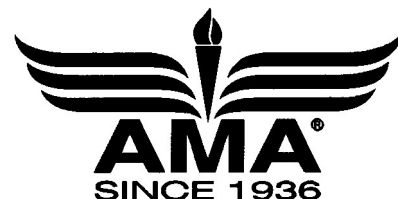


The Seminole Flyer



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Hot August 2015 Issue

It's the Dog Days . . .

It's hot! It's wet! It's humid! Not a lot is happening at the field except weeds growing at the end of the runway and we keep resetting the GFIs that knock out the electricity due to thunderstorms. Not a lot is happening, so this is a minimalist issue of *The Seminole Flyer*.



But have faith! In a few weeks, the heat and humidity should be more tolerable and we can get back to having fun. So, inspect your favorite aircraft, check out the electronics and charge your batteries. And, there are hopes of some FPV quadrotor racing.

Club Meeting News

Matthew Hendrix, Secretary

Call To Order

Vice President Randy Yarborough called the August 20, 2015 meeting of the Seminole Radio Control Club to order at 1857 EST (6:57 PM Eastern Time)

Board Members:

Mike Levine – President (Not Present)

Randy Yarborough – Vice President

Matthew Hendrix – Secretary

Bill Ashbaker – Treasurer & Editor

2015 Club Calendar

Museum of Florida History Children's day: Jan 31st 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Perry Swap meet: Friday March 6th and Saturday March 7th.

Annual field opening, picnic and swap meet: Saturday March 14th

Memorial Day weekend warbird meet: Sunday May 24th

4th of July firecracker fun-fly and contest: Sunday July 5th.

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2nd annual “Believe in a Cure” fundraiser and fly-in: Sunday October 4th

Veteran’s day picnic and fun-fly: Saturday November 7th

Training calendar: Saturdays 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM or by appointment

New member and visitor introductions

- No new members were present; however, the club welcomes a new club member John Pitts!

Secretary Report – Matthew Hendrix
(mhendrix85@gmail.com)

- The July 16, 2015 minutes were approved as posted in the Newsletter.

Treasurer Report – Bill Ashbaker
(bill.ashbaker@comcast.net)

- The club currently has 92 members.
- Comments on and requests for articles
- Bank Balance & General Upcoming Expenses
- Currently the club has spent more than was brought in this year. There are a few more significant expenses expected. Please see the New Business section for more information.

Safety Officer Report – Jim Ogorek
(jim.ogorek@yahoo.com)

- No major safety concerns were reported.

Field Marshal Report – Gordie Meade (Not Present)
lmeade@fsu.edu

- Field update and issues
 - The field and new concrete slab are looking great. Some concerns were brought up on the condition of the grass after mowing. VP Randy volunteered to have the mower inspected and cleaned. Contractor garbage bags and cleaning the garbage bins will also be taken care of by Randy. Thank you Randy!!!!
- Maintenance – power wash bleachers and storage shed and paint storage shed.
 - **After discussing the current state of the shipping container and other various housekeeping needs that are overdue, a**

motion was made to allow club member Tristan Seeley’s father’s company perform the work (power wash & paint container, clean the bleachers, etc) for \$750.00. The motion was passed by a majority vote.

- Once a date has been set for the work, an official notice will be sent out via club email.

Weeds

- Issues with the all weeds at the far right side of the runway were brought up. Jim Ogorek will get in contact with the county on the matter. The club may need to wait until the winter time until this issue can be resolved. Jim will keep us updated. Thank you Jim!

Training Coordinator Report – Geoff Lawrence
(4knkc@comcast.net)

- Saturday’s 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Training equipment update
 - The FMS Cessna was lost in a crash. Diamond Hobby has donated a new tail-dragger trainer to the club as it’s replacement, the super easy. Thank you to Jim and Diamond Hobby for the support!
 - Extra batteries and supplies will be purchased for the club trainer. Thank you Geoff!
 - The trainers will be kept with Geoff until the weather cools down.

Old Business

- Fans are installed and operational!

New Business

- A TV interview is scheduled with WCTV for a three minute segment with club members and airplanes. Contact Randy & Joe for more information.
- Believe in a Cure event
 - The plan is to invite other local clubs to the event and the flyer, to be produced by Randy, will contain all pertinent details including info on a swap meet & raffle.

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- Geoff volunteered to communicate with the local representative for Shands.
- The club will also coordinate with various vendors for the event.
- Make sure to utilize our club forum to help make planning the event easier.
- Thank you to everyone who is helping out!
- Purchase one club pop up shelter
 - Jeff Krell from Flightline offered the possibility of donating a shelter. More info on this to come!

Next Board meeting

TBD

Next Club meeting

Thursday September 17th 2015 (Beef O' Brady's 1800 Thomasville RD 7:00 PM)

Adjournment

The Vice President adjourned the meeting @ 1950 EST (7:50 PM Eastern Time).

Our Members & Friends

This Is What We're About

This is a note we received from a recent visitor on our club forum website:

I just thought I'd stop in to thank Gordie, Jerome, the young man there whose name escapes me, and especially Pat for giving me a warm welcome when I stopped by your field earlier today.

I am new to the RC world and dove into it without much research into looking where to actually fly before buying a racing drone. After I learned that there was only really 1 field out there to fly on in Tallie, and after a week of waiting out the weather and work (& a few 5 min backyard hovers), I finally got the opportunity to head over to your field. I honestly expected to roll up on a weedy, overgrown, open space with maybe a wooden bench or shack. Instead, I found myself in what I would dub 'The La-Gaurdia' of the RC world. Someone was on a riding mower (Gordie) cutting the grass -grass on a field that I wish my yard looked like. In fact, I initially thought I didn't want to crash here because I might mess it up. My heart

dropped as I hopped out of my jeep and saw a members only type sign, and as I turned to leave Pat greeted me. We spent the next hour talking, or mostly me asking, listening and learning about this hobby. Yeah, I bought a drone but I did do my homework on it. However, apparently there is so much to it that isn't in the vague instruction manuals and half arsed instruction youtube videos I studied. Pat in that one hour taught me more than I had learned in my weeks of research. He then proceeded to balance my batteries (who knew one even had to) and gave me the opportunity to fly! In that following 12 minutes of battery time (it was 3-5 or so before) a 38 year old man became a kid again, and I'm still smiling hours after. Thank you. As the normal summer evening Tallie thunder storms rolled in, I departed -elated, more educated, and impressed with Seminole RC.

You guys are Top Shelf and I look forward to seeing/meeting more of you. Thanks again...

Kind regards,
Dan

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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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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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