

SANFORD AERO MODELERS

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The Sanford Aero Modelers (SAM) welcomes you to the Lee Dargue Model Facility. We would like to take a few minutes to give you some background on our club and invite you to join us in the hobby/sport of Model Aviation.

The club was founded and chartered with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) in 1978 by a small group of individuals interested in promoting Radio Control Model Airplanes in the Sanford area. Over the years the club has grown to its current membership of over 100 members who have a variety of backgrounds, interests, and levels of modeling and flying experience. The main focus of our club is to promote safe model flying in a non-competitive atmosphere. In other words, we are in it for the pure joy that model building and flying can and does provide. Coupled with the fellowship of being with like-minded individuals, the bottom line is to have fun.

If you are a beginner, or someone returning to modeling after years of inactivity, SAM membership offers you the benefits of talking with and learning from a group of individuals who have years of modeling and flying experience, and who are more than happy to assist and share their experience with you. The club has a number of pilot instructors who have the experience and teaching skills needed to get you safely and quickly through the early training flights and soloed. If you are a seasoned pro, we welcome you, and hope that you will share your experience with us.

The Lee Dargue Model Facility has been developed over the years into a first class radio control model flying facility that also has the capacity to support the operation of Radio control cars and U-control model airplanes.

The following details some of the effort and cost that went into obtaining and developing the site.

It took almost three years to obtain the necessary permits, and have the site zoned for model aircraft flying! This feat was a major step towards obtaining a permanent-flying site. The zoning process allowed our neighbors to hear our presentation and voice any objection they may have had. When this process was completed, the Seminole County Board of Commissioners approved the zoning.

We then negotiated a lease with the City of Sanford, owners of the property. We received a fifteen-year lease on June 16th, 1994 with an option to renew an additional fifteen year lease in 2009. The next step was to develop the site into a useable form. The first phase was to develop the runway for R/C planes. Six thousand dollars was spent just to elevate the runway and pit area one-foot for drainage purposes. We also spent an additional three thousand dollars to generate the Site engineering drawings required by the City, County and State.

To maintain the 40-acre site, the Club has acquired lawn maintenance equipment and an equipment trailer. Coupled with the expense of the site development, support equipment, and various structures, our club has spent over \$54,000.00. The annual operating expenses are approximately \$10,000.00. This is an impressive effort by the Club. However, we still have further plans to develop this site into one of the areas finest. We will continue to develop the site to accommodate control line courts, and dirt track for R/C cars. Our runway is our proudest accomplishment thus far, an ideal grass runway over 800 feet in length, averaging 80 feet in width with much open space around.

To encourage participation by family members, the fee for that group is only ten dollars additional per person per year. For special cases, we can and do make financial arrangements for partial payments. To cover the cost of field maintenance (grass mowing), a once-a-year assessment has been added to the yearly dues.

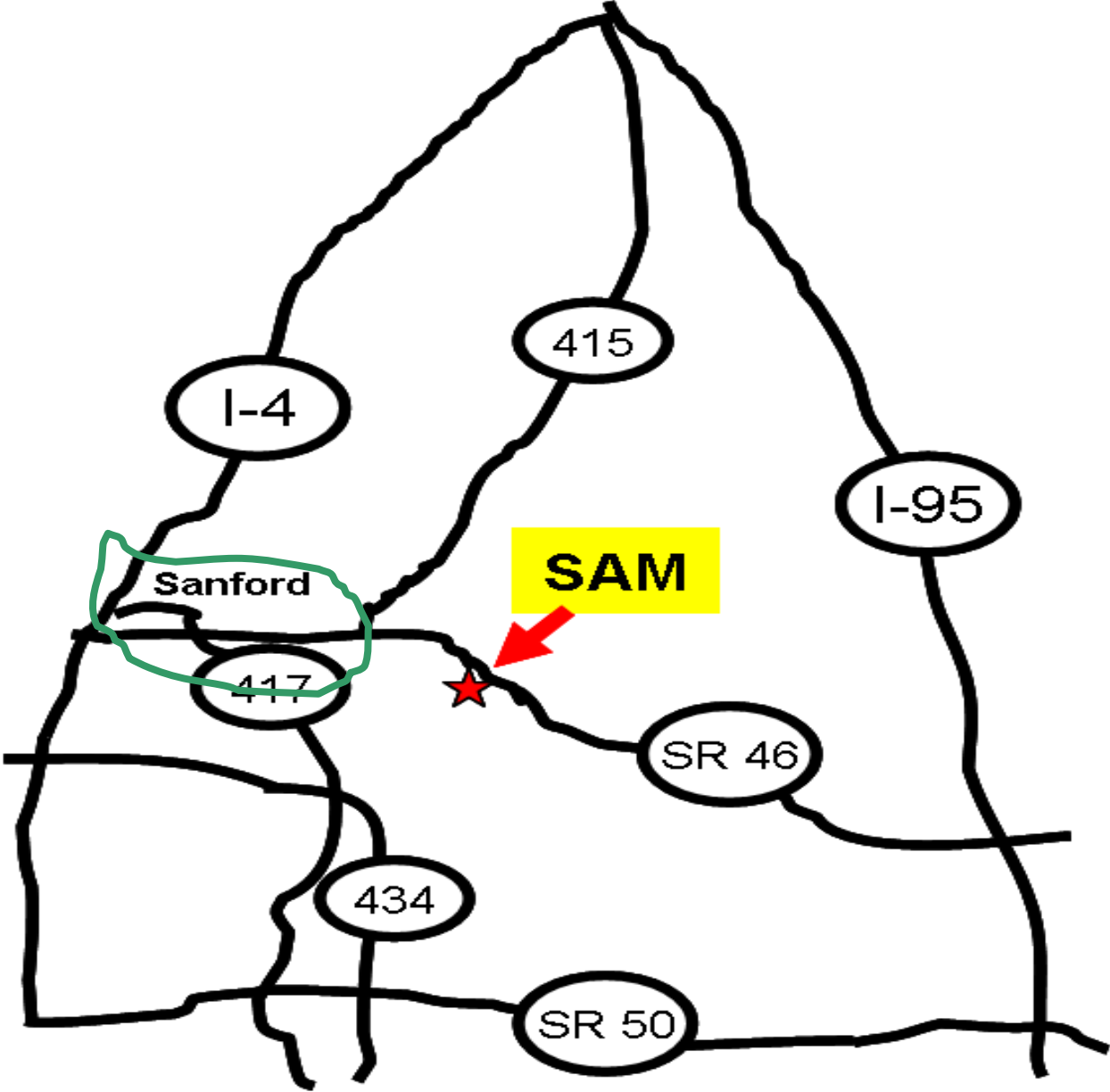
To introduce the joy of R/C flying, without the cost of time and monies, the Club offers a unique program, "The Introductory Pilot" program. This was established by the AMA to allow designated instructors of a chartered club to provide hands-on exposure to non-AMA members. In this program, the designated instructor pilot's AMA insurance has an attachment to cover non-AMA flyers. The program allows up to 60 days participation, using equipment owned by the club, instructor, or the flyer. There are requirements that must be met before starting. They deal mostly with briefing the new pilot about safety issues and having the pilot read and sign a form. SAM's Introductory Pilots are listed on the last page of this packet.

If you are looking for a friendly, well-established club, we extend a cordial invitation for you to contact one of the Club officers listed. We also wish to invite you to attend one of our quarterly meetings at the flying field. You must attend a meeting to become a member.

If you would like to visit our flying field as a potential applicant, or if it is your intention to join our club, please see the attached membership application, and contact our Membership Chairman:

Phill Spain
106 Ventura Dr.
Sanford, FL 32773
407-474-3522

The SAM flying field is located approximately 12 miles east of the Sanford I4 exit. From I4 take Exit 101A which is State Road 46A. 46A then becomes State Road 46 after crossing 17-92



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____ SPOUSE: _____
STREET ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____
E-MAIL: _____ FAX: _____
AMA #: _____ FCC #: _____
FAA #: _____
IMAA #: _____ CHAPTER #: _____
WMWA #: _____ CHAPTER #: _____
DATE OF BIRTH: _____ RADIO FREQUENCIES: _____
ARE YOU A **NOVICE** , AN **ACCOMPLISHED PILOT** , AN **INSTRUCTOR** ?
WOULD YOU CONSIDER BECOMING A CLUB INSTRUCTOR? **YES** , **NO**
SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

OPTIONAL

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____
BUSINESS PHONE: _____ EXT: _____
TRADE AND/OR SPECIAL SKILLS: _____
ARE YOU OR HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OR ANOTHER MODEL A/C CLUB? **YES** , **NO**
IF SO, WHERE AND FOR HOW LONG? _____
A SHORT HISTORY OF YOUR MODELING EXPERIENCE AND/OR COMMENTS: _____

(INTERNAL USE)

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP BEING APPLIED FOR: _____
APPLICATION APPROVAL DATES: MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: _____
BOARD MEMBERS: _____
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: _____
PAYMENT RECORD: INITIATION: _____ DATE: _____
DUES & FEES: _____ DATE: _____