are hearing about our field and how great it is to be part of our club. Only a few "minor adjustments" have had to be addressed, as expected in a new facility of this size with so many great new experiences for all. Stand by for there is still more work to be done and coming soon...

*SBW*

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**May 10 2007 General meeting 7:30PM  
South County Civic Center 16700 Jog Road**

**May 12 WARBIRDS OVER THE GLADES**

Wednesday May 16 2007 Board Meeting  
7:00 PM COCONUT GROVE WATER PARK

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# FIELD PICS – AND FROM THE FIRST FLIGHT TO ETERNITY...

PHOTOS BY ARTY



**FROM THE FLIGHT PREP TO FIRST TAKEOFF, ALL BOARD MEMBERS TOOK PART TO LAND OUR FIRST FLIGHT!  
AND SINCE THEN IT'S ALL BEEN GREAT...WELL MOST OF IT, MOST OF THE TIME!**



**AND THERE WILL BE MANY MORE GREAT DAYS... SEND ME YOUR PHOTOS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS AHEAD!!**

**AND MAKE SURE YOU ATTEND OR VOLUNTEER TO HELP ALEX! GIVE HIM A CALL!  
THIS IS OUR FIRST BIG EVENT AT THE NEW FIELD!**



## **WARBIRDS Over the Glades**

**A W.M.W.A Warbird Fly-In**

**Saturday, May 12, 2007**

**Contest Director: Alex Acuti**

954-718-1449 or [SpitfireLuckyB@yahoo.com](mailto:SpitfireLuckyB@yahoo.com)

for more information, visit our website at [www.palmbeachRC.com](http://www.palmbeachRC.com)

## THIS MONTH'S SAFETY UPDATE WRITTEN BY OUR SAFETY COORDINATOR,



[Ben Perreau](#)

### Safety Corner

Rule #15 of the Safety Rules states that *“No flying south of the extended southern edge of the runway in both directions. Flying over the pilot stations, paddock, spectator area or parking area will not be tolerated at any time. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in suspension of flying privileges and/or membership termination.”*

This is a key rule to minimize the risks of accident and I will ask all Safety Officer (or anybody else + witness) to quickly report any infraction to the above. There will not be much tolerance on this rule and your flying privilege will be suspended if it happens.

Having over 400 club members' means that the pits will now be a very busy area and respect of the above rule is paramount to our safety.

Couple of the things that I plan to do in the short term:

- Contact neighborhood fire station and indicate our field location to them.
- Ask for short training to be provided during one of club meeting on how to address emergency situations, such as cardiac issues or heavy bleeding while waiting for the ambulance to show-up. We should all know what to do.
- Establish a Yahoo Group email distribution list dedicated and restricted to the Safety Officers to easily communicate any observations / infractions / accidents / crash reports.

Till next time, be safe!

Ben

**PS: We still need some volunteers to sign-up for acting as FSC (Field Safety Controller). If you are willing to help, please send me an email at [ben@palmbeachrc.com](mailto:ben@palmbeachrc.com) together with your normal flying day & time.**

## AND NOW...

### SKIPS TIPS

### Composites vs. Wood

This month we will talk about composite ARF vs. wood ARF's. Most of us have flown and built wood kits and ARF. Most pilots who have flown wood and composites prefer the composites. I have flown everything from heli's to jets, and everything in between. What I have found out over the years, is you get what you pay for! Now with this said, let's get into composites vs. wood.

Composites are the top of the line, or higher end aircraft. The craftsmanship is second to none. They have stronger airframes and can handle more "G's" than their wooden brothers. Almost all composites come painted in the mold and they have several schemes to choose from. Or if you do not like what is available you can order one all white and paint your own scheme, the choice is up to you. Composites take less time to build and are far better choice for 3D maneuvers. They come in all shapes and sizes from small electrics all the way up to 40% & 50% aircraft. Now for the downfalls for the composites: The first is price, they range in price from about \$400 for a small 40 size composite all the way up to several thousand dollars. They are harder to fix and less forgiving on crashes and hard landings. Lastly for repairing composites, they need to be sanded, filled and repainted, and that can take weeks.

On the other hand, wooden airplanes ARF's are cheaper and easier to fix than the composites. Wooden airplanes can generally be built in just a few days. After hard landings or crashes all you need is CA, balsa wood, and some iron-on covering and your plane is fixed. If you fly a composite you will not want to go back to wood. It's like driving a Formula One racecar vs. pick-up truck.

Now I'm not telling you to go out and buy a composite aircraft, before you do that I would recommend that you be a proficient pilot. If you are flying aerobatics, and your current plane is wood, it's time to make the change to a composite. If you ask anyone who has flown, they will tell you composites are the best. I still have and fly wooden airplanes myself, wood is still more affordable to purchase and less expensive to repair. I just prefer composites.

P.S. This is just a brief description of what is out there, check out websites, like [www.bvmprops.com](http://www.bvmprops.com) and [www.compositearf.com](http://www.compositearf.com)



Until then, keep it flying... See you at the flight line



**IN E- MAIL TO OUR CLUB PRESIDENT RAY, THIS REQUEST ARRIVED. HE FORWARDED IT TO ALL OF US:**

Steve,

I made these links to make it easy for someone to get to the donation pages. I've also attached a copy of Denny's letter.

Link to the General Donation Page:

[https://secure2.convio.net/avon/site/Donation?ACTION=SHOW\\_DONATION\\_OPTIONS&CAMPAIGN\\_ID=1763&JServSessionIdr007=c4q81a0x09.app28b](https://secure2.convio.net/avon/site/Donation?ACTION=SHOW_DONATION_OPTIONS&CAMPAIGN_ID=1763&JServSessionIdr007=c4q81a0x09.app28b)

Link to Julie Williams-Hoffman's Personal Page:

[http://info.avonfoundation.org/site/TR?px=3244018&pg=personal&fr\\_id=1282](http://info.avonfoundation.org/site/TR?px=3244018&pg=personal&fr_id=1282)

**Thanks**

**Ray**

**From:** dennisandjoan@ bellsouth.net

**To:** ray@palmbeachrc. com

**Sent:** Sunday, April 29, 2007 9:16 AM

**Subject:** Sunday April 29th.

Ray. Would you kindly take a moment to read the attached and do you think the club would consider making a donation?

Thanks. The new field is really GREAT.

Regards. Denny Williams. (Transplant from the Condors)

### THE AVON WALK. BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

As you read this letter it will become obvious the commitment our daughter Julie has made to this cause to which she has already raised over \$2,500.00. Walking long distances should not present a problem to her as most weeks she walks from Chicago to Miami 3 times and sometimes to LA. And back!!!(She's a Flight Attendant for American Airlines.) All kidding aside if you can make a donation of any amount to this great cause it will be appreciated. When you make a donation, will you let us know so that Julie can send you a "Thank You".



Dear Friends;

I've recently made a very big decision – to walk the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer event in Chicago on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. I'll walk to help the more than 200,000 people in the United States who will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, in memory of the more than 40,000 people who will die of it, and in honor of my dear friend Win Mendell who is a six month breast cancer survivor.

**Here's my commitment:** I will spend the next few months getting in shape to walk the distance of a complete marathon (26.6 miles) on one day, followed by another half-marathon (13.1 miles) on the next day – a total of almost 40 miles! In addition, I am committed to raising at least \$1,800. In donations. That's the Avon Walk – quite a challenge, yes! Please help me to reach my goal. The money we raise goes to five crucial areas: Awareness and education, screening and diagnosis, treatment, support services, and scientific research. You can make a donation directly online with a credit card by visiting my "Personal Page" on the Avon Walk website at [www.avonwalk.org](http://www.avonwalk.org) (just click on "Donate" and follow the easy instructions). If you'd prefer to write a check, just let me know and I'll send you a Donation Coupon. Your donation, combined with hundreds of thousands of others, will send millions of dollars to breast cancer organizations in the Chicago area and across the country. Often, these funds literally save lives. While making an invaluable contribution to those who desperately need it, your gift to the Avon Walk will be tax-deductible and responsibility managed by the Avon Foundation, 501 (c) (3) public charity. At the same time, you will be showing your support of my efforts, for which I'm extremely grateful. Everybody wins!

Thank you,

Julie Williams-Hoffman

Walker number 733845

[https://secure2.convio.net/avon/site/Donation?ACTION=SHOW\\_DONATION\\_OPTIONS&CAMPAIGN\\_ID=1763&JServSessionIdr007=c4q81a0x09.app28b](https://secure2.convio.net/avon/site/Donation?ACTION=SHOW_DONATION_OPTIONS&CAMPAIGN_ID=1763&JServSessionIdr007=c4q81a0x09.app28b)

# LOCAL HOBBY SHOPS

## Craft House

561-683-0764

1379 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach  
1-95 to Belvedere Road, travel west to  
Military Trail. Travel north on Military  
M-F 9:30-6:30 Sat 9:30-5:30 Sun 12-4

## G&C Hobbies

561-547-3812

[www.gnchobbies.com](http://www.gnchobbies.com)

1228 Hypoluxo Road. I-95 to Hypoluxo Road, exit  
East. The store is ¼ mile on *the south side!*  
M-Sat 10-6, Sun closed

## Belzers Hardware Store

561-391-7977

3198 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton  
I-95 to Yamato Road. Exit east to Federal Hwy. South  
on Federal Hwy. Store is on east side of Federal  
Highway  
M-F 8-6 Sat 8-5 Sun 11-4

## Radio Controlled Revolution

561-684-2772

2275 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. Suite A  
West Palm Beach, FL 33409  
Northwest corner of Palm Beach Lakes and  
Okeechobee next to Sound Advice  
[www.rcrevo.com](http://www.rcrevo.com)

## Ready Heli

Jennifer Greco

354 Cypress Dr. # 7

Tequesta, Fl. 33469

Phone number 561-575-1118

[Sales@readyheli.com](mailto:Sales@readyheli.com)

## RC Boca Hobbies

561-483-2540 Email: [JR@RCBoca.com](mailto:JR@RCBoca.com)

561-483-2541 WEB [www.rcboca.com](http://www.rcboca.com)

20449 State Road 7 (Mission Bay Plaza) Boca  
Raton in LA Fitness Courtyard Area  
M-W-R 11am-7pm F 11am-6pm Sat  
10am-6pm Sun 10am-5pm

## RC Hobbies

954-721-5720

<mailto:www.rchobbies.net>

6800 N. University Drive, Tamarac  
I-95 to Cypress Creek exit. West to University  
Drive. Southeast corner of University and  
McNab Road. Or take 441 to Sample Road, west  
to University and south to McNab. (Cypress  
Creek turns into McNab)  
M-F 9-8 Wed Closed Sat 10-5 Sun 10-3

## Southeast RC Hobbies

954-978-6050

1901 West Copans Road, Pompano Beach  
I-95 to Copans Road. Go west. Store right  
before Intersection to Powerline. Store on north  
side of road. Or take Lyons road to Copans, turn  
east. Store located just past Powerline  
intersection.

[www.southeastrc.com](http://www.southeastrc.com)

MWRF - 11-7 SAT 10-5 SUN 11-4 TUE  
Closed

[www.southeastrc.com](http://www.southeastrc.com)

## Marc's Amateur Radio Center

### RC Toy Store

2900 E. Commercial Blvd.

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308

954 609-0099

Marc Freedman WD4AAS

As we moved to the new field I made a request for the names of the members that were with us "in spirit" at Kraft Field and made the effort to bring them with us. I again am asking for the names of those members from any one that has knowledge of who they were so as to be able to give their memorials recognition. I installed our new brick paver walkway entrance path on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>. This now gives us an opportunity to install memorial bricks engraved with their names. We can also offer families and pilots a place to "lay down their brick" in our new path as we are "on our path in our new home". E-mail any info or questions that you might have, so I can reach my goal for this "Walk of Fame" in our club. Thank you, together we can get this done! **STEVE**