

# FLIGHTLINE

NEWSLETTER OF THE PALM BEACH RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION

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ONE OF THE LARGEST AMA CLUBS IN AMERICA

Spring 2025



*The Palm Beach Radio Control Association*  
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*Membership Meeting Dates!*  
*Second Saturday of Every Month*  
*ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE*

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<i>April</i>	<i>12<sup>th</sup>, 2025</i>	<i>10:00 AM at Westervelt Field</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>10<sup>th</sup>, 2025</i>	<i>10:00 AM at Westervelt Field</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>14<sup>th</sup>, 2025</i>	<i>10:00 AM at Westervelt Field</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Summer break</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Summer break</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>13<sup>th</sup>, 2025</i>	<i>10:00 AM at Westervelt Field</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>11<sup>th</sup>, 2025</i>	<i>10:00 AM at Westervelt Field</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>8<sup>th</sup>, 2025</i>	<i>10:00 AM at Westervelt Field</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>13<sup>th</sup>, 2025</i>	<i>10:00 AM at Westervelt Field</i>

*For more information and upcoming events please visit the Calendar page of the  
PBRCA Website*

<https://www.palmbeachrc.com/calendar>

**A FRIA approved club (FAA-Recognized Identification Area)**



# **John Scaduto**

## **President/Webmaster/Newsletter Editor**

In the spirit of transparency and keeping you up to date, I wanted to provide an update on the status of Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) affecting our club and flying field.

On Monday, 3/24, I had a voice-to-voice conversation with Tyler Dobbs, the **Interim Executive Director** and **Senior Director of Government Affairs at the AMA**. We discussed the current situation regarding TFRs and PBRCA. Unfortunately, due to the current state of affairs when it comes to high level security, the Secret Service remains unwilling to grant us a permanent or ongoing waiver when a Presidential TFR is issued. That said, we remain confident that our waiver requests for sanctioned flying events will continue to be approved, and Tyler echoed this confidence.

One important piece of new information from my discussion with him concerns the waiver request process. Instead of submitting requests directly to the FAA/Secret Service, we can send them to Tyler and the AMA, who will then submit the request on our behalf. This streamlines the process and ensures we have proper representation.

As club president, I would serve as the point of contact, and an email loop would be established between all parties (AMA, Secret Service, FAA, and PBRCA). If the Secret Service needed to reach us for any reason, they would contact me directly.

Even better, we don't have to wait for a TFR to be officially issued before requesting a waiver. The AMA works closely with the Secret Service, and waiver requests are typically submitted about a week to a week and a half before a sanctioned event. This helps alleviate the stress of last-minute submissions. With that in mind, I have already provided the necessary information for our *Helis Over the Glades* event in a couple of weeks.

While this process improves how we request TFR waivers, the reality remains the same: whenever a TFR is issued, PBRCA must comply and temporarily close the field. With the current presidential term just beginning, we hope that, over time, restrictions may ease, and we might see some flexibility.

Be sure to come out to the field this weekend 4/4 to 4/6, 2025 for the Second Annual Helis Over the Glades! Check the website for more information: [www.palmbeachrc.com](http://www.palmbeachrc.com)

PBRCA continues to be a "Gold Leader" club with the AMA and our status is in place from now to February 2026; everyone keep up the good work. See our certificate here: [Gold Leader Club](#).

See you at the field!

John



## A note from the PBRCA Board of Directors

The PBRCA BOD would like to take a moment to thank Wes Baker and other club volunteers for their recent efforts to provide much-needed repairs to our field. Their hard work and dedication have made a significant impact, ensuring our facilities remain in great shape for all members to enjoy.

Wes led the charge on several key projects, dedicating his own time, effort, and money to improving our field. He repaired the carport leg posts on two separate occasions, fixed the pump and water lines to help us maintain our new sod, and replaced a valve underneath the pilot stand before filling it back in with asphalt. These efforts directly benefit all members, and we owe Wes a huge thank you for his generosity and hard work.

While Wes spearheaded these projects, he wasn't alone—several other members also stepped up to assist, and their contributions are greatly appreciated as well. They know who they are, and their willingness to lend a hand makes a real difference. This is a great example of what can be accomplished when members take the initiative to help maintain and improve our club. If you see Wes or any of the others who contributed, be sure to thank them for their efforts!

It's because of volunteers and paying club members that we're able to maintain such a great facility. If you know of any non-paying pilots using our field, please encourage them to join the club. Membership dues help cover essential costs, and the more support we have, the better we can maintain and enhance our flying sites for everyone to enjoy.

## ***Tom Severino***

### ***Vice President***

#### Flight line Etiquette

We have a great flying field, often times we have four planes in the air at one time, communication is key. When flying with other pilots, always call out your intentions and clearly acknowledge other's intentions, taking off, landing, low pass, and touch and go. Some airplanes can take off in less than 10 ft, don't be tempted to take off from the taxiway, you may be flying into someone's established pattern.

Flying multiple airplanes with drastically different performance characteristics (trainer/turbine) can pose hazards to both, sometimes better to wait. If you have a less-than-optimal landing, clear the runway first before "looking at your transmitter" and announce when the runway is clear. Safe and happy flying for everyone.



# *Princeton Rose*

## *Treasurer*

2025 - Off to an awesome start!

We are already four months into 2025; shocking indeed. I am happy to report that club finances remain stable and strong, and our operating expenses remain in line with expectations and, most important, fully covered by membership dues. Again, thanks for your financial support, without which we would be unable to provide the facilities and amenities that we use and depend on both at, and away from, our awesome flying sites.

Our 2025 3D Over the Glades and Swap Meet were successful events and funds raised replenished club coffers. As of this writing, we completed a significant improvement project at the fixed-wing field – installing asphalt pads under three carpports and installing an asphalt walkway along the West carpports to the tarmac by the Press Box. This paving project also provided a solution for the water pooling by the West side of the Press Box. Our carpports at both flying sites were also power washed, and our water pump and irrigation system were repaired.

Resurfacing our 600ft runway will be necessary in the not-too-distant future and we have established a **“Runway Restoration Fund”** for this significant and important project for the club and our parks department partner. Other long-term improvement projects include replacing worn sections of the floor and walls of the Press Box. All this to say that we are off and running.



Happy flying and continue enjoying this awesome hobby!

Princeton



# David Spielman

## Secretary and Membership Chair

Time sure is flying even if we can't. We've experienced quite a few TFRs so far this year and I'm the person sending out notifications. I wish I didn't have to. Every single person in our club has been great at resisting the temptation of breaking the law and flying on our fields. You all have been wonderful and supportive of this difficult situation we have been forced into. Meanwhile in the background John Scaduto, our president has been working with the AMA and Tyler Dobbs to make sure our event's go uninterrupted. I'm a big fan of his approach here and am very optimistic that we will have our events uninterrupted.

There's an advantage to having a large club. We influence the AMA leadership, leverage more expensive field improvements and have bigger sponsored flying events. The only disadvantage I see is the delay in me getting your laminated membership badges in the mail. To solve this, I've started sending out temporary badges that you can print and wear just like the laminated ones—plus, they include our club events! This allows me to get them to you much faster, without waiting to print in batches, laminate cards, print address labels, and mail everything. I'll handle that process later, but in the meantime, you'll receive your membership card via email. When you're at the field, ask one of the board members for a plastic badge holder so you can proudly display your membership card.

I'm refreshing our member cards too, so your name and club logo stand out. We needed a change, and I was a little bored of the "same old thing". That happens after printing out a few hundred cards. Here's my first try, so expect to see something new when you renew. Did I mention the QR code that brings you to join and renew? It's there to make it easier to recruit new members and renew when your membership is about to expire. We are now 255 members strong! Please check your card and renew.



My new temporary card in a badge holder...cool.



# ***Gary Hoffman***

## ***Chief Safety Officer***

### Safety Report

We have had no significant safety issues recently. I would like to remind everyone of 5 important points to follow, I briefed everyone at the 3D event of these and please follow these in addition to the standard AMA guidelines.

- 1) Please fly from BEHIND the fence, not in front, no exceptions.
- 2) Direct the energy of your aircraft away from you and the others. Fly fast as you wish, North, East, or West, but not South.
- 3) Kill the engine in those 3 directions above, NOT while taxiing South.
- 4) Do not walk out onto the runway and grab your rudder while hovering.
- 5) Loudly state your intentions.

# ***Jon Gerber***

## ***Chief Training Officer***

# ***Seth Sterling***

## ***Director***



# FEATURE ARTICLES

## **Top RC Airplane Retailers: A Guide to Choosing and Buying** By Kyle Hilson

RC airplanes have become a popular hobby for many enthusiasts around the world. With so many types of RC airplanes available, from basic trainer planes to advanced models for experienced pilots, there is something for everyone in this hobby. For those looking to purchase an RC airplane, choosing the right retailer is essential. In this article, we will explore the top RC airplane retailers, offer tips for choosing the best one for your specific needs, and provide advice on how to buy an RC airplane from a retailer.

### RC Airplane Retailers: Picks and How to Buy from Them

There are a plethora of RC airplane retailers on the market, and it can be challenging to choose the right one without doing proper research. Below, we've compiled a list of some of the top RC airplane retailers along with their specialties and unique offerings. We've also included some benefits and drawbacks to shopping at these retailers along with information on how to purchase an RC airplane from each retailer. Here are the top retailers for RC airplanes:

- HobbyKing: HobbyKing is a popular online RC hobby store that offers a vast selection of RC airplanes and parts. Their website features customer reviews and helpful product videos to assist purchasers with their buying decision. They offer international shipping, but shipping times vary.
- Horizon Hobby: Horizon Hobby specializes in a wide range of hobbies, including RC airplanes. They also offer a diverse range of products, such as drones, boats, and helicopters. The company has an easy-to-use website and provides its customers with excellent customer service. However, their products are a bit more expensive compared to other retailers.
- Tower Hobbies: Tower Hobbies is another popular online RC airplane retailer that features a wide selection of planes and parts. They offer a lifetime return policy and free standard shipping for orders over \$99. However, their product selection might not be as extensive as some other retailers'.
- Amazon: Amazon, the giant online retailer, carries a variety of RC airplane models and parts. Their website allows customers to filter their search based on customer ratings and other criteria.



Amazon's customer service and returns policy are reliable, but the vast selection of RC airplane models may not always be available.





There are many other popular RC airplane retailers to choose from and include Motion RC, NitroPlanes, and Chief Aircraft.

What are some benefits and drawbacks to shopping at RC airplane retailers like HobbyKing, Horizon Hobby, Tower Hobbies, and Amazon?

Benefits of shopping at RC airplane retailers like HobbyKing, Horizon Hobby, Tower Hobbies, and Amazon include access to a wide range of products, competitive pricing, and

convenience. Drawbacks include potential shipping delays, difficulty with returns, and the limited ability to physically inspect products before purchase.

### Tips for Finding the Best RC Airplane Retailers

When it comes to choosing a retailer for RC airplanes, there are some essential factors to consider. Here are some things to think about when selecting a retailer for your RC airplane:

- **Customer Reviews:** Reading customer reviews can be a helpful way to determine if a retailer is reputable and reliable.
- **Reputation:** Consider the retailer's reputation in the industry and their track record for providing quality products and services.
- **Availability of Parts:** Make sure the retailer you choose carries replacement parts and accessories for the RC airplane you intend to purchase.
- **Affordability:** Compare prices from different retailers to ensure you're getting a good deal but also keep in mind that the cheapest option may not always be the best quality.

While finding the right RC airplane retailer can be a daunting task, there are some common pitfalls you can avoid making the process easier. Avoid purchasing an RC airplane from an unknown source or seller, as these products might not be of good quality and may not come with a warranty. Be wary of purchasing an RC airplane solely based on appearance, as it may not have the features or capabilities you need.

Engaging with other hobbyists and joining online communities can be a great way to find reputable RC airplane retailers. Ask for recommendations and reviews from other hobbyists and take advantage of forums and social media to connect with people who share your interests. Additionally, look for retailers that offer valuable resources and information on their website or through their customer service, such as FAQs, tutorials, and troubleshooting guides.

What are some common pitfalls to avoid when choosing an RC airplane retailer?



Some common pitfalls to avoid when choosing an RC airplane retailer include lack of customer support, limited product selection, pricing that is too good to be true, and unreliable shipping options.

Ensuring a successful purchase from an RC airplane retailer

Once you have found a reputable RC airplane retailer and have decided on the model you want to purchase, it's important to follow some steps to ensure you get the best product for your needs:

- Research the RC airplane model you want to purchase to ensure it meets your requirements. Consider your experience level, preferred flying style, and the features you are looking for in a plane.
- Check the availability of replacement parts and accessories for your RC airplane. This can be important if you need to repair or upgrade your plane in the future.
- Compare prices from different retailers to ensure you get the best deal. Keep in mind that price isn't always an indicator of quality, but it can be a helpful way to narrow down your options.
- Read product reviews and watch demonstration videos to get a better sense of the RC airplane's capabilities and overall quality. This can be especially helpful if you're buying online and don't have the opportunity to see the product in person.
- Make sure to take advantage of any warranties or guarantees offered by the retailer. This can give you peace of mind in case anything goes wrong with your RC airplane.
- Take proper care of your RC airplane by following the manufacturer's instructions and performing regular maintenance. This can help prolong the life of your plane and ensure you get the most enjoyment out of it.

Buying an RC airplane can be a significant investment, so it's important to take your time and choose the right product and retailer. By following these steps and taking the time to do your research, you can increase your chances of getting a high-quality RC airplane that meets your needs and provides hours of fun and excitement.



For those who don't know yet....  
How to decide which "rate" you should use for your LiPo Battery.

If you're new to LiPo batteries, you may be unfamiliar with how to safely set the charge rate for your battery. The battery manufacturer will tell you what the maximum "Charge Rate" of the battery is. This information is different than the "C-Rating" which is usually expressed as a number on the front of the pack (20C, 50C, etc.).

If you are unsure of your batteries charge rate, it is safe to charge the pack at a 1C rate. To determine this number, take the mAh rating of your pack and divide it by 1000.

Example 1: If your battery is a 5000mAh pack, your 1C charge rate is 5A. ( $5000 \div 1000 = 5$ )

Example 2: If your battery is 2200mAh your 1C charge rate is 2.2A. ( $2200 \div 1000 = 2.2$ )

Example 3: If your battery is a 250mAh pack, your 1C rate would be .3. ( $250 \div 1000 = .25$  it's okay to round up)

If your batteries allow for a higher charge rate (1C-5C is the general range) simply take the numbers you came to calculating your 1C rate and multiply it by that factor. So, let's use the above 3 examples.

Example 1: Our first example was a 5000mAh pack, which gives us a 5A charge rate at 1C.

A 2C charge rate would be 10A,  
A 3C charge rate would be 15A and a  
5C charge rate would be 25A.

Example 2: 2200mAh 1C charge rate = 2.2A

2C charge rate= 4.4A  
3C charge rate= 6.6A  
5C charge rate= 11A

Example 3: 250mAh 1C charge rate = .3A  
(rounded up from .25A)

2C charge rate = .5A  
3C charge rate = .8A  
5C charge rate = 1.3A



You should now be confident when it comes to setting the "AMP" rate when charging LiPo batteries. Always double check that your voltage is set to the same one listed on your battery label and you'll be out at the track or up in the air in no time!



## Building and Maintaining ARF RC Planes: A Guide to Customizable and Affordable RC ARF Planes

Remote Control or RC planes have been popular for years. However, the newest trend when it comes to these toys is ARF or Almost Ready to Fly RC planes. You might be wondering, what exactly are ARF RC planes? In this article, we will be discussing not only what ARF RC planes are but also the importance of knowing how to build one. One of the benefits of choosing an ARF RC plane over a ready-to-fly one is the affordability. You can save some money by building the plane yourself. Another advantage is the customization options. You can choose the specific parts and features you want for your plane. Lastly, by building your own ARF RC plane, you can develop the skill set of building and repairing RC planes. To build an ARF RC plane, you need to know the different components that make up the plane.



These components include the fuselage, wings, tail feathers, landing gear, and the power system. Each component plays an important role in making the plane fly. The fuselage is the plane's body, while the wings generate lift. The tail feathers help to control the plane's balance and stability, and the landing gear is responsible for

the plane's takeoff and landing. Lastly, the power system is responsible for moving the propeller and the plane through the air. Building an ARF RC plane requires patience and attention to detail.

Here are some steps to follow when building an ARF RC plane: begin by reading and understanding the instruction manual, assemble the plane's components in the right order in accordance with the instruction manual, test each component before connection, connect all the components together and secure them, add the final touches such as decals. To successfully build an ARF RC plane, you also need to follow some tips. These include putting the right amount of adhesive at the right spot, using a good soldering iron, protecting your electronics, and having a multi-meter handy.

Building an ARF RC plane is a fun and affordable hobby with endless customization options.

One of the benefits of choosing an ARF RC plane over a ready-to-fly one is the affordability. You can save some money by building the plane yourself. Another advantage is the customization options. You can choose the specific parts and features you want for your plane. Lastly, by building your own ARF RC plane, you can develop the skill set of building and repairing RC planes.

- ARF RC planes are more affordable than RTF RC planes.
- Customization options allow you to make your plane unique and match your preferences.
- Building your own ARF RC plane means developing a sense of accomplishment and a skill set.

You can find ARF RC plane kits online or at your local hobby shop. Many websites offer a variety of ARF RC planes in different sizes and styles. Some popular websites for ARF RC planes include Horizon Hobby, Tower Hobbies, and HobbyKing. Additionally, you can find guides and tutorials online that will help you



build your ARF RC plane. Some popular online resources for ARF RC plane building include [Flite Test](#) and [RC Groups](#). With the right tools and guidance, building an ARF RC plane can be a fun and rewarding experience for anyone.



Where can you find ARF RC plane kits and resources for building your own?

ARF RC plane kits and resources for building your own can be found online on websites such as Amazon, HobbyKing, and Tower Hobbies, as well as in local hobby stores.

#### Important Components for Building an ARF RC Plane

To build an ARF RC plane, you need to know the different components that make up the plane. These components include the fuselage, wings, tail feathers, landing gear, and the power system. Each component plays an important role in making the plane fly. Here are some interesting facts about ARF RC planes:

- ARF RC planes were first introduced in the 1980s as a way to save time and money on building RC planes.
- ARF RC planes are also known as “almost ready-to-go” planes.
- ARF RC planes are popular among both beginners and experienced RC plane builders.

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Where can I find ARF RC plane kits and resources for building them?

You can find ARF RC plane kits and resources for building them at your local hobby store or online hobby shops such as Tower Hobbies, Horizon Hobby, and HobbyKing.



## Tips for Building an ARF RC Plane

Building an ARF RC plane requires patience and attention to detail. Here are some steps to follow when building an ARF RC plane:

- Begin by reading and understanding the instruction manual.
- Assemble the plane's components in the right order in accordance with the instruction manual.
- Test each component before connection.
- Connect all the components together and secure them.
- Add the final touches such as decals.

To successfully build an ARF RC plane, you also need to follow some tips. These include:

- Putting the right amount of adhesive at the right spot
- Using a good soldering iron
- Protecting your electronics
- Having a multi-meter handy

If you're new to building ARF RC planes, you may want to start with a simpler model before moving on to more complicated builds. Some popular models for beginners include:

- HobbyZone Delta Ray One
- E-flite UMX Aero Commander
- Horizon Hobby Sport Cub S2

These models come in ARF RC plane kits and include everything you'll need to get started. Many websites offer a variety of ARF RC planes in different sizes and styles to fit your needs. Some popular websites for

ARF RC planes include Horizon Hobby, Tower Hobbies, and HobbyKing. With a bit of practice and patience, building an ARF RC plane can be a fun and rewarding hobby.



What are some tips for building an ARF RC plane?

Some tips for building an ARF RC plane include reading the instructions carefully, ensuring all parts fit together properly, using quality glue and adhesive, balancing the plane correctly, and testing it thoroughly before flying.

#### Maximizing the Lifespan of Your ARF RC Plane

To ensure that your ARF RC plane lasts long, you need to take good care of it. This means carrying out routine maintenance checks on the plane. Here are some simple maintenance tips:

- Clean your plane after every flight.
- Check the batteries before every flight.
- Check the planes for cracks or damage.
- Inspect the wires and connectors to check for corrosion.

It's also a good idea to store your plane in a cool and dry place, away from direct sunlight. If you need to repair or replace any parts of your plane, many websites offer a variety of replacement parts for different ARF RC plane models. Some recommended websites for purchasing replacement parts include Horizon Hobby, RC Planet, and AMain Hobbies. By taking care of your ARF RC plane and carrying out routine maintenance checks, you can extend the lifespan of your plane and keep it flying smoothly for years to come.

Why is routine maintenance important for ARF RC planes?

Routine maintenance is important for ARF RC planes to ensure longevity and safe operation. Regular maintenance helps identify minor issues and prevents them from becoming major problems, reducing the need for costly repairs or replacement.

#### Conclusion

Building and flying ARF RC planes can be an exciting hobby for aviation enthusiasts. By choosing to build an ARF RC plane, you get to customize your own toy while developing new skills and saving money. The key is to take your time during the construction process, following the instruction manual carefully and ensuring that each component is tested before connection. Routine maintenance checks and proper storage are also critical for the longevity of your plane. If you need assistance with building or repairing an ARF RC plane, there are plenty of online resources available, such as forums and YouTube tutorials. By following the best practices, you can enjoy the thrill of flying your very own ARF RC plane for years to come.



# REGULAR FEATURES

## The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST)

What is TRUST?

The law requires that all recreational flyers pass an aeronautical knowledge and safety test and provide proof of passage if asked by law enforcement or FAA personnel. The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST) was developed to meet this requirement.



TRUST provides education and testing on important safety and regulatory information. If you fly your drone recreationally under the [Exception for Recreational Flyers](#), you must pass the test before you fly.

TRUST was developed in collaboration with drone stakeholders to determine content, and how it would be administered. Since

June 2021, we have worked with a group of [approved Test Administrators](#) to provide TRUST as an online test. We in the FAA provide the TRUST content to the approved test administrators who, in turn, provide the online test to you, the recreational flyer.

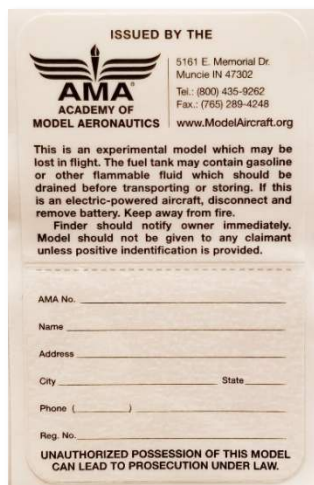
Renew your AMA before it expires!

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/membership/enroll>



Renew your PRBCA club membership before it expires!

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This is an experimental model which may be lost in flight. The fuel tank may contain gasoline or other flammable fluid which should be drained before transporting or storing. If this is an electric-powered aircraft, disconnect and remove battery. Keep away from fire.  
Finder should notify owner immediately. Model should not be given to any claimant unless positive identification is provided.

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UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF THIS MODEL  
CAN LEAD TO PROSECUTION UNDER LAW.

To help you comply with the AMA/FAA regulations of having identification on all your airframes, the AMA sells stickers that can help.

This adhesive-backed label has fuel-proof adhesive and space on the bottom for your name and address. A clear plastic flap seals over your information to protect it. One of these stickers on or in your model complies with the Safety Code requirements for identification and will help recover the model if it is lost. 10 labels per pack. Id labels measure 2.125" x 3.5".

Item: 5084 Airplane ID Label 10Pk \$3.99 as of today 3/31/2025

Click the link below to get to the respective web page on the AMA site:

[https://shop.modelaircraft.org/product/5084-airplane-id-label-10pk/398?cp=true&sa=false&sbp=false&q=false&category\\_id=16](https://shop.modelaircraft.org/product/5084-airplane-id-label-10pk/398?cp=true&sa=false&sbp=false&q=false&category_id=16)



**You MUST have a current AMA membership card to fly at Westervelt Field. This is a requirement of the Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation Department.**

Also, please note that we will not create your PBRCA membership card unless you have a current AMA membership card. The Club Membership form is available on the PBRCA web site, [www.palmbeachrc.com](http://www.palmbeachrc.com) or at the field in the press box.

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### **Club E-mail Notifications**

You should be receiving e-mail notifications for the monthly general membership meetings and semi-annual newsletter publication. If you are not receiving our e-mails, please let David know your e-mail address and we will update our records (David's email: [pbrca.info@gmail.com](mailto:pbrca.info@gmail.com). If you want your name & phone number removed from our website list, also contact David at: [pbrca.info@gmail.com](mailto:pbrca.info@gmail.com).

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### **FAA sUAS REGISTRATION**

All sUAS (small Unmanned Aircraft Systems - (0.55 lbs. up to 55 lbs.) pilots must register with the FAA. Furthermore, once registered, you are required to affix your assigned FAA Registration number to the 'exterior' of **every** aircraft you fly. For more information and registration online go to: <https://faadronezone.faa.gov/#/>

**SAFETY FIRST!**



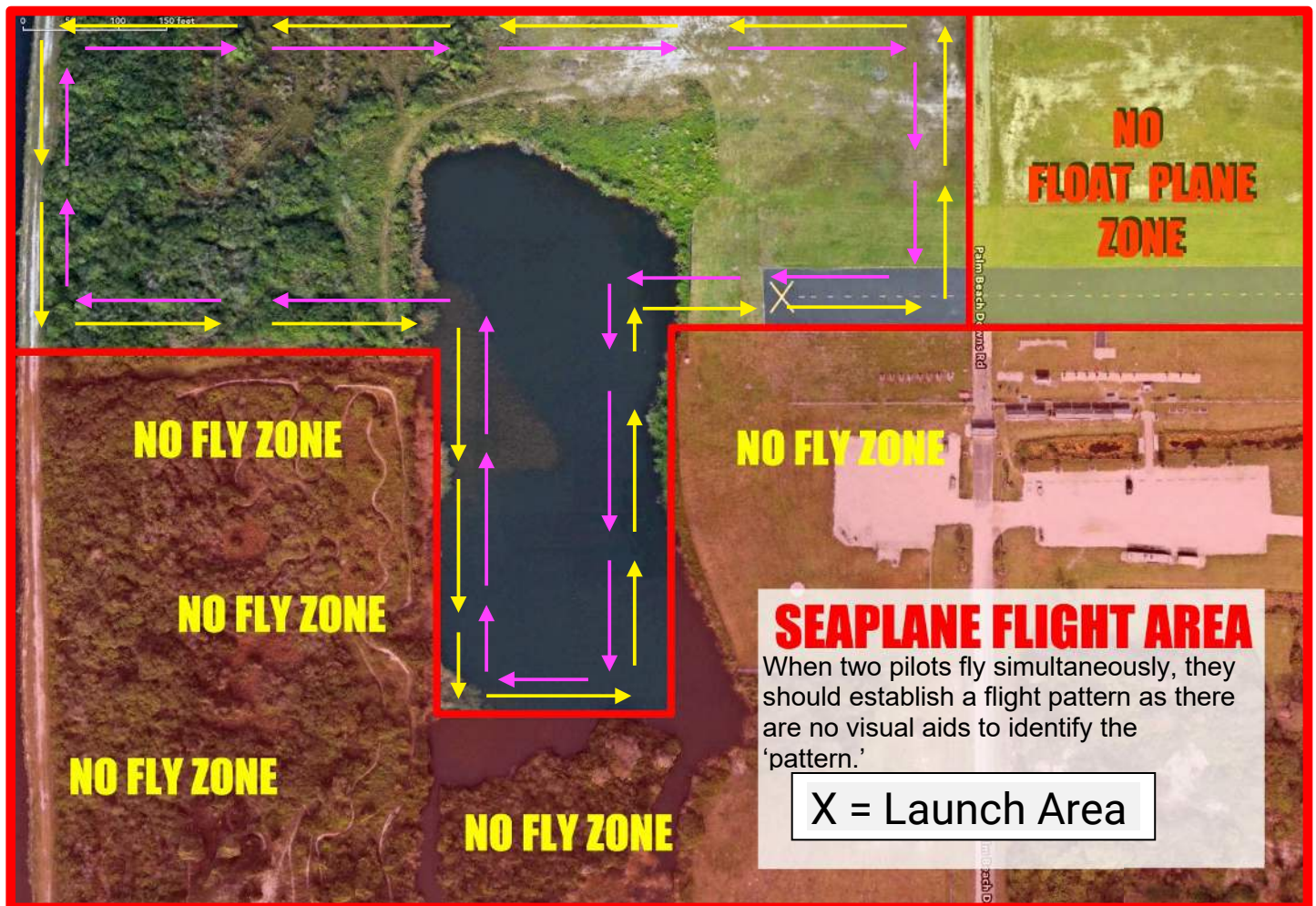
As the park gets more and more popular, we are going to see more and more patrols by the Sheriff's Department. The park speed limit is 25 mph and stop signs mean STOP! Don't risk an expensive ticket by becoming complacent. Also, watch for the Frisbee Golf guys. That group seems to be getting more and more active.

Click this link for the Club Safety Rules: [Flight Safety Rules](#)



# Float-plane Flight Area

The membership has approved the proposed rules for flying off 'West Lake' in April 2018. The



changes and additions are now incorporated into our Safety Rules.

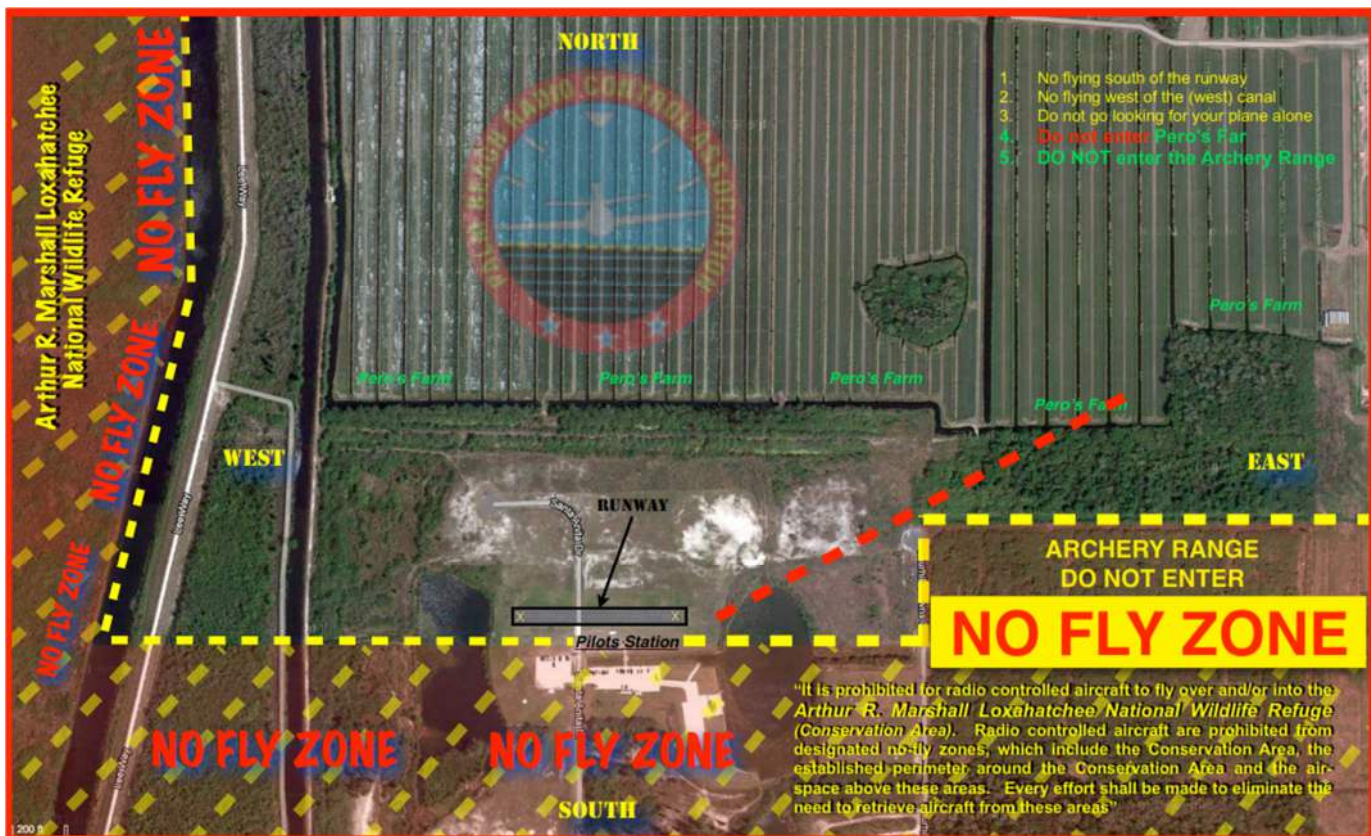
The revised safety rules and the map have been posted on the window of the press box and on our website, and can be accessed at:

[Flight Safety Rules](#)



# Land-based Flight Area

Palm Beach County has previously established "flying" boundaries and we need to adhere to those restrictions. This is an aerial map showing the boundary lines for West and South flying, and it is also posted in the bulletin board located at the "impound." Our club has already been warned about flying over the Everglades by a Federal Wildlife Officer. You must fly within the designated boundaries!



## PBRCA Battery Charging Station (Operating Principles)

Note that for fire safety concerns, all battery charging must be done outside of the Press Box and at the charging station. It is against Club Policy to use the 110-volt AC power strip inside the Press Box for charging batteries inside the Press Box.

For the best charging experience while using our DC-volt charging stations, users should keep the following Operating Principles in mind:

- Plan on connecting your battery chargers to the 4mm banana plug connectors on the DC Power Strips, using connecting wires ideally 24" long with banana tip plugs.
- To protect the DC Power Strips from fire, battery chargers and batteries should be placed on the wire shelf below the metal boxes that house the DC Power Strips. Please avoid placing items in the metal boxes.
- Battery charging must only be performed when the Smart Batter Monitor shows the charging system's voltage above 12 volts. For example, in the screenshot



the system is reporting 14.1 volts, so charging would be safe since it's above the minimum 12 volts.



- Users must charge their batteries within the following operating parameters of the DC Power Strips:
  - the maximum output current for each position is 24 Amps, **AND**
  - the total maximum current is 50 Amps.
- Multiple users charging at the same time should coordinate among themselves to stay within the operating parameters of each charging station to avoid overloading the system.
- For safety and convenience, the charging stations are equipped with resettable circuit breakers. In the event a circuit breaker is tripped, first locate, and correct the offending connection(s) and then reset the circuit breaker.

Happy and safe charging!





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