

## **WELCOME to WOODS AND LAKES AIRPARK**

Situated in the Ocala National Forest, this community with a landing strip (originally called Electra Airport) was created by the land developer in the 1970's, as a way to attract folks to his new subdivision community with a postage stamp-sized limestone and clay runway that saw lots of traffic in those early days. Rumors have it that even astronauts with names like **Wally** and **Neil** flew here from the Space Coast to party. One of the original microwave antennas which linked the space port to Houston is a few hundred yards from our airpark and still provides a guiding flight beacon.

In 1979 the developer legally granted the airpark operation and total fiscal responsibility to the W&L Airpark POA. At that time all adjoining properties, (about 50) became part of the POA and we became a Private Airpark (FA38)

We are incorporated with the State of Florida as a not-for-profit entity and as such are not subject to local property taxes and we operate within the member-approved by-laws.

Voted on and approved, we paved the runway in 1998, all major policy and capital improvement decisions including the budget and annual fees are prepared by the officers and BOD then voted on by the members each year in January. Our annual rates of \$4.00/frontage foot has been very stable and we have been debt free for over 20 years. We are blessed to be able to control our own destiny, as each POA member virtually owns a share of the Airpark property. Very few airparks have this important feature.

We have a 2,400 foot paved runway with two parallel grass strips with runway lighting, plus north and south safety zones and a maintenance building and off-site property as well.

All home and personal property covenants and code rules are governed by Marion County, not the POA as we only operate and control the common airpark property.

When property is sold, the rights to the airpark automatically are transferred to the new owner, no special fees are required.

While we are very rural, we have many essential services nearby! Within 5 miles: supermarket, hardware store, gas station, county tag office, optometrist, family health, full time fire/rescue and Sheriff substation not to mention several places to eat, many traditional churches and good fishing. Additionally, 25 minutes to all major restaurants and retailers including Ocala and the world-famous Villages.

Turnover has been very slow here because our people love this place and their neighbors. The women tend to have "Wine time" at 4 each day while the men gather in various hangars to brag about their flying skills.

Often members have group fly-outs and drive-outs to various events and restaurants.

We have personal AVGAS delivery each month and several nearby municipal airports with reasonable fuel prices.

We have about 16 planes, from a Beech Baron, many traditional planes many homebuilt and maybe even an ultra-light Members ages range from 50's to 90's all with the flying spirit, one Hanoi Hilton POW, and one Air Force test pilot, a few major airline pilots and many others from all walks of life. We are pleased to have several female pilots as well. We typically have about a 60% snow-bird population with our eclectic members hailing from Germany, Canada and stateside from the north-eastern states, the mid-west with a few from the western states.

***This is a great place to live your aviation dream!***

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