



SES NEWS LETTER

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2025 Club Officers

President: Jonnie Knowles
 Vice Pres: Bill Cermak
 Secretary: Steve Furman
 Treasurer: Mike Millhorn
 Membership: Bob Smith
 Field Mgr.: Mickey Murphy
 Mowing Capt.: Joe Hudackey
 Chief Safety: Ed Popp
 Flight Inst. Carl Dilks/Rick Smith
 Web Master: Mark Carey

Thank You Message

At the November meeting there was an election of the 2025 officers. Frank and Carol Mintz and Mark Carey indicated they would not run again. Jonnie Knowles was elected President, Mike Millhorn elected Treasurer, and Steve Furman elected Secretary.

Frank, Carol and Mark dedicated themselves to the club and we owe them a heartfelt thanks for their time and dedication.

Frank has been relentlessly dedicated to the Southern Eagles and got us certified as a FRIA Flying Site among other advancements he made to make our club, one of the best RC airplane clubs in Florida. Carol dedicated her time to keep minutes and kept the meetings running

smoothly.

Mark not only updated our treasurer's position, he streamlined our bookkeeping methods and gave the Southern Eagle members the ability to pay online by credit card which made renewing your membership fast and easy. He also built a world class website for our club that has contributed in bringing many new members. Mark has tirelessly contributed countless hours to the promotion and advancement of the Southern Eagles.

Thank you again to Frank, Carol and Mark for your dedication to the club. Mark will be leaving the area next year and we wish him well.

Thank you to Jonnie, Steve, and Mike for agreeing to serve as officers for the club.

Southern Eagle Squadron
 Lady Lake, Florida



R/C Flying - For Fun

Important Club News

Our December SES General Meeting will be held 1 week early – Dec 14th, 2024 @ 10am, Recreation Plantation Library Room on the corner of 466 and Rolling Acres.

SES is not going to have a Christmas Party due to conflicting schedules.

SES membership renewals are going on now. Easiest way to get your 2025 sticker is come to the meeting on Dec 14th we will take cash, check, or credit card and hand you your 2025 sticker.

Another option is to click here: www.southerneaglesquadron.com/member-renewals/

Once we receive payment, we will notify you when your membership sticker is ready for pickup on SES field bulletin board.

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Field Security—Important!!

If you are the last person to leave the field please make sure the gate to the field is closed and the combination on the lock is rotated not showing the entrance code on the lock. Also if at any time you arrive and the gate is open and there is no one flying, please contact Jonnie Knowles or Bill Cermak.

Pilot Safety Briefing

Required for all new Pilots, New Members and all club members.

These safety rules and procedures established by our club and AMA are for everyone's safety:

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1. All pilots must display their Visible Club ID at all times while on the flight line.
2. Pilots on the flight line must be in a flying station for their safety.
3. Pilots must announce takeoff and landing and communicate with other pilots on the flight line each time.
4. Pilots must fly in the direction of the active indicator.
5. Taxiing of aircraft in the pit area is **STRICTLY** forbidden.
6. No flying over restricted areas or no-fly zones.
7. No flying at any time when the county is cutting the grass.
8. Pilots must fly within the field boundaries.
9. All aircraft must have AMA and owner's information displayed on or in the aircraft.
10. No more than **FIVE** aircraft are permitted in the air at the same time.

For every aircraft you fly:

Make sure your Name, Phone # and AMA # is displayed on the aircraft.

Windy.com - A useful website and App for wind conditions

SES Member Robert Osorio shared a helpful website that some of our member may not be aware of that could be helpful to assess flying conditions at the airfield.

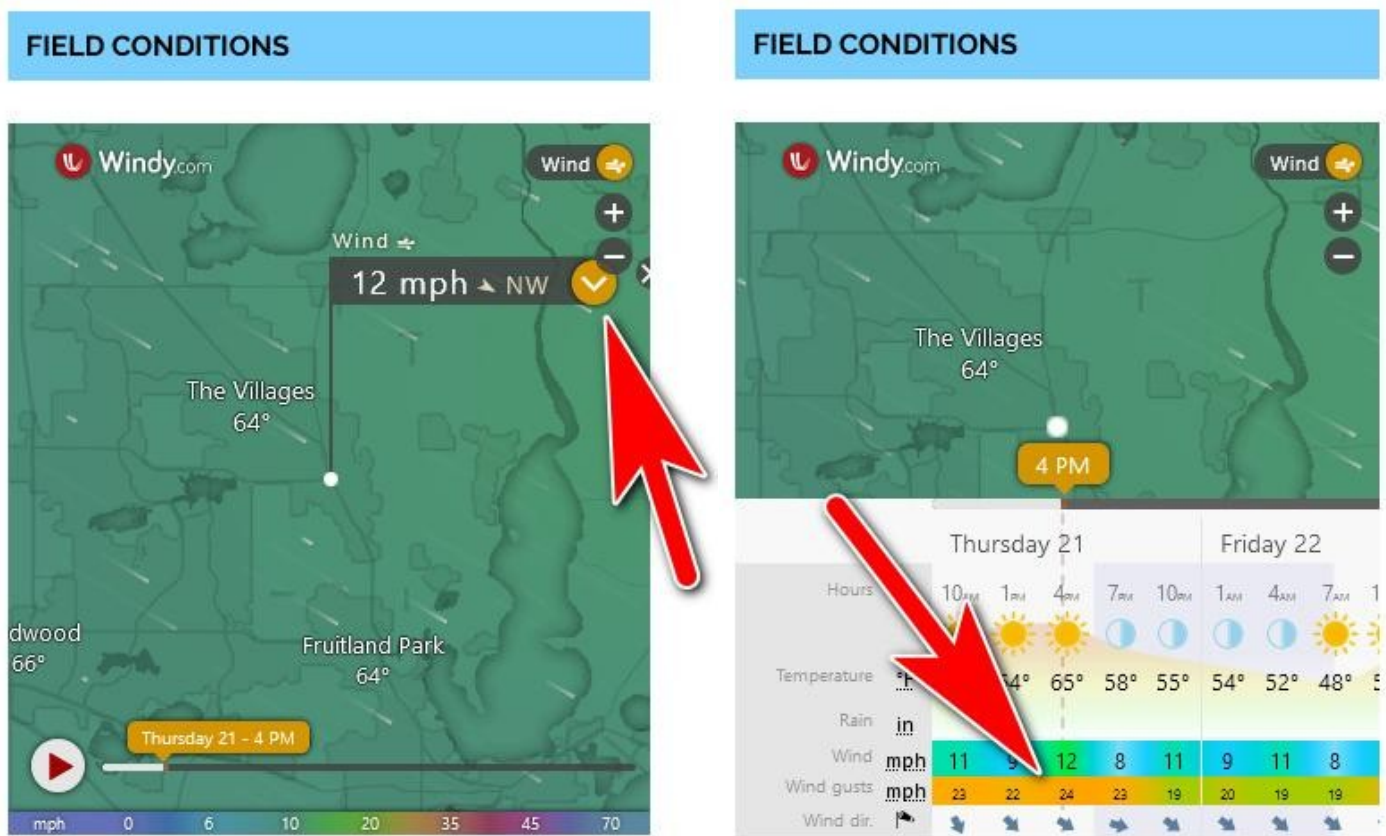
There are two options for Windy.com. You can use the website version or they also have an App on the Apple and Google stores.

Robert indicated that some of us like him would look at the wind speed and then go to the field and get surprised that the conditions were much worse.

With the app or the website you can view the wind conditions with hourly details. Below are a couple of screenshots that help show the benefits of using the app.

In the first screenshot, the app will show the current wind conditions, but you can also select the details of the hourly wind forecast, including the wind gusts which can help assess flying conditions at the field.

You can click on the location of the field and save it as a favorite to quickly access it.



You can access the website by clicking here: [Windy.com](https://www.windy.com)

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The Southern Eagle Squadron is an AMA Chartered Radio Controlled Flying Club. Our field is located in the North Central Florida town of Lady Lake, adjacent to The Villages.

The history of the Southern Eagle Squadron [SES] dates back to the mid 1970's. SES is an active club with membership in excess of 100. The club leadership continuously arranges various events throughout the year including Club Meetings, Swap Meets, Social Gatherings (otherwise known as Food/Fly days), Fly-ins, and Family Days. SES cooperates with other local clubs in event planning as well.

Learn How To Fly Program

We have a "Fly Before You Buy" program which is offered by Southern Eagle Squadron members. We offer **introductory no cost training flights** to individuals who are curious about RC model flying.

For those starting out, the purchase of a trainer airplane system, membership in the club and the required Academy of Model Aero-

nautics membership could total over \$500. Before you make that investment, you can **fly an SES trainer airplane with the assistance of an SES Instructor at no cost!**

Through the use of a student held "buddy box" controller, the instructor can allow the student full control of the airplane and allow them to get a genuine feel for the

experience. When needed the instructor can take control back with the flick of a switch on his controller and the flight continues.

If you are interested or have further questions, contact us and we'll coordinate time with a SES Instructor to meet you at the field so you can "FLY-BEFORE -YOU-BUY."

FLYING IS FUN!

WE CAN SHOW

YOU HOW!

