

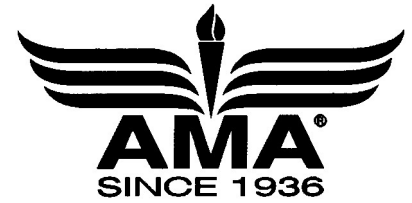
# The Seminole Flyer

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## August Dog Days 2018 Issue

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### Pancake Racing Time Again



**Bill and Geoff survey their carnage. Racing can be hazardous to airplanes.**

This past Saturday saw intense competition in the third round of the current series of pancake races. The intrepid competitors faced daunting humidity, but handled both the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat with good humor. A good time was had by all.

The current standings at the end of Saturday's races are, in order:  
Gordie, Jay, Ed, Theo and Rhett tie for fourth, Geoff,

Jim, Dan, Richard and Bill. Actually, Bill has not successfully competed. Crashes on take-off continue to take their toll. Building replacement racers is all part of the fun . . . right?

This series of pancake races have been a tremendous success based on participation, enjoyment and support. The club is grateful to Theo for initiating the idea, designing the concept and rules, ordering and managing delivery of the airplane kits and officiating

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## Pancakes

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at the races. The races have been so popular that we are anticipating a new series of races sometime in the not-too-distant future. The good news for current and potential competitors is that we are looking at different models to be the standard racer for the next series. The criteria are that the airplane will be more user-friendly, but remain relatively inexpensive. We look forward to it.

The next and final competition for this year's race series will be on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. Come out and enjoy.

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# Club Meeting News

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*Jeff Owens, Secretary*

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The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM on Thursday August 16, 2018 by President Jay Wiggins.

**Member Recognitions:** Gordie Meade for mowing the field twice a week; Geoff Lawrence for his efforts to get the lawn tractor serviced; Jim Ogorek for mowing when Gordie was out of town.

**Vide-President's Report** – Rhett will have soft drinks available for the Pancake Racing event on Saturday.

**Secretary's Report** – Jeff Owens – The minutes of the July meeting have been published in the July newsletter that is posted on the web. The minutes were approved as posted.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Bill Ashbaker gave the Treasurer's report. The report was approved.

**Safety Officer Report** – Jim Ogorek reported that a sign with the new AMA Safety Code has been put up in the shed. Members are advised that we must abide by these rules to keep our insurance in force. Specifically, he noted that AMA regulations require a spot-

ter for drone FPV flying.

**Field Marshall Report** – Gordie Meade – the mower is working great now and the field is in good shape.

**Training Officer Report** – Nothing to report.

**Old Business** – The next two set of races will be on Saturday August 18 and September 15 with the field reserved for racing from 9:30-11:30 AM each day.

**New Business** – The Club Calendar will be finalized for 2019 at the September meeting. The default calendar will include the traditional events that we have had in the last few years. There was discussion about adding an event in August to mark National Model Aviation Day. The exact date for this won't be set by AMA until some time in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

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# Around the Field — Pancake Racing

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**Theo leading pre-race pilots' briefing**



**Excitement growing in the pits**



**And, they're off! The third round of pancake races.**



**Theo enjoying himself**



**Jay judging while Michelle keeps score**



# Around the Field — Pancake Racing



**The next heat**



**Gordie recovers his airplane after another successful race**



**Good landing**



**Benita managing the leader board.**



**Ed with his pride and joy.  
It has LEDs for night flights.**

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# The Next Pancake Racer?

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A search for a replacement standard pancake racer for future race events is mentioned in the lead article of this issue of the newsletter. One possibility that is frequently mentioned is the Parkzone T-28 Trojan. The Parkzone T-28, originally in production for almost a decade, has been reintroduced to the market.

The Parkzone T-28 has a 44 inch (1.1 m) wingspan and comes in both plug-and-play and bind-and-fly versions. It is propelled by a 480-size brushless, 960 Kv out runner motor with a 30 amp ESC.

The Parkzone T-28 has advantages of being more stable and easier to fly than our current Foaminators. However, if the unthinkable happens an extensive selection of replacement parts are available.

The plug-and-play version is currently priced at \$149.99. The good news is it is likely that your current pancake racer receiver can be used with the T-28. Although the recommended battery for normal flight time is a 1800 to 2200 mAh 3S battery, your current 1300 mAh LiPo battery from your pancake racer can likely be used for three-minute races. So, there should be no additional costs beyond the purchase price of the airplane.

The Parkzone T-28 is one possible replacement for our current fulminate or airplanes. We are still looking for possibilities. The criteria are fun to fly, stability, inexpensive, durability and easily repaired. If you have any suggestions, let one of our club officers know.

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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

<b>Electrics/Sailplanes</b>	30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset 7 days/week
<b>Gassers/Nitros</b>	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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