

Hernando County Radio Control Club

As you know a committee was formed this past year to request amendment to special exception SE0802. Committee members included George Scott, Ron Smedley and Bruce Harding

Old Special Exception

—Since 2008 we have been operating under special exception use item number 6 stated that onsite club hours shall be limited to 9:00am to dusk, Monday through Saturday.

—Special exception use item number 8 stated there shall be no special events on the site

New Special Exception Request

—Change the flying hours from dawn to dusk (instead of 9am to dusk) and allow flying on Sundays.

—Allow an occasional special event such as a family BBQ and community RC swap meet like all RC flying fields in Florida and the U.S.

Reasons for change

—1. WINDS - At or around 9am the winds begin to pick up and for many folks and depending on the day, the flying is limited. Crosswinds prevent many pilots from flying when winds pick up. Flying before 9 am will allow our pilots to fly in the more favorable early morning hours.

—2. HEAT - In the summer months the heat becomes unbearable around mid morning and seriously limits the number of pilots interested in flying in those conditions.

—3. FAMILY INVOLVEMENT / APPRECIATION – Having an occasional family event would enhance member and family experience and involvement. We want to attract younger pilots into the hobby.

On 1/11/2022, The County Commission Fully approved our request to include up to 12 events a year on the site. We can now fly from dawn to dusk every day of the year.

Great success!!!

Bruce Harding