

The Seminole Flyer



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PROGRESS!



Club president Jay Wiggins reported good news this past week: The building permit for our new pavilion has been approved – finally – and survey stakes are in the ground. The preconstruction meeting is scheduled and delivery of the pavilion should happen soon. Hopefully, construction will happen quickly once it's here. Stay tuned!

Thanks to Theo Titus, a new windsock is also flying. The condition of the runway continues to improve, and club members are organizing a project to fill in and even out low spots. Details will be forthcoming by email.



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Next Club Meeting

September 17, 2020
Via Zoom

The DA Ignition Light



It means that the power is on, right? Well yes, but there's more.

Most of us install the ignition module under the cowling or in the fuse, so we never really see the light.

Last month I was flying my DA35 straight and level over the runway, about $\frac{3}{4}$ throttle. It quit as though I had flipped the optical kill switch. It took me a very long time of trial and error to figure out that the ignition-timing sensor had gone bad. Had I known that the light means more than simply on/off, the diagnosis would

have been very quick and simple. By the college of hard knocks, later confirmed with DA, I learned that while the timing magnet is passing underneath the ignition-timing sensor, the light turns red. If the light doesn't turn red, the sensor is bad. It's that simple.



When the motor is running the light looks mostly green with a red crescent at the top. Because of vibration and proximity to the running propeller, the following picture is terrible, but it gives an idea of what to look for.



Safety: With the power on, turning the prop slowly by hand, the ignition will not fire. It takes the speed of a brisk flip to enable fire. If you are not comfortable with this, remove the spark plug cap from the plug. But, put a spare plug in the cap as DA says that operating the ignition without a spark plug in the plug cap can permanently damage the ignition coil.

Good flying,
Jay Wiggins

Around the Field...and other things

From Dave Settles

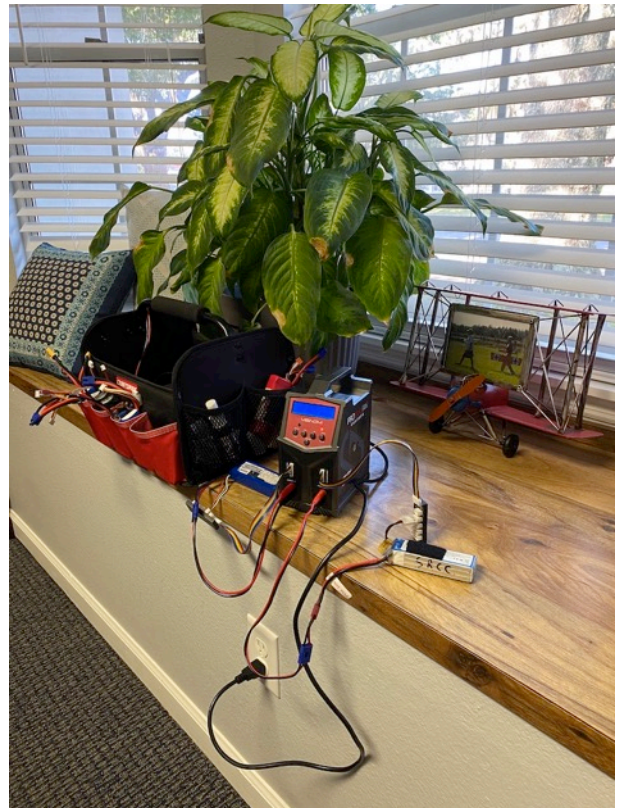


Crash Tip of the Month

The closer you fly to the ground, the less damage you'll do when you crash (if you fly close enough).



From Mike Atkinson, prepping for training



Club Meeting News

Jeff Owens, Secretary

This month's meeting was held as a video conference using Zoom. The meeting was called to order on Thursday August 20, 2020 by President Jay Wiggins at 7:00 PM with 24 members signed on. The peak attendance was 28 later in the meeting. No new members or guests were signed on.

Member Recognition – Marcy Driscoll for her work as the new Newsletter editor and for setting up the Zoom meeting; Mike Atkinson for his training activities with several new students; The Board of Directors for working on the revisions to the Club documents; Theo and Bill for arranging for a new windsock to be installed; Theo for working on a Radio Frequency Interference survey; Robert Tillman for bringing up several issues about fire extinguishers (watch for an item in an upcoming newsletter); Jim Bussey for putting new foam pads on the starting tables; Gordie for being selected as the Helicopter Team Manager for the Internats in Romania in 2021; Sandy's son for making the team for the Internats in Romania (Sandy will be his caller); Jeff for working with AMA to get our new field location in their club locator on the AMA site and for participating in a Senior Pattern Association contest at Mac Hodge's field in Americus, Georgia.

Vice-President's report – Rhett Boudreaux – nothing to report.

Secretary's Report – Jeff Owens – The minutes of the July Zoom meeting were posted on the web and in the Newsletter. They were approved as posted. The web site has been updated to show the location of the new field using a map provided by Jim Ogorek.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Ashbaker – The report was presented and approved by the membership.

Safety Report – Jim Ogorek – All is going smoothly – no problems to report.

Training Report – Geoff Lawrence – Mike Atkinson has been working successfully with several new students.

Field Report – no problems to report. The grass is filling in nicely. Jay will check to see if club members can help the County by providing manpower to fill in some low spots on the runway. Randy has offered to paint a centerline down the length of the runway to provide a visual aid to keep from landing too far out and going over the outside edge.

Field Update – Jay Wiggins – Progress is occurring and the building permit should be available "soon." The field will be treated again for ants. Jay touched base with the folks who have our container just to let them know the status of the construction schedule.

Newsletter – Marcy Driscoll – please keep sending pictures of projects and of flying activities. The Newsletter will continue a theme of "Show and Tell" as was done in the last two issues.

Old Business – the revisions to the three document revisions discussed at the last meeting were approved by more than the required 55% vote.

New Business – Advance spending authority in excess of \$600 each was requested for three future projects:

1. A new larger, sturdier grill for our cookouts
2. Material for assembly tables and a notice board
3. Official Opening Celebration

These items won't be purchased until the new facilities are complete, but advance authorization was approved.

There was a brief discussion concerning hours for fueled aircraft. These hours will be renegotiated with the County once the construction is complete and a new lease is called for.

Jim Ogorek mentioned a new smart multimeter that he purchased on Amazon for \$30.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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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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Jeff Owens 850-545-7482
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Field Hours

Electrics/Sailplanes	30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset 7 days/week
Gassers/Nitros	10 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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