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## Hobbyist drone pilot films some flowers



**In this still shot taken from one of two videos published, this is the view that a butterfly might see as he or she flitted about flowers, drinking nectar and spreading pollen and seeds.**

### **Story, Photos and Videos**

**By Jeff M, Hardison © April 27, 2018 at 9:38 a.m.**

**TRI-COUNTY AREA** -- Somewhere in the Tri-County Area of Levy, Dixie and Gilchrist counties, daily news website publisher Jeff M. Hardison took a few hours off from work to fly over some roadside wildflowers and create videos from his fun activity on Thursday (April 26).

**<https://youtu.be/kcBER18huSQ>**

**In this short video, The Dragonfly drone (unmanned aerial system) flies back and forth along a strip of Roadside phlox (*Phlox drummondii*) along the public right-of-way somewhere in the Tri-County Area of Levy, Dixie and Gilchrist counties at a height of two to three feet.**

**[https://youtu.be/-zvwf\\_FAEVc](https://youtu.be/-zvwf_FAEVc)**

**This longer version of flight to view phlox takes the viewer up to 300 feet from the surface of the ground as well as flying by the new PT Newser (a PT Cruiser used for transporting a journalist or journalists on their various missions). In the end, the landing on the portable landing pad reflects some relatively high wind at this time of day on Thursday.**

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**In this still shot taken from 300 feet in the air, pathes of phlox are seen on the sides of the road.**

"I had just heard about another Marion County deputy getting shot at," he said. "The deputies caught a suspect from that incident and he is a suspected killer of his own mother too, according to official reports of the evidence and witness statements that exists now. I listened to Marion County Sheriff Billy Woods tell members of the press that there is no reason for shooting at law enforcement officers, because their job is to protect and serve the people."

That is two Marion County deputies being shot at without reason and one suspect being caught this week. This follows on the heels of a man killing two Gilchrist County deputies, and a young man shooting a sawed-off shotgun in a high school in Ocala.

The publisher said he decided to take some time off from news coverage to fly his drone - nicknamed The Dragonfly.

"I jumped back into covering the news after my short break for a flower flight breather," he said. "One story I have on the list is the start of a series of stories about the Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast. That story addresses a desire to add more private sector members to the Board of Directors for that group.

"I took a two-hour break from writing, editing and the like yesterday afternoon," Hardison said. "Seen here are some photos and two of the 12 videos I made while having some fun with the DJI Mavic Pro that I fly as an FAA-approved hobby pilot.

"By the way," Hardison added, "my friend the late Bill Kilborn would have been 81 today (April 27, 2018). He is the man who wrote the first code to create *HardisonInk.com*. He was an actual airplane pilot and a photographer from the air, as well as being a great human being. To see a story about his passing away, please click [HERE](#).