The Seminole Flyer



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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.

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 maintain your batteries. And, the *Believe in a Cure* charity event is only seven weeks away. We need to start preparing. We need volunteers to make this the best event ever. Think about it. It is fun and rewarding in many ways.

If you have been out to the field recently, you will notice that the summer heat has made the local youth crazy. Several items at the field have been vandalized. Our members are repairing items. One item is a pure mystery. A portion of our flag pole was stolen, but the flag was put back up on a short pole???

Several of our chairs fell victim to vandalism. We are not replacing them until things cool down. It will be a good idea to bring your own chair to the field for a while.

Club Meeting News

Jeff Owens, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM on Thursday August 17, 2017 by President Jay Wiggins. Fourteen members were in attendance.

President's Announcements – Jay thanked Jim Ogorek for his recent work on maintaining the mower and also for mowing the field. He thanked Gordie for the work he has done on field maintenance including the upgrades and construction of starting tables. He thanked Jeff Owens for his work with the club web site and Bill Ashbaker for his contributions as Treasurer and Newsletter editor.

County Liaison – Jay Wiggins updated the club on personnel changes in the Parks Department as well as plans for the eventual closure of the landfill and the process by which our flying site will be relocated.

Secretary's Report – Jeff Owens – The minutes of the July meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Ashbaker presented the latest report which was approved.

Safety Report – Jim Ogorek discussed the rule that no flying, taxiing, or hovering in the pit area is allowed.

Old Business – The issue of changing the start time for gas or nitro models was discussed. It was pointed out that requesting a change would require renegotiating the lease with the county. The last time we did this they moved the allowed number of track events from 6 to 12. Reopening this issue may well result in even more events being allowed. A motion was made to table further discussion of this topic until we have moved to the new site. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business – Jay Wiggins discussed the schedule of events for 2018. Basically, each year the same calendar of events is rolled over with appropriate date changes in order to reserve weekends for special events. It was decided without objection to roll the 2017 calendar into 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM and was followed by "show and tell" items by several members. Gordie reported on his activities as Team Manager for the US F3C (helicopter precision aerobatics) and F3N (helicopter 3D) at the recent Internats in Poland. Theo showed an old tube of Ambroid cement he found while cleaning up his shop. This brought back memories for those of us who used to use Ambroid.

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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 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset 7 days/week

Gassers/Nitros 10:00 AM until 30 minutes after sunset except Sunday.

Sunday gasser/nitro flying begins at 12:00 PM.
All gassers and nitros must have a suitable muffler.

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