

PBRCA – Who We Are

Like me you have probably wondered how our club was started, how long we have been in the park, and what type of entity we are. From the memories of a few long-time members, the Palm Beach Radio Control Association or PBRCA was formed when three South Florida flying clubs came together to negotiate a proposed flying site as part of the newly developed West Delray Regional Park. According to Seth Sterling, the Palm Beach Skyhawks, Gold Coast Radio Controllers, and Broward Condors who were all about to lose their flying sites, came together as one entity with one voice to work with the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation to establish R/C flying at the park. PBRCA was formed in 2006 and got a permit to use a portion of the new park for club activities. West Delray Regional Park opened Friday, October 19, 2007, and PBRCA as one of the featured attractions of the park. According to the SunSentinel article covering the opening day events *“Club members Stuart Rosenberg, Jerry Cohen, and Bucky Winokur were among those attending the dedication, prior to putting their planes with wingspans anywhere from 50" to 108" in the air to demonstrate their flying skills.”*

Today, we continue to enjoy the company of “original” PBRCA members like Tommy, Seth, and Arty pictured at right.



From left: Tommy was with the Condors and Seth and Arty flew with the Gold Coast Radio Controllers and the Palm Beach Skyhawks

PBRCA is a Florida registered nonprofit organization (corporation) that is recognized by the IRS as a tax-exempt organization per §501(c)(3). To be tax-exempt an organization must be organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes set forth in §501(c)(3), and none of its earnings may inure to any private shareholder or individual. Exempt purposes include the following: charitable, religious, educational, scientific, literary, testing for public safety, fostering national or international amateur sports competition, and preventing cruelty to children or animals.

Subject to the limitations in PBRCA’s Articles of Incorporation, the primary objective of the club is to:

- foster educational and technical advancement in model aeronautics,
- give recognition to aircraft modeling leadership, and
- provide guidance and direction in model aeronautics by those individuals, who through their accomplishments in the model field, have demonstrated their qualifications.

More specific purposes are listed below, but are not to be considered all inclusive:

- To encourage, through recognition, leadership in all phases of model building and activities.
- To keep modelers informed through publication of news bulletins.
- To solicit interested organizations and individuals for support of education and development needs related to model aeronautics, etc.
- To establish and maintain official records and contests in accordance with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

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- To have as its Mission: “Of, by, and for Model Builders of All Ages.”

To the extent our activities align with the club’s objectives we will satisfy both the state of Florida’s corporate operating requirements for nonprofit organizations and the tax-exempt requirements of the IRS (since we would be operating exclusively for exempt purposes).

In closing, we enjoy a great R/C flying club and terrific facilities thanks, in large part, to our “founders” to whom we owe a debt of gratitude.

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