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February 2009

Letter from the Editor- Michael Hupp

As you can see by the front cover, change is in the works. Over the next few months I will be working on bringing the reader a newsletter that is more colorful and filled with the information that (I hope) you will want to see. But, this will not come easy. Although I have a good grasp of what it takes to get the pig in the air, I will not profess to be the sharpest tack on the field. This is where you come into play. I am challenging each of you to bring me your best ideas (and criticisms) so that all can benefit.

Chief Pilot- Mike Atkinson

Well, our venture into having our meetings at an area restaurant fell flat on its face. I still think it was a good idea, but Famous Dave's just doesn't have a good room for our purposes. Because of that, we are moving the February meeting back to Grace Lutheran Church at 7:00, Thursday, February 5, 2009. The new location for HobbytownUSA should be ready soon, so maybe we can have some of our meetings there in the future. Of course, we'll plan to keep the meetings at the field when daylight allows.



Mike Kinsey, Geoff Lawrence, and I had an opportunity to have a lunch meeting with Pat Plocek earlier this month. We discussed several topics, including our runway situation, use of the field for cross-country events, and overall future picture for the flying field. The discussions were very encouraging. We have been presented with a much more cost effective solution to our bumpy runway problem and will plan to discuss it in detail at the meeting. Other options still exist, as well. I would also like to consider an option for a geotextile fabric runway for our electric and small glow powered pilots. If you are concerned about the condition of the runway and want to have your opinions considered, make sure you are at the next meeting.

The safety issues I addressed earlier this month are posted elsewhere in the newsletter. Please take a moment to review all the items. These are current safety rules and must be followed by all members. Everyone has had plenty of time to get out of his "bad habits", so violations will no longer be allowed to continue. Please set a good example and patrol yourselves.

In addition to our lease agreement with the county (which is on track to be renewed) and our AMA charter, county regulations do not allow alcoholic beverages of any kind to be brought onto the grounds of a recreational park. That means it doesn't matter if you are flying or not, you cannot have alcohol on the premises. That also applies to visitors and spectators. We'll talk about posting signs at the field during the next meeting.

Finally, we have plans for upcoming events that need to be finalized. The school flight demonstration group already has 4 events planned, with a couple more pending. We need to discuss the upcoming HobbytownUSA Spring fly-in and our participation in AirFest 2009. We'd also like to get another float fly-in scheduled. Please bring your calendars to the meeting to help us plan these events.

Happy Flying,

Michael Atkinson
President, SRCC



Chief Copilot- Mike Kinsey

I just want to remind everybody to do their part at the field, whether it's picking up garbage, straightening chairs or whatever else that might need to be done. It's everybody's club, so that makes it everybody's responsibility. I also want to remind everybody about the aerobatic fly-in on March 21, the "Introduction to Remote Control Flying" clinic we're going to have that same day and the helicopter fly-in we're hosting on the 21st of April.

In the next few weeks I will be letting you know about more event dates because we will be having a lot of events this year. I will be contacting channels 6 and 49 so they can advertise for us.

Thanks,
Mike Kinsey
Vice-President. SRCC

Upcoming AMA Regional Events

MACH Wintercoupe

FL

2/07/09-2/08/09 - Pensacola, FL (A) MACH Wintercoupe for 124, 140, 142, 153(JSO). Site: 8A. Bob Thoren CD, 10002 Bluff Drive Huntsville AL 35803 PH:256-880-8099 email: dthoren3@comcast.net. Also flying Commercial Rubber, Classic Tow Line Glider. Sponsor: MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB OF HUNTSVILLE

Elect Powered Radio Control Airshow

FL

2/13/09-2/14/09 - Deland, FL (C) Elect Powered Radio Control Airshow. Site: Deland Airport. Thomas Beckman CD, 104 Sycamore Lane Lake Helen FL 32744 OGL386-228-0700 email: tbeckman@cfl.rr.com. Visit www.delandrcclub.com. First electric event. It will be for fun only. Come and enjoy electric flying in a large area. Primitive camping, no hookups, food will be on the field, vendors welcome. Sponsor: DELAND RC CLUB GOLDEN HAWKS

Festival of Giants

FL

2/19/09-2/21/09 - Deland, FL (C) Festival of Giants. Site: Deland Airport. Thomas Beckman CD, 104 Sycamore Lane Lake Helen FL 32744 PH:386-228-0700 email: tbeckman@cfl.rr.com. Visit www.delandrcclub.com. Rule of not less than 80" w/s for monoplanes and 60" w/s for biplanes with no turbines will be in effect. Camping beginning 2/19 no hookups, landing fee in advance \$20 on field \$15 per day. Sponsor: DELAND RC CLUB GOLDEN HAWKS

Amps Aero Batils Challenge

FL

2/20/09-2/22/09 - Miami, FL (AA) Amps Aero Batils Challenge for 411, 412, 413, 414, 415(JSO). Site: Silver Field. Michael Laughlin CD, 14460 SW 144 Pl Cir Miami, FL 33186 PH:786-712-5770 email: malaug83@bellsouth.net. Visit www.amps-rc.com. Freestyle competition Sunday, prizes and raffles. Sponsor: AERO MODELERS OF PERRINE

Young Marines 2nd Annual 2009 US World Invitational

FL

2/21/09 - Ocklawaha, FL (A) Young Marines 2nd Annual 2009 US World Invitational for 318(JSO). Site: Paradise Field. H David Wallick CD, 4125 SE Highway 314A Ocklawaha FL 32179 PH:352-625-2156 email: f2cwallick@embarq.mail.com. F2CN (European Rules), F2C Limited (19 sec), Clown and Quickie Rat. Sponsor: FLORIDA CIRCLE BURNERS



Upcoming AMA Regional Events (cont.)

Florida Extreme 3D Fly In

FL

2/27/09-3/01/09 - Jacksonville, FL (C) Florida Extreme 3D Fly In (FX3D). Site: Lannie Road Flying Field. Jeffre Carte CD, 12638 Elvenking Lane Jacksonville FL 32225 PH:904-521-4466 email: jecarte@bellsouth.net. Visit www.gatewayrc.org. landing fee \$25 includes Saturday BBQ. RV parking no hookups, restroom facilities, concession stand, burgers and dogs on site, vendors welcome, giant scale, gas, glow and electric. Sponsor: GATEWAY RC

Wings Over Venice

FL

2/27/09-3/01/09 - Venice, FL (C-Restricted to IMAA) Wings Over Venice. Site: Venice Field. Jack Butler CD, 211 Natures Way No Port FL 34287 PH:941-423-7037 email: jacknbutler@aol.com. Visit www.venicerc.com. Exit US 75 at exit 195 (Laurel Rd) east. Go one block to Knights Trail and turn left(north), follow RC Flying signs to Field. Within Waste Management Landfill. Stay to right and follow speed limits. Rustic camping - cook tent. Sponsor: RC FLYERS OF VENICE

Twelveth Annual Tlush-Kania Commerative Contest

FL

3/03/09-3/04/09 - Cape Coral, FL (C) Twelveth Annual Tlush-Kania Commerative Contest. Site: Club Field. Lloyd Underwood CD, 5917 Littlestone Ct #108 N Fort Myers FL 33903 PH:236-656-4009. SAM rulebook events. Sponsor: CAPE CORAL R-SEA HAWKS

Chief Treasurer- Theo Titus

Editor's Note: The Treasurer's report is published for Members only. The public version of the Newsletter does not include account balances.

Checking Accounts

Capital City Bank	\$00.00
Premier Bank	\$00.00

Savings Accounts

Capital City Savings	\$00.00
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Cash On Hand

\$00.00

Total Assets

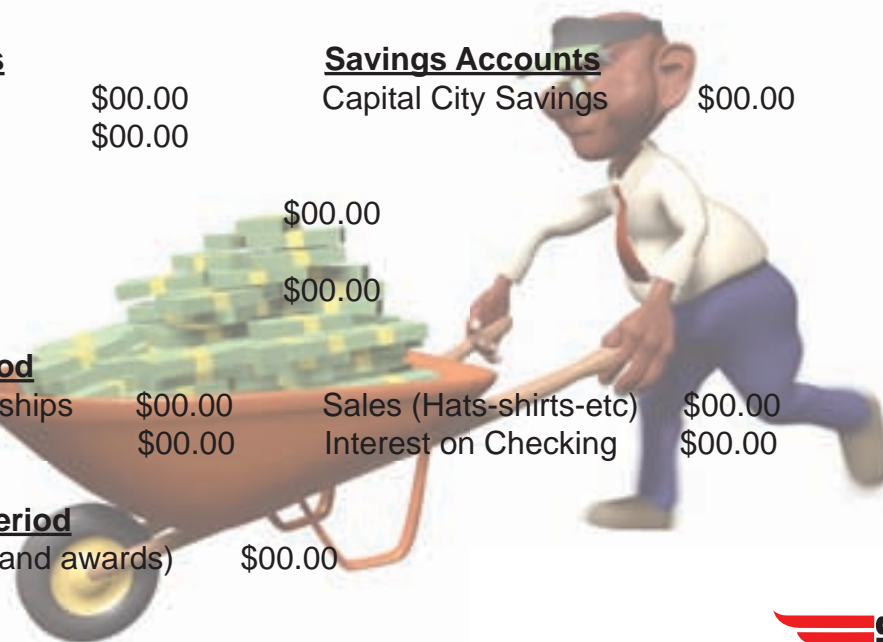
\$00.00

Income for the period

Dues / New Memberships	\$00.00	Sales (Hats-shirts-etc)	\$00.00
Interest on Savings	\$00.00	Interest on Checking	\$00.00

Expenses for the period

Awards4U (Plaques and awards)	\$00.00
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Chief Scribe- Geoff Lawrence

The January meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm Thursday January 8, 2009. There were no new members or visitors.

Theo Titus reported the SRCC accounts had not yet been transferred. Banks require both the old and new treasurers to be present and he will be coordinating with Sam Varn. He has received dues from one new member. Mike Atkinson summed up the treasurers report.

Old Business:

- The Warbird Fly-in was a success. Appreciation given to Hobbytown for raffle donations.
- David Mills was announced as Seminole RC Club Member of the Year.
- It was noted this meeting at Famous Dave's was a trial meeting location only.

New Business:

- Appreciation was given to Michael Hupp for the January Newsletter. We're off to a great start.
- It was noted that the club's lease with the County expired in April, 2008. Mike Atkinson has obtained a letter of extension until the next County Commission meeting.
- Mike A. reported he intends to request consideration of a 10am start time for flying when the new lease comes up for approval.
- The clearing of parts of the woods surrounding the field was noted. This work is in preparation for a cross country track.
- The County has informed us there will be about four or five morning events per year that we'll be asked not to fly until the events are over and the field cleared. It was agreed this would be no problem. The County has agreed to notify the club well in advance of upcoming events.
- Mike Kinsey presented his preliminary plans for upcoming events, both as a way of promoting the club within the community and increasing flying participation within the club. Some proposed events were Aerobatic Competition, Fun-fly's, Combat, Float Fly's, Heli Fly's and Warbird Fly-ins.
- Mike A. described the field as "in disarray" and it was agreed that the club needs to make improvements. Mike Kinsey had been in touch with several landscapers and obtained estimates for various plans for improvements. It was agreed our two options were: 1) Level and smooth the existing grass, or 2) Look into paving some portion of the runway and improve the remaining grass. After much discussion, since any improvements could not be made until late March to mid April, it was agreed to table the discussion until the February meeting so we could explore more options.

Announcements:

- Theo Titus requested we all be more responsible for our own garbage and debris at the field to minimize the necessity of emptying the trash cans so often.

With no additional business, the motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:35pm.

Safety Is NOT An Option

It seems like at least every couple of years we need to address the following issues, but things have gotten out of hand (again!) recently. So, here we go

1- The pilot station is behind the fence, in the middle of the fence, not in the opening. The only time it is permitted to stand in the opening while flying is when you are the only one flying at that time. Even then, whenever someone else gets into the air, you need to move behind the fence.

2- The starting tables are to be situated so that the pilot is facing the runway while starting the aircraft. This allows you to see oncoming aircraft while you are starting yours. If your back is to the field, you cannot know when to duck!



3- DO NOT TAXI behind the flight line. If you start your plane behind the flight line, carry it to the flight line before taxi and take off. After the flight, stop the engine before crossing the flight line. This includes electrics, as well. Planes should always be started on the starting tables or on the ground near the flight line. Helicopters are permitted to be started under the shelter, but should be kept idling until taken to the runway or hover pad.

4- The flight line extends infinitely in both directions. The only time the line should be crossed by your aircraft is on the south side (over the pond), and only on final landing approach.

5- We still have the imaginary box extending out from each end of the flight stations, and connecting with another line going down the middle of the runway. There is no 3D flying, either helicopter or fixed wing, to be performed in this area. If you want to do it in front of the pilots stations, that's fine. Just do it on the far side of the runway so as to not disturb the other pilots. The only exception to this rule is during flight demonstrations during special events. Even then, I would recommend staying out a bit from the flight line to maximize safety.

Safety Is NOT An Option (cont.)

6- The grass circles on the north and south sides of the pits are for helicopter and small electric planes for hovering and light 3D maneuvers. If the maneuvers are going to take the aircraft outside the boundaries of the circle, the pilot needs to transition to one of the designated flight stations and perform the maneuvers on the east side of the flight line.

7- Even though the landfill is no longer using the weigh station for trash, that area remains a no-fly zone. Please do not fly over the weigh station.

8- Not posted on our field map, is the location of the football/soccer fields. But we all know where they are. Please do not fly past the pond. Doing so will put you over spectators, which is a violation of the AMA safety code.

9- Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are to be consumed on the property....not even if you are not flying. The field is located in a county park and alcoholic beverages are not allowed.

This is just a friendly reminder of those things we should have already known. Beginning next week, our safety officer, Gordie Meade will start correcting violations. I would ask all other members to help patrol these issues, as well. These and other safety measures are in place to: 1- Provide for a safe environment for all club member, and 2- Prohibit major incidents from occurring, which could have an adverse effect on our use of county property for our hobby. If repeated violations continue, suspension of flying privileges for the offending member(s) could be in order. Hopefully, it won't come to that.



Seminole Radio Control Club Tallahassee, FL

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SRCC Officers

President – **Mike Atkinson**
Vice President – **Mike Kinsey**
Secretary – **Geoff Lawrence**
Newsletter Editor – **Michael Hupp**
Treasurer – **Theo Titus**
Field Marshall – **Joe Satterwhite**
Field Safety Officer- **Gordie Meade**

Field Hours

12 Noon till Dark- These hours apply to **all** aircraft, gas **and** electric.

Training Notes

To schedule a training time contact Mike Atkinson.

Flight Instructors

Mike Atkinson- Primary/ Advanced Flight Instructor (Coordinator)	926-4692
Geoff Lawrence- Primary/ Advanced Flight Instructor	942-9807
John Hall- Primary/ Advanced Helicopter Flight Instructor	893-6457
Jay Leudecke- Primary/ Advanced Helicopter Flight Instructor	508-7135
Jeff Owens- Ground School/ Airworthiness Instructor (Fixed Wing)	894-2504
Frank Bastos- Hobby Town Flight Demonstrator	671-2030

Club Meeting Location and Time

November- March: The regular club meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Grace Lutheran Church on Miccosukee Rd. Head out Miccosukee Rd., cross Capital Circle NE, and the entrance will be the first one on your right. Once you park, follow the sidewalk around the left side of the building and go down the hill. We meet in a room on the first level.

April- October: The regular club meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at **7:00 PM** at the Flying Field. The Club offers food and drinks for a small charge.

Newsletter Submissions- Submissions are requested to be in M.S. Word format or via e-mail text. Photos should be in .jpg or .tif format. Vector art accepted in Corel, Illustrator and AUTOCAD format. We will, however, accept anything to make it easier for those who wish to contribute. Submissions are due no later than the 23rd of the month. Send your submissions to Michael Hupp - hmhupp@gmail.com

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