

The Flying Gators refurbished its flying field facilities and on November 10th renamed the field complex from Archer Field to Ray D. Helping RC Aerodrome. Ray is one of the most distinguished members of our club and without any doubt he is the member who has done more for the club over the years than any other member. The pictures show Ray, his wife Francis and myself.

To flesh out the story a bit let me add that Ray is one of the original club members. He was instrumental in our club obtaining the field in Archer, Florida. Over the years Ray has been our chief flight instructor, has maintained our field equipment and has cut more grass than anyone in the club. Ray is the kind of guy who always has time to help a fellow member. He and his brother Ed Powers poured the concrete floor for the field house, assisted in building the field house and provided good advice over the years. In recent years his health has been declining. We as a club wished to honor Ray by naming the field after him because of his exceptional service to the club. We feel there will never be another Ray and our club has been fortunate to have him. Just our way of saying Thanks.

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