

M.A.R.K.S. FLYING FIELD STATUS UPDATE

This information is being distributed to all of the club members to keep you all updated with recent developments in the sod industry and mainly on the Wind Lake Turf property we have been using as a flying field for a few years now.

There has been a member, that I am aware of at this time, that was informed that the Wind Lake Turf Inc. has been sold to Jasperson Sod Inc. That is a true fact.

On Tuesday, May 27, 2025, while we were reinstalling our Port-A-John, after some extensive repairs over the winter, we were approached by Mark Jasperson and questioned about our actions. I introduced myself as the president of the radio control club that has been flying there for a few years. He introduced himself as the new owner of the property. The owners of Wind Lake Turf had approached Jasperson Sod about buying their property. They came to an agreement and the deal is completed.

Jasperson Sod Inc. now owns the property along both sides of Burmeister Road from east of Briton Road, west to Highway S, also known as East Wind Lake Road.

I explained our club and its activity of flying radio control and free flight airplanes for several years at the former Deak Sod Farm, and most recently at Wind Lake Turf. I also explained to him that we pay a stipend of \$400 to the farm for the privilege of using their property.

We talked about when members might be flying there and that occasionally there would be some larger groups flying there as a contest. His response was favorable, and he is willing to give us a try for this year.

His major stipulation is that: **When someone is coming out to fly, they stop at the Jasperson Sod office and let them know that people will be out flying.** In discussions with the office personnel today, we agreed that only the first person coming out to fly will stop to inform the office of our activity for the day.

The office is located at the first red building to the east of our site across from the solos, also known as the former Deak Sod Farm. They are open till 5:00 P.M. during the week, and only till Noon on Saturdays.

You should be advised that as of today, Thursday, May 29, 2025, that the bridge just east of the Jasperson office, where a small frontage road of sorts on the south side of Burmeister Road, is under construction and the road is closed. There is no time estimate for completion, so be advised of a need to go south on Briton Road to the next road west, then back north to Burmeister Road to access the field.

Any questions, call Larry on 414-336-9496.