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***SCRAMBLE***  
**February 2026**

***SHEET***  
**AMA Charter # 328**

## President's Message

Thank you to all who came out on a chilly morning and joined Mike Modrick from WWSB Channel 7 for the filming of his "Discovering the Suncoast" segment. I will give you an update on when it will air at our upcoming membership meeting.

We are off and running like teenagers at a mall grand opening. At the next membership meeting, we will discuss progress on Wings Over Venice, the need for a club-wide work day and where we still need a few more volunteers. It's all good and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the airfield on Valentine's Day.

President *John Kinney*



**Mike Modrick from WWSB Channel 7  
interviews Snoopy, aka John Kinney.**

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## **Febraury 2026 Meeting Notice**

**Where:** The club flying field

**When:** Saturday, February 14th, 10:00 AM

**Agenda items to be discussed:**

Wings Over Venice

Club-wide work day

Members who wish to make their feelings known on these topics or wish to raise other items of business please attend and have your say. If you are unable to attend, but want to make input please call me. 407-592-6251



### **Let's keep our beautiful field neat and clean!**

The field maintenance/grass cutting schedule is every Thursday from noon to 4pm. Please be aware that flying may be halted during this time depending on the work being done

Take all of your trash home. Although our field is located on a landfill, we do not have trash pickup.

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### **2025/26 Membership Meeting Schedule**

February	14th	10AM
March	14th	10AM
<b>Wings Over Venice</b>	28th	All Day
April	11th	10AM
May	9th	10AM



Sanction #19466

# 22nd Wings Over Venice

March 28th, 2026 9am-3pm

No landing fee AMA pilots only

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Registration starts at 8am

Contact: John Kinney

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# RC Fliers of Venice Membership Meeting Minutes

## January 10th, 2026 - Held at Memorial Field

The monthly meeting opened at 10:00am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approximately 45 members were present at the meeting. Board members present: President John Dexter, Vice President Lee Shaver, Treasurer Ken Charuk, Secretary Scott Anderson, Director Ken Czerwinski, Director Jason Korst, Director Brian Hague, Safety Officer Barry Mizes.

**Secretary's Report:** Meeting Minutes are published in the Scramble Sheet monthly and posted on the Club Website.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ken Charuk reported \$6549 in the checking account, \$31,064 in the CD account.

### **New Members:**

Jerry Hartman – A snowbird for 10 years from Ann Arbor Michigan and is a long-time member of the Scio Flyers R/C Model Airplane Club. Originally flew gas planes, now moving to electrics. Jerry is looking forward to getting in some flying!

Tim Archer – Originally from England and is recently retired from a 50-year background in aviation management. Tim previously held a private pilot's license. As a juvenile, Tim got into aero-modeling. He is looking forward to flying RC aircraft in Florida as part of his retirement.

Brad Whittemore – A 50/50 snowbird from NW Connecticut. When he is in Florida, Brad resides in Wellen Park. Brad would like to explore sailplanes.

A big welcome to the new Members! See Photos on page 9.

**Agenda discussion led by President John Kinney:** John recapped recent changes to the Board of Directors. Dave Walters has resigned his position as the Club's Treasurer after 9 years of service. The attendees gave a round of applause for Dave. Ken Charuk has been appointed by the Board to replace Dave. Brian Hague has been appointed by the Board to fill the vacant Director position. Barry Mizes has been appointed to fill the vacant Safety Officer position. All of the Board positions have now been filled.

Director Jason Korst has volunteered to head field maintenance.

Ken Charuk spoke briefly about membership renewal. He mentioned that recently, approximately 4 members were not able to renew their Landfill gate cards. In each case, it was because the member had not renewed their RCFV membership yet. Ken reiterated that members must renew their Club membership before trying to renew their gate cards. As a

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reminder, gate cards will expire at the end of the month unless they are renewed. There is no charge for renewing a gate card that you have in your possession. A new gate card or a gate card that was lost and needs to be replaced will cost \$5.

Reminder, gate card renewal hours at the Landfill office are as follows:

January 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

January 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

January 19<sup>th</sup> – Holiday. Office Closed.

January 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

January 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

John Kinney spoke about Lane 3 gate access. RCFV members must use the Lane 3 gate access only. RCFV members must not use any other lane for entry. No exceptions. He mentioned that if a member comes early on a day the Landfill is open for business and there is a long line of trucks waiting for access to the scale house, you do not have to wait in this line. You may drive on the shoulder of Knights Trails Rd slowly and carefully to bypass the line of trucks and access the Lane 3 gate.

John recalled that recently he was entering the Landfill to visit to the flying field only to find the actual arm for gate 3 was missing. Instead of driving straight on through because there was no arm to stop him, he still stopped at the card reader and swiped his gate card. He watched the nub of the arm go up, and then he drove through. The moral to this story? Always swipe your gate card. It is a requirement from the Landfill. The card swipe is recorded by the Landfill and you are on camera.

Upon another visit to the flying field, John recalled the Lane 3 gate arm and/or card reader was not working. The arm would not lift. On this day, the Landfill happened to be closed. John could have driven in through the exit lane, but he knew the Landfill policy does not allow this. So he bit the bullet, turned around and went home –a wasted trip. The moral to this story? Always abide by the Landfill access rules. Even if the gate isn't working, don't try to bypass it. Call it a bad day, go home, and try another time. The Landfill will suspend your gate card for a gate card violation and will notify the Board of any type of gate access violation. Remember, you are on camera. Do not put the Club in jeopardy with the Landfill by committing gate violations, even if it means you wasted a trip to the field.

Next, John spoke about the gate into the Club's parking lot and field. There are two locks on the chain that secure this gate. One is a key padlock, the other is combination number padlock. Either may be use to open the gate. He explained keys are available for a deposit of \$25. Also, when using the combination number padlock to close and secure the gate, make sure to rotate at least one tumbler else the lock may pop back open after you leave.

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Regarding the western flight boundary, John mentioned we have not received an overfly violation notice from the Landfill in approximately 5 weeks (5 weeks and counting at the time of the Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting). John explained a practice that has been put in place from time to time. This practice is to station a member on the road and in line with the white fence. This member watches planes approach the white fence and provides feedback to the pilots by calling out their position via walkie talkie. The callout may be, "200 feet within the fence", or "You're on the fence line", or "You're 50 feet beyond the fence". Providing real-time feedback has helped pilots calibrate their mental map of the skies and their aircraft's position to the white fence. This practice has been very effective. Because pilots have been successfully staying within the white fence boundary, the Board has decided that the requirement to have a spotter for each pilot is no longer mandatory. It does not mean you can't use a spotter if you so choose; it means it's up to you. Use common sense. Ask for a spotter if it helps you. All members present at the flying field should be acting as spotters for their fellow fliers anyhow, even if they are just hanging around in the pits. Please remember, we all need to work together to be vigilant to stay within the white fence. Keep an eye on your fellow pilots and politely help them stay within the white fence.

A member recommended a "0" marker be put on the northern border chain link fence, coincident with the line of the western boundary white fence. The Board will consider this recommendation.

**New Business:** Member Isaac Zelazny mentioned the Venice Municipal Airport will again hold its annual Open House. Isaac is coordinating with the organizers of the Open House to include RCFV. Please mark your calendars: March 7<sup>th</sup> 2026, 8am to early afternoon. Last year, RCFV had 3 canopies set up on the tarmac. Approximately a dozen members brought their RC aircraft out to the airport for static display. Please plan to participate this year if possible, especially with unique or large aircraft. Last year's event was a great example of community outreach for our Club. Many, many visitors stopped by to see our display and talk R/C. Our Club received a lot of exposure.

Isaac asked if there were any members who could provide canopies for use at this year's Open House. The canopies used last year were not in the best shape; two of the canopies had to be thrown away after the event because of their deteriorated condition. If members have canopies that they would be willing to let the Club use for this event, please get in touch with Isaac or a Board member.

John Kinney announced that weatherman Mike Modrick, from TV station WWSB, ABC Channel 7 Sarasota will be visiting our Club on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am filming a segment for his series "Discovering the Suncoast". Mike will be put on a buddy box with Sanjeev so that he can see what it is like to fly an R/C aircraft. This is another great example of community outreach for our Club. <https://www.mysuncoast.com/content/community/discovering-the-suncoast/>

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John also discussed the Club's AED (automated external defibrillator). The AED has been refurbished with new paddles and a new battery. It was decided to relocate the AED on the outside of the Clubhouse where it is in plain view. It is now located on the wall that faces the covered pavilion. The Club thanked member Dwight Hulvey for his work with refurbishing/relocating the AED. Dwight also mentioned he is investigating with the Venice and Sarasota EMTs to see if they would be able to provide CPR/AED training for members, perhaps to be scheduled after adjournment of a future Membership Meeting -more to come on this.

John spoke about the 2026 Wings over Venice event which the Club will host on March 28<sup>th</sup>. This year, it will be just a 1-day event. Member Jim Hullhorst has volunteered to be the CD of the event. The event has been sanctioned by the AMA. Hosting WoV takes many volunteers. Past WoV events have used 30+ volunteers. John and Sue Kinney have sign-up sheets for volunteers. Volunteering at a WoV event is a great way for members to give back to the Club. Please consider volunteering a few hours by signing up! One member spoke about the disappointment of not hosting a WoV event in recent years. He felt hosting an event such as WoV is good for the Club. It generates revenue for the Club, it increases our Club's awareness in the R/C community, and it is a great form of public outreach. This member also noted two weeks before WoV, the Cape Coral Club is hosting an event called the Gathering of the Giants. RCFV members should consider going to this event to show mutual support.

New flags have been installed along the white fence. Two wind socks in patriotic colors were installed on the first pole as an experiment to see how visible they are and how long they will hold up.

There was a recent incident at the flying field on the afternoon of Thursday, January 8th, 2026, involving a fire in the flying field. The fire was significant in size; the burn area is about the size of a football field. The fire department had to be called to put out the fire. The cause of the fire was a result of a LiPo battery left in the field, most likely left after a crash. The battery was struck by a RCFV lawnmower during routine cutting. The strike caused the battery to explode under the lawnmower and set fire to the field. Fortunately, no one was injured and the fire department was able to successfully extinguish the fire before it spread too far.

As a result of the fire, the following is now Club policy that all members must understand:

- 1) After an aircraft crash, all parts of the aircraft including LiPo batteries, fuel tanks, substantial size solid metal objects such as engines/motors, and general aircraft debris are to be recovered and removed from the crash site, if at all possible. Aircraft parts left on the property pose a risk of damaging machinery and of being flung when struck by machinery. Aircraft parts such as LiPo batteries and fuel tanks that are left on the property pose an additional risk of fire. Crashed aircraft parts must be recovered and removed.

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- 2) Recovery of crashed aircraft parts applies to more than just the immediate flying field area. Parts must be recovered from areas outside the flying field boundaries. Wherever Landfill equipment goes during normal day-to-day operations, aircraft parts need to be recovered and removed. For example, crashes west of the western white-fence boundary, crashes between the Clubhouse and the road need to have parts recovered as well as crashes next to the road need to have parts recovered. There is a large expanse of area where our aircraft can crash and it is not just within the flying field boundaries.
- 3) Not all crashes happen in areas that can be safely accessed for recovery and removal of aircraft parts. Recovery of parts does not need to be attempted for crashes that happen north of our northern flying boundary (i.e. over the chain link fence in the swamp) or in other areas of the property where it is not safe to access. In this case, please log the approximate location of the crash site on the log sheet located inside the bulletin board at the Clubhouse and contact the Board of Directors.
- 4) Not all crashed aircraft parts can be found after good faith attempts to locate them. If this is the case, please log the approximate location of the crash site on the log sheet located inside the bulletin board at the Clubhouse, and then contact one of the Board of Directors. If safe to do so, mark the location with the crash flag located at the Clubhouse. The Board of Directors will determine the next steps to try to recover the crashed parts.
- 5) The bottom line: Recover all of your crashed aircraft parts from the Landfill property. When you cannot recover your crashed aircraft parts, the location of crash site needs to be logged on the crash log sheet and reported to the Board of Directors. This is a direct request of the Landfill in response to the seriousness of this fire. All members must follow this policy going forward. A list of Board members and their telephone numbers is located in the clubhouse bulletin board case.

Further, in the event of a serious emergency such as a medical issue or a fire that cannot be successfully extinguished with the fire apparatus at the Clubhouse, the following sequence should be followed:

- 1) Call 911
- 2) Call a Board member so that the Board member can then contact the Landfill
- 3) If a Board member cannot be immediately reached, call the Landfill front desk at 941-861-1582 during Monday-Friday normal business hours. On Saturdays during business hours, have a second member go to the scale house to report the emergency. Outside of normal business hours and on Holidays, continue to try to reach a Board member until successful.
- 4) At least one member is to stay at the flying field (if safe to do so) to receive the emergency response team and brief them on the situation.

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Member Jack Canady mentioned he is looking for airplane kits, .60-size airplane kits in particular. Please contact Jack if you have a kit you are interested in parting with.

A member made a recommendation to exempt the Board of Directors from paying dues, due to their service to the Club. Most, if not all of the Board members present at the meeting appreciated the gesture, but were not in favor of it. A quick straw poll of members present at the meeting showed the majority of members were not in favor of this: approximately 11 “for”, approximately 35 “against”. While the Board of Directors appreciates the gesture from this member, based on opinions expressed by the Board and based on the straw poll, this recommendation will not be considered any further.

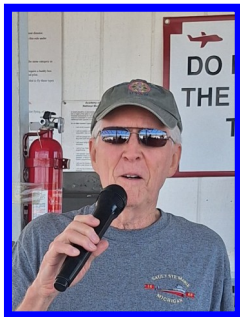
There was no 50/50 raffle at today’s meeting.

There was no door prize for today’s meeting.

The meeting was officially adjourned by John Kinney at approximately 11:15am. He then requested that members conduct a shoulder-to-shoulder walking “sweep” of the airfield to look for crashed aircraft parts. The sweep of the airfield took place immediately after the meeting. A pile of debris was recovered including another LiPo battery.

Respectfully Submitted Secretary : *Scott Anderson*

### New Members



**Jerry Hartman**



**Tim Archer**



**Brad Whittemore**



**R/C Fliers of Venice Display at Venice Airport Last Year**



**Field Sweep Looking for LiPo Batteries and Other Debris**

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## 7th Annual

### February 7 & 8 2026

AMA Club # 543  
CD: Ted Stickler  
Co CD: **Joe Dolliver**  
**Sanction** 16



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