

LARKS May meeting will be held on May 30, 2024**100 EAST Caroline St Tavares, FL 32778 Rm Civic Center (the BIG ROOM) @ 6:30 pm**

Wayne Richardson called meeting to order at 6:30 PM There were 15 members present. Several members comment how much nicer it is having the meetings in the larger room it has reduced the noise and everyone's comfort. It was noted that people need to speak up as people are having a hard time hearing what is being said.

March's Secretary's report- was read and accepted. These are on the web site.

Members' anniversary's – Tony Rivera 2 yrs and Mickey (Charles) Nowell - 3 yrs.

Treasure report – An updated March's and the current March 2024 reports were presented and approved. This is on the web site

Safety report- Bob Davis no issues at the field and stated that the LARKS safety rules still need to be reviewed and updated as the current one was from 2007. There has been a draft of new safety rules which is being reviewed and hope to be ready to present at the May meeting.

Current membership is at 60 members, 1 family member and one life member.

Drew Young is still recovering from a stroke and Marty Kalarovrich has been in and out of the hospital with severe medical issues. We hope that they get well soon.

Guest: No quest

Old Business:

The LARKS flying field is an approved FRIEA flying site. Needs to be on the home page of our web site.

Smoking is not allowed at the landfill nor the Flying site per county regulations. PLEASE do not smoke on the site and pick up your trash and take it with you. Let's all try to keep the area looking nice. NO SMOKING sign has been posted at the charging station along being on the entrance gate.

David Clutts is working on information about rebuilding the flight line. Still working on it!

LARKS Club hats have been received and are available on a first come bases. Bright orange are \$20 and the white hats are \$15. **There are only 4 orange and 6 white hats left. Get yours before they are gone!**

The LARKS RC mailing address is:

LARKS

25208 Laurel Valley Rd

Leesburg, FL 34748

The club gave approval in February 2024 for the pylon time trails at the field the first part of Oct 3-6, 2024 event. Need confirmation that it is planned and the date needs to be confirmed'??

Membership cards can be printed from our website.

New Business:

Bill McLane is going to spray the weeds at the field. Completed – Thank you Bill!

A payment was made through Paypal to LARKS in the amount of \$500 from the DLG Event. Has not been transferred to the LARKS account. David will contact Greg.

Web update- Members asked what was happening to the web site not having posted events or updates. Greg will establish a new email process that will be tied directly to current LARKS members reducing the amount of time and work to maintain the LARKS google group. No updates from Greg. We need to have club safety rules (when completed), Downed aircraft procedure, and that the Flying field is **FRIA APPROVED** flying field!

I have not heard anything from Greg. It was asked if we could have a new web site? Jim Anderson is going to look into the possibility

Mowing is every week starting May 1- every Thursday afternoon 12-500pm no flying when the mowers are there!

Blaine suggested that we stop the voting in requirement and that it be replaced with “Flying Field Orientation”. There was a motion and a second to make this change. Voted and passed.

The FAA did not extend the Remote ID enforcement date, so it is enforceable. We have heard that some flying sites have been visited by the FAA. They are checking for FAA numbers and information on the planes and asking to see proof of taking the “TRUST” test. **Any fines would be the members responsibility!**

There will be no meetings June, July, and August 2024. Meeting resume on September 26 at the FLYING FIELD! The BY LAWS will be changed to reflect the change.

Flight stations rebuild was completed on March 29, 2024. Thank you to everyone that helped. The painting of the work stations was scheduled and completed on April 27, 2024 starting at 8:00 am. We had a good group of members that came and helped. Carlos Garcia (who is a new member) came with his paint spraying equipment. The painting was completed in about 3 hours. THANK YOU CARLOS!

By Laws are being reviewed on article 11 which addresses the number of times a person may fly as a guest at the field before they are required to become a member of the LARKS club. It would change the area to a 50 mile radius and within that area visits would be 2 times in total. This is being reviewed by the officers and notice to members will be sent out as to when it will be presented to the members.

Bob Davis gave an overview of different covering materials and recommended temperatures for the heating iron. He suggested using a rotary cutting tool instead of using a knife or scissors. When you cut material leave a fair amount oversized for handling. You can use a wet cloth near your sealing areas to avoid heat migrated to far out.

Upcoming events-

Joe Nall Triple Tree Aerodrome Woodruff SC May 11-17

Pylon Time Trails Oct 3-6 ?? Field is closed for flying waiting for confirmation and clarification of dates.

John Hopke event Oct 26& 27 Filed is closed for flying

We are willing to stay after the meeting to answer any if you have questions that you would like to discuss in more detail.

Looking for topics and presenters for meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM