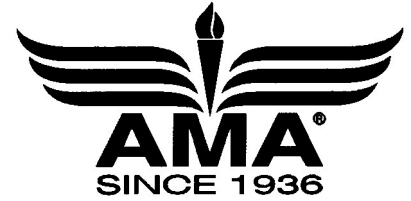


The Seminole Flyer



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A Note from Our SRCC President

Mike Levine, President

Well, this is my first note as president and unfortunately it is a note on safety.

For the first time in 35 years of flying model airplanes of all kinds and sizes, it was my 15 year old P-38 with twin O.S. AX 46s turning 10x8 APC props that finally "bit" me on Sunday April 13. The table I normally start the airplane on was two feet too far away for the electric starter cord to reach so instead of moving the table two feet over as was suggested, I used the table in the middle which is not ideal for the P-38 because of the twin engines are right up against the restraining posts. Well, I got the second engine started and since I could not reach the glow starter from the back of the engine I "carefully" reached underneath the starboard engine which was turning at a high idle. As most modelers know, the APC props are very sharp out of the box and I did sand these down but none the less, it did considerable damage to my right hand and Dan was kind enough to drive me to the ER has I had to hold pressure on it. This should also remind members that it is a good idea to always make sure someone else is present at the field and be especially careful if no one is present. Solo flying is not prohibited but is better to have someone there. This also could have been much more severe if it had been an electric motor because the glow engine stopped after it struck my hand, an electric motor would not have stopped. I guess a 50cc gas engine turning a 22x10 APC would have had much worse results too. Well here is the graphic result which hopefully will remind everyone that even a long time experienced and safety conscience modeler can have a split second moment of carelessness....

And, here's how it's doing after four days:



Hope to see you at the field soon! And remember, no flying permitted if you have not paid your dues! . . . *Mike*

Club Meeting News

Randy Yarborough, Secretary

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Mike Levine.

First item mentioned and reviewed was the current 2014 **Club Calendar**.

Memorial Day Warbird Fly-in May 26, 2014. Remaining T-Shirts and grill food will be for sale. Details coming soon.

Flying for a Cure October 4th, 2014. More details coming soon.

Float Fly in Killearn Lakes at Lake Monkey Business – CANCELLED.

Secretary's Report

March 2014 SRCC general meeting minutes were read by Randy Yarborough and approved.

Treasures Report

Bill Ashbaker read the current treasures report.

Currently we have 81 members on the roster

Upcoming expenses will be annual service on lawn equipment for cutting season..

Safety Officer Report

President had an accident with a gas plane. Always make sure someone is present at field while you are flying and a spotter is recommended, especially if medical attention is needed as was in this recent case.

Training Officer Report-Geoff Lawrence

Civil Air Cadets training session on April 19, 2014 from 10-1

Field Marshal Report-Gordy

Fertilizing of field completed.

Old Business

Encourage more attendants for SRCC general meetings. Be aware of more activity around the SRCC field now that weather is warmer.

New Business

Please go to the SRCC web site and look at items added including a training and a README page. Request for third walk thru opening at field next to parking area was approved.

Next meeting

May 15, 2014 (Beef O Brady's 1800 Thomasville Road 7:00 pm in meeting room)

Adjournment

Meeting motioned and accepted and adjourned by Mike Levine at 8:00 p.m.

Around the Field . . .



Here are some of the photos I took at SEFF this year. I merged four shots into the composite of (half) of the flight line and campers. There was at least this much more on the other side of the hobby shop — *Theo Titus*



Ed Budzyna with his Platinum prize (donated by Diamond Hobbies).

Picture of the all electric combat event. I count only 22 planes in the air, but some had already met their fate when this photo was taken. Still, more than I want to fly with.



Around the Field is a monthly collection of member items and activities. Feel free to email photos and comments for publication to SeminoleRadioControlClub@gmail.com

Good Things for All of Us . . .

As the year progresses, we plan to publish a series of articles that will be helpful to our members. "Oh, sorry, I didn't know that," is frequently heard at the field when safety errors are pointed out to new members. Of course, some of our long time members forget sometimes. We feature our club safety rules this month to remind everyone:

SEMINOLE RADIO CONTROL CLUB OPERATIONAL & SAFETY RULES

February 16, 2012

A. Flying Field Operational Rules

1. All members and guests shall comply with Leon County Apalachee Regional Park rules and regulations, the Academy of Model Aeronautics Safety Code and Seminole RC Club rules while on Apalachee Regional Park Property.
2. All solo pilots must be current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
3. Solo pilots who are Academy of Model Aeronautics under the Park Flyer program are restricted to flying electric aircraft that weigh 2 pounds or less and be incapable of reaching speeds greater than 60 mph. If a member acquires an aircraft that does not meet these specifications, the member must upgrade his/her Academy of Model Aeronautics membership to *Youth* or *Full Open* as appropriate before the new aircraft is flown at the field.
4. Each Club member will be issued a Club identification card. It is recommended that it be displayed while at the field for identification purposes and to ensure that the individual has current Academy of Model Aeronautics membership with insurance coverage.
5. Potential new members, guests and other Academy of Model Aeronautics club members shall be allowed to fly if a Club member is present and the individuals hold a current Academy of Model Aeronautics membership card. Potential new members living in the greater Tallahassee area shall be given an application for membership. Non-members without Academy of Model Aeronautics membership shall not be allowed to fly except by "buddy box" or very close supervision by a Club member who is able to take control of the aircraft immediately. If a non-member challenges this rule, the non-member is to be informed that the field jurisdiction is controlled by lease agreement with the Leon County Park Commission. Any comments are to be directed to the commission.
6. Non-powered or electric aircraft may be operated between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM only.
7. Nitro or gas aircraft shall have a muffler and may be operated between 12:00 PM and 9:00 PM only.
8. Pilots using 50 Mhz or 72 Mhz frequencies shall place the appropriate frequency pin on their transmitter antenna and shall place their Academy of Model Aeronautics card in the pocket on the frequency board from which the pin was taken.
9. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are to be consumed on the property. The field is located in a county park and alcoholic beverages are prohibited by law.

B. Flying Field Safety Rules

1. The flying field flight line runs along the pilot station barrier fence and extends infinitely in both directions from the ends of the flight line fence. Pilots shall not allow flying aircraft to cross to the spectator side of the flight line. However, pilots, who want to make left-hand turns when preparing to land, may make a left hand circle over the pond to the south of the runway even though the circle crosses the extended flight line over the pond.
2. Except for take-offs and landings, no flight shall come closer to the pilot stations than the center line of the runway. All acrobatic and 3D flying shall be performed past the far side of the runway to not disturb other pilots. The only exception is flight demonstrations at special events.
3. Aircraft shall be operated from the pilot stations only. Pilot stations are behind the flight line fence in the middle of each section, not in the openings.
4. Only pilots and assistants are allowed on the flight line
5. No more than four aircraft shall be in the air at any given time.
6. Pilots shall make appropriate announcements when taking off, landing or in emergency situations.
7. Landing aircraft have the right-of-way over aircraft taking off, taxiing or hovering.
8. Pilots shall place their aircraft on the starting tables so the pilots are facing the runway while starting an aircraft. This allows a pilot to see oncoming aircraft while he/she is working on his/her own aircraft.
9. Pilots shall not taxi on the spectator side of the flight line. A pilot who starts an aircraft behind the flight line shall carry it to the flight line before taxi and take off. After the flight, pilots shall stop the engine before crossing the flight line. Aircraft shall be started or electric aircraft shall be armed on the starting tables or on the ground near the flight line. Helicopters may be started under the shelter, but should be kept idling and in "throttle hold" until taken to the runway or hover pad.
10. The grass circles (helipads) on the north and south sides of the pit and shelter area are for helicopter hovering and light 3D maneuvers. If the maneuvers take the aircraft outside the boundaries of the circle, the pilot shall transition to one of the designated pilot stations and perform the maneuvers to the east of the flight line. Small electric airplanes are permitted to use the circles for flying. Helicopters and small airplanes using the grass circles shall not be considered as part of the total number of aircraft in the air.
11. Prolonged helicopter hovering should be performed at one of the two designated helipads and not over the runway.
12. The running trail shall be monitored for joggers entering from either direction. When joggers are present, all flying shall be restricted to the south part of the flying area until the joggers are clear. Landing aircraft may continue their approach.
13. The areas of airspace over the county recycling center to the southeast of the field, over the parking area and recreational fields south of the field, west of the flight line and over the running areas north of the field are no-fly zones.
14. First person view (FPV) flying:
 - a. An FPV-equipped model must be flown by two AMA members using a "buddy-box" system. The pilot in command must be on the primary (master) transmitter, maintain visual contact and be prepared to assume control in the event of a problem.

- b. The operational range of the model is limited to the pilot in command's visual line of sight. The pilot in command shall maintain visual contact with the model without enhancement other than by corrective lenses prescribed for the pilot.
 - c. The flight path of model operations shall be limited to the designated flying site and approved overfly area.
 - d. The model weight and speed shall be limited to a maximum of 10 pounds and 60 miles per hour.
15. It is recommended that members do not fly alone.
16. Children shall **not** be permitted beyond the spectator area unless under the **direct** supervision of an adult or under flight instruction.
17. Flight operations shall stop during electrical storms.

Club Bylaw Update in the Works

Occasionally, we must update our bylaws to keep them consistent with the way we are actually operating. Any changes to the bylaws must be approved by club members. Any proposed changes must be emailed to members at least thirty days prior to the official club meeting when voting will take place. You will receive an email before the next meeting with the proposed changes so they may be discussed at the meeting. If there is agreement, the official vote will occur at the club meeting on June 19, 2014.

The current bylaws can be downloaded at our web site www.seminolerc.com. If you notice anything that should be changed, send your suggestions to seminoleradiocontrolclub@gmail.com or bring them up at our next meeting on May 15, 2014.

Here are suggested changes to date:

1. Remove the requirement that proposed new members present themselves at a club meeting and make application there.
2. Add a provision to provide free membership to members over 79 years old and who have maintained continuous membership for a minimum of five years.
3. Add a club position of training coordinator to the list of appointed officers. The training coordinator will chair the Flight Training Committee.
4. Remove the requirement that club meetings be held on the first Thursday of each month. Permit the president to schedule club meetings as long as they are advertised in the club newsletter prior to any changes.
5. Update the FPV and UAV rules to comply the current AMA and FAA rules.
6. Add a provision that a single club bylaw may be waived on a one-time basis by a vote of the members at an official club meeting.

Do you have any more suggestions???

Classified Ads

Anyone in the club who wants to sell or buy RC equipment, send an email to seminoleradiocontrolclub@gmail.com with a very short description. We prefer a one or two line description: what it is, condition, price, who to contact and email or phone.

For Sale

Airplanes

Radian RTF Sailplane, good condition, Greg Hila, gjhila@aol.com

Precision Aerobatics Addiction X, 50 inch wingspan, very good condition, \$350, Robin Driscoll,
850-597-2424 , robin.marcy@gmail.com

Powerplants

SAITO FA-82a 4-Stroke Nitro Engine with extras, new in box, \$490, Bill Ashbaker, bill.ashbaker@comcast.net

Electrical Accessories

Thunder Power LiPo Charger Model TP-1010C, like new, \$40, Bill Ashbaker, bill.ashbaker@comcast.net

Field Equipment

Hobbico Ultra-Tote Plywood Kit, new in box, \$12, Bill Ashbaker, bill.ahbaker@comcast.net

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Flight Training

Primary flight training is available by appointment on Saturdays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm when the weather is nice and not too breezy. Contact the Training Coordinator or one of the instructors to make an appointment:

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Mike Levine 860-922-4050

Jeff Owens 850-644-4765

Bill Ashbaker 850-656-5932

Randy Yarborough 850-523-0020

Jim Ogorek 850-766-2477

Field Hours

Electrics/Sailplanes 9:00 AM till 9:00 PM

Gassers/Nitros 12 Noon till Dusk

Electric Service 8:30 AM till 9:15 PM

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We welcome and encourage items for publishing in *The Seminole Flyer*. Please submit your suggestions to SeminoleRadioControlClub@gmail.com in Word format. Thank You.

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