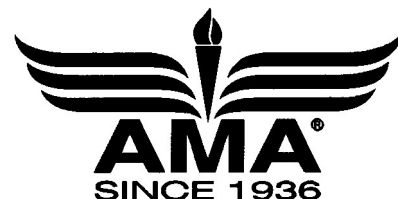


The Seminole Flyer



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Now . . . What Do I Do??

Club members have expressed concerns about strangers showing up at the field and insisting they be allowed to fly. Recently, one individual became confrontational and insisted the field is in a public park and he had the right to use it. This is not the first time that individuals have insisted that our field is a public facility. It is a simple fact that our field is not a public facility.

It is an unfortunate fact that county greenways were closed to RC flight due to the irresponsible behavior of a few. It is also a fact that irresponsible behavior at our field will cause our field to be closed. The only way we survive is by strict self-regulation and providing the county with liability insurance. The only way we will continue to survive is to insure that no uninsured flyers who don't know the safety rules fly at our club. AMA membership and club involvement are absolutely necessary.

When local non-club-members flyers complain about the closing of the Alford and Miccosukee greenways to RC flight, the county refers them to our club. Some may interpret this as county permission to fly at our field even though county officials make it clear that they must be members. This has resulted in an increase in strangers attempting to fly at our field.

So, someone you don't know arrives at the field and takes an airplane from the car. What do you do??? Unfortunately for the more reserved of us, you must be proactive. A friendly approach is best. Above all, do not act confrontational. Merely ask the individual's name and offer to help. If the individual is not a club member, ask if he or she is an AMA member.

Once a month, an updated member roster is posted on the white box in the pavilion. Everyone on this list is a cur-



rent member of our club and their AMA memberships are verified. This helps separate fact from fiction when dealing with strangers.

If you determine someone at the field is not a member, it should be made clear that our lease with the county explicitly gives our club EXCLUSIVE USE of our flying field. It is the same as private property even though it is on publicly owned land. People who are not club members are prohibited from using our field.

If the individual becomes belligerent, back away immediately. Do not say anything else and call the sheriff's office for assistance. Explain that an individual is trespassing on leased county land and refuses to leave. The number is 922-3300. This number and the address and location of our field are posted on the white box in the pavilion.

On the other hand, if a stranger is friendly and wants to learn to fly, you have two options:

First, if the person cannot produce an AMA membership card and is an obvious beginner in need of help, you can take responsibility for him. You can explain the club and the AMA requirement and invite him to join. Club applications are included in the box in the pavilion or you can refer him to our Web site. You can give him buddy-box training. You cannot let him fly unsupervised.

Second, if the person is an AMA member and can produce a card, you can invite him to fly as your guest for a very limited number of times. However, you must supervise.

Every club member has a role in protecting our field. Be vigilant.

Club Meeting News

Matthew Hendrix, Secretary

Call to order

President Mike Levine called the January 15, 2015, meeting of the Seminole Radio Control Club to order at 7:02 PM.

No new members or visitors were present.

President Levine introduced the 2015 executive board to the membership:

Mike Levine – President
Randy Yarborough – Vice President
Matthew Hendrix – Secretary
Bill Ashbaker – Treasurer

2015 Club Calendar

A tentative calendar for the 2015 Calendar year was proposed:

Museum of Florida History Children's day: Saturday January 31st 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Dan Ouellet)

Perry Swap meet: Friday March 6th and Saturday March 7th (Frank Bastos reserved tables for club members.)

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

Memorial Day weekend warbird meet: Sunday May 24th
Firecracker 4th of July fun-fly: Sunday July 5th.

“Believe in a Cure” fundraiser and fly-in: Sunday October 4th (We expect more support and publicity from Shands Miracle Network for our 2nd annual fundraiser this year with a corresponding increase in donations.)

Training calendar: March – November, Saturdays 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Secretary's Report - Matthew Hendrix

The December 18, 2014, meeting minutes were approved as published in the December club newsletter.

Matt Hendrix discussed submitting an article for the newsletter on the latest technology in batteries – Lithium Sulfur.

Treasurer's Report - Bill Ashbaker

The club financial statement was presented to the members and approved.

At the end of the year, the club now had 102 members.

Anticipated expenses include renewals of club AMA insurance, State of Florida corporate registration, our county lease and tractor insurance.

Safety Officer Report - Jim Ogorek

The following safety and rule concerns were discussed:

Flight line flying & flying beyond the centerline of the runway

It was re-affirmed the clubs policy on non-member flying. To reiterate what was discussed:

If you are NOT a member of SRCC but want to fly at the field SOLO: You must hold a current valid AMA membership **AND** be an invited guest (with that club member present).

If you are NOT a member of SRCC and do NOT have valid AMA, you can only fly at the field via a current club member on a buddy-box type setup.

An incident was discussed where a non-member flew at the field and crashed a plane. This situation was resolved, but hostility was initially encountered. At the meeting it was discussed that if a non-member at the field is denied access to fly, but engages in hostility, SRCC members should call the law. They should notify to contact Lee Davis through the county to confirm any details of SRCC's exclusive rights to the flying field. The field is not public.

Discussions were had on posing clearer rules and perhaps even a copy of the lease if there are similar situations where specifics of SRCC's rules/bylaws/etc needs to be discussed at the field. (information “packet”)

Field Marshal Report - Gordie Meade

The field is in good condition. Gordie was not present.

Training Officer Report - Geoff Lawrence

SRCC has obtained a nice laptop to use for training with RealFlight simulator software. It was active during the meeting.

Right now, the apprentice serves as a ‘back up’ to the two

currently active trainers.

Old Business

The club registered to participate in the 32nd Annual Children's Day at the Museum of Florida History on January 31st 2015 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Volunteers are needed. Contact Dan Ouellet at dan@danosoft.com.

Marianna Florida Civil Air Patrol Cadets requested trainer demonstration and flying time at the SRCC field from 10:00-2:00 on January 3, 2015. The weather did not cooperate. So, the date was changed to January 31, 2015.

Lt. Blakley will bring approximately 15 students to the field with parents and chaperons. They will have equal time on the trainers and will be eating lunch at our picnic table area. Please come out and show our support for these visiting young people and adults. We need some volunteer trainers to keep the training pace going. We now have the Apprentice and glider available for the demonstrations and flying.

New Business

We discussed Leon County park signage on opposing ends of the runway for runners to avoid when there are no

major events.

Jim Ogorek stated that the county will remove the path along the lake.

Mike strongly recommended having a spotter at all times, especially when 'pedestrians' are in surrounding areas of the field.

The big Pitts biplane crash was discussed, the club wants to be more proactive with repairing any damage we may cause to county property.

The state of the website will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Next Board Meeting

The officers are revising the board meetings. TBD.

Next Club Meeting

February 19, 2015, at Beef O Brady's, 1800 Thomasville Road, 7:00 pm in meeting room.

Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM.

New Members

We have a new junior member, Alex Silva, and two new general members, Rick Phillips and Tim Wheeler. Please

welcome them when get a chance. Alex is a beginner and is looking for flight training.

Remembering the Past Year:



Opening Day



July 4th Weekend



Veterans' Day



Fall Picnic



Believe in a Cure

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

FMS P-40B High Speed PNP from Diamond Hobby



This latest entry from FMS and Diamond Hobby looks like a typical P-40B. That is, until you open the throttle

An Excerpt of a Review by Ralph Squillace

Wingspan: 38.6" (980mm)

Wing Area: 254 sq in (16.4 sq dm)

Weight: 43.7 oz (1240g)

Length: 32.5" (825mm)

Construction: Expanded polyolefin airframe and drop tank; polycarbonate canopy; plastic pilot bust and scale details; plastic wheels with rubber tires; nylon propeller with plastic spinner

Wing Loading: .17 oz/sq in (75.6g/sq dm)

Claimed Speed Range: Up to 100MPH (160km/h)

Servos: Four FMS FMS-092 9g metal-gear digital; two FMS FMS-093 9g nylon-gear digital

Transmitter: Airtronics SD-6G six-channel spread spectrum aircraft

Receiver: Airtronics 92674 seven-channel spread spectrum aircraft

Battery: [Predator 2600mAh 4S 35C with JST-XH balancing plug and Deans Ultra-Plug compatible power plug](#)

Motor: FMS PAEP 3648 outrunner; 770Kv

Propeller: FMS 10x5.7 three-blade

ESC: FMS FMS-DT70 70A programmable brushless

Operator Skill Level/Age: Intermediate/Advanced; 14+

Manufacturer: FMS Model, 3/F, Building B, 3rd Industry Zone, Matigang, Dalingshan Town, Dongguan City, PRC

Available From: [Diamond Hobby, 553 Capital Circle SW, Unit 4, Tallahassee, Florida 32304](#)

Price (USD): \$209.99 plus applicable tax and shipping charges

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FMS P-40B High Speed PNP from Diamond Hobby

Diamond Hobby of Tallahassee, Florida has teamed with **FMS** to introduce a truly exciting warbird, the all-EPO **FMS P-40B** plug-n-play. This stunning model, advertised via banner ads here at RCG, is a compact, beautifully detailed warbird with a real attitude. The high speed version, which I'll share here, comes out of the box fitted with a 770Kv outrunner which will spin the supplied scale-detailed three-blade prop, FMS nine-gram metal geared digital servos and an FMS 70A ESC with a 5A SBEC.

Add to that a **Predator** 2600mAh 4S 35C li-po and the claimed result is a 100 mph (160km/h) six-channel screamer.

FMS could have stopped at simply making this a fast model, but they didn't. They have come a very long way in terms of quality and detail and it shows on the P-40B. Not only is it in iconic Flying Tigers colors as flown by ace R.T. Smith, scale details such as working LED navigational lights, a pilot bust, machine gun sight, machine guns, simulated trim tabs, propeller detail and scale-correct rotating digital retracts add to the visual punch when this model isn't busy ripping holes in the atmosphere.

This is a excerpt of a review by Ralph Squillace. The very detailed review can be viewed in its entirety at:

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2306753&skey=98406b>

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

Powerplants

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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:

Geoff Lawrence 850-591-6879

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

Matthew Hendrix 954-448-2738

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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