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SCRAMBLE
May 2026

SHEET
AMA Charter # 328

President's Message

This Saturday we will discuss replacing our aging spectator chairs and our rusting picnic tables as both items have now become multiple safety concerns. We've had a good season as positive changes have been accomplished and we even had a very successful Wings Over Venice. If you are one of our many members heading north, we wish you safe travels and have a great summer. Of course, we look forward to your return in the fall so we can all have fun as we take to the sky to soar to even bigger heights in the future.

President, *John Kinney*



**President John Kinney opens
the meeting.**

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May 2026 Meeting Notice

Where: The club flying field

When: Saturday, May 9th, 10:00 AM

Agenda items to be discussed:

New Flight Rules and Pilot Certification Test
Replace spectator chairs and picnic tables

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.

2026 Membership Meeting Schedule

Location: Robert T. Shaw Memorial Field

May 9th 10AM

No Meetings June, July, August or September

October 10th 10AM



RC Fliers of Venice Membership Meeting Minutes

April 11th, 2026 - Held at Memorial Field

President John Kinney opened the monthly meeting at 10:00am. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted immediately thereafter.

Approximately 30 members were present at the meeting. Board members present: President John Kinney, Vice President Brian Hague, Treasurer Ken Charuk, Secretary Scott Anderson, Director Ken Czerwinski, Director Jason Korst, Safety Officer Barry Mizes.

New members present at the meeting: Bob Rosenthal and Massimo DeFalco & Stefano DeFalco. Bob wants to get back into flying after retiring. Massimo is an electrician who recently moved to the area. Massimo's son Stefano has joined as a Junior member.

Treasurer's report:

- * Checking account balance as of 4/11/26 is \$13,624.07, of which \$4,635.41 will be transferred into the reserve account.
- * CD account balance as of 4/11/26 is \$31,305.69
- * Club has 100 paying members
- * Wings over Venice 2026 financial report:
 - > Food sales made \$203
 - > Plane raffles lost \$70
 - > 50/50 raffle made \$175
 - > Parking donations accounted for \$1,235
 - > Donations to the Club as a result of WoV 2026 amounted to \$675
 - > After subtracting the cost of permits and other miscellaneous WoV 2026 expenses, the Club netted approximately \$1,800

Old business:

President John Kinney recapped our flight boundaries and the crash reporting system. The latest set of instructions for the crash reporting system has been posted at the clubhouse bulletin board. When the instructions state a crash needs to be reported, there is a QR code that takes you to the on-line crash reporting system. Use your cell phone to scan the QR code, follow the prompts and fill in the required information, then submit the report. If unsure of how to submit a crash report, ask a fellow flier to help you or ask them to use their cell phone to report the crash. John reviews all crash reports before forwarding to the landfill management.

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President John Kinney spoke about Wings over Venice 2026. The Club had a nice sunny day for WoV 2026 (March 28th). Approximately 500 people attended. The Club had only 3 months to prepare. The permitting alone took more than 1 month. John was very grateful the Club rallied together to organize WoV 2026 in a short timeframe. John thanked the skillful pilots who flew all day long and remarked about the wonderful noontime show which included a candy drop. John thanked all the volunteers who dedicated their time to the event as well as the entire Club for supporting this event. John mentioned a great sense of comradery was evident.

Vice President Brian Hague also said a few words regarding WoV 2026. Brian thanked all the pilots, all the volunteers, and all who came out to watch WoV 2026. Brian feels the Club gained a lot by holding WoV 2026. It helps the public know that we as a club exist and it puts us back on the map. Brian relayed that people we spoke with at the Venice Airport Open House two weeks prior were very happy to hear the Club was putting on WoV 2026 and looking forward to it. Brian feels the level of comradery gained by conducting WoV 2026 far outweighs any financial gain the Club received from the event.

New business:

In an attempt to draw in additional members to the Club, the Board of Directors recommended a couple of changes designed to reduce the cost burden of joining. The Board put forth a proposal to reduce the initiation fee from \$150 to \$50, and to implement price breaks for new members joining after the midpoint of the membership period. It was proposed to lower new-member dues by \$25 each month starting in August of each year. For example, if a new member joins in August, the dues would be \$175 - \$25 = \$150. If joining in September, \$125. If joining in October, \$100. And so on until January.

- * This proposal was emailed to the entire Club for review on April 3rd, 2026 and comments were solicited from members.
- * Comments received were compiled and emailed back to the entire Club on April 8th.
- * The proposal and comments were discussed at the April 11th membership meeting. There was no opposition to the proposal at the membership meeting.
- * The proposal was put before the Club for vote starting on April 12th and closing on April 19th.
- * Both measures passed:
 - > Reducing the initiation fee from \$150 to \$50 à 48 votes for, 6 against. The vote met the 35% quorum threshold and was approved via simple majority. The vote passed.
 - > Introducing price breaks for new members who join > the 6th month in the membership period à 50 votes for, 3 against. The vote met the 35% quorum threshold and was approved via simple majority. The vote passed.
- * These two measures became effective April 20th.

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President John Kinney asked for volunteers to help train new pilots. With the attention of the ABC-7 Mike Modrick piece, the participation at the Venice Airport Open House, and the attention garnered by Wings over Venice 2026, the Club is seeing an influx of new members. The Club needs more pilots to help train new members. Please indicate your availability to John or Brain Hague.

President John Kinney also asked for 1 or 2 volunteers to help mow the field during the summer months. Please indicate your availability to John.

The 50/50 raffle prize of \$42 was won by George Faketty. George graciously donated the winnings back to the Club.



New Members



Massimo DeFalco and his son Stefano who has joined as a Junior member.



Bob Rosenthal wants to get back into flying after retiring.