

The North Brevard Figure 9er's MAC

On 27 June 2013, the North Brevard Figure 9er's MAC was officially chartered through the auspices of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). It all began back around September of 2010 when a fellow named Lorenzo came into a, now defunct hobby shop called the Propa' Place Hobby Shop in downtown Titusville, Florida. He inquired about control line model airplanes and supplies. A few weeks after making his purchase, he contacted Jim, the owner and invited him to go flying.



All went well but after a couple of sessions things went back “to sleep” so to speak. In the fall of 2011, a fellow named Larry came to the shop and inquired about control line model airplanes and supplies, specifically a plane called the Thunderbird. The store owner did all he could to accommodate him and after a short few months, Larry invited Jim to go flying and they met on January 21, 2012.



It was a very pleasant time and they were able to get together flying, laughing, crashing and bonding like two little boys they were, trapped in old men's bodies. Well from that, point things began to move slightly faster because during the next couple of months a fellow named Richard visited the store with his grandson and also inquired about control line model airplanes and supplies. Needless to say, as best a memory and the photo record supports all four men met for a flying session at Sand Point Park on April 18, 2012.



Well, these sessions became weekly gatherings and moved from the Sand Point Park to the old JC Penny Mall parking lot to the current location at the Gibson Recreation Center.





As far as the photo documentation shows, it was around February 13, 2013 when Tom Zon, a well-known west coast combat flyer, with his wealth of knowledge and encouragement, joined our group and became a regular supporter.



Again as the photo documentation reveals, it was a few months later a fellow named Ed joined our little group and these shots were taken on May 18, 2013 at the old J.C. Penny Mall.



Apparently, during that same window of time, we met our next participant, a fellow named Chris who came from Canada back on May 28, 2013, for a bit of a vacation.



I suppose he had such a good time watching us that he decided to join in and has been a valued member since.

It was around the time of July 31, 2013 when our little group made the move to our current location for our weekly flying activities. The folks who maintain the field have been absolutely wonderful and supportive over the years and have never complained about us making small holes in the ground when “faux pas” in skill occur.





It was sometime during the latter part of 2015, just prior to the October Fly-A-Thon, when the next member of the group, Don, joined us. Unfortunately the photo record doesn't reflect the actual date but it does reflect that he's just like the rest of us fallible!!



Finally, our latest member, George joined the group, sometime early in 2016. Again, the earliest photo record dates back to March 26, 2016 but later photos proves that he too, is fallible!



In conclusion, there's proof that the North Brevard Figure 9er's know how to have focus on the important things in life ...fun, friends, family and food

