# The Seminole Flyer



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### Seminole Radio Control Club



# What a Great Place to Fly!

All of the things that keep our field a nice place to fly cost money. Things like gas and repairs for the mower, field repairs and improvements, pavilion maintenance, insurance, electric bills, state and national fees and more all cost money. Club membership dues are our only source of income. Our club membership dues are very reasonable compared to most clubs in Florida and most of the southeastern U.S. Yet, almost a third of our current members have not paid 2017 dues.

A gentle reminder, many of us have forgotten that dues should be paid before the beginning of the year. 2017 dues should have been paid by December 31, 2016. Club bylaws allow a grace period before an individual is

dropped from club membership. The grace period ends on February 16<sup>th</sup>. The delinquent member will then be dropped from the rolls. Although we have not invoked it, a delinquent fee for reinstatement may be assessed if approved by the club membership.

Dues are not prorated for current members. So, if you wait until June to pay, you still pay the whole year rate. And, you miss out on club benefits in the meantime.

So, if your club membership has slipped your mind, please make payment a priority this week. See **Dues** on Page 3 to see payment options.

### **Club Meeting News**

#### Jeff Owens, Secretary

**Secretary's Report** – Jeff Owens

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM on Thursday January 19, 2017 by President Jay Wiggins.

**Vice-President's Report** – Randy Yarborough previewed the list of Club activities for the year. The next activity will be the Opening Day Fly-in on Saturday March 11, 2017. Watch the Events page on the website for updates on Club events.

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

**Treasurer's Report** – Bill Ashbaker – The treasurer's report was approved as read.

**County Liaison Report** – Jay Wiggins reported on the track schedule for 2017. The results will be updated on the website as they become available.

A film segment was shot for the WFSU program "Local Roots" and it should air in mid-February.

The Master Plan is being worked on and Jay and Gordie have provided input to the consulting firm being used. The Plan is currently under review by county Senior Management.

The bids for the capping process have been sent out and the bidding process should be complete by the March County Commission meeting. The capping itself should take about a year.

Jay also discussed proposals being considered to allow

the RC field to be used for drone training and FPV racing activities by entities not associated with the Club. Such proposals are at an early stage and updates will be provided as they become available. But, it should be remembered that we fly on public land and some changes to the access to the field may be expected in the future.

**Safety Report** – Jim Ogorek – Flying over the helipad on the north end of the field as part of a right-hand traffic pattern for landing is not allowed by our filed rules. Landings from the north should be done using a left-hand pattern. A modified left-hand pattern over the pond at the south end is allowed. Remember to watch out for pedestrians walking across various parts of the field or the approach ends of the runway. It is our responsibility to avoid them!

**Field Report** - Gordie Meade – the mower is having its annual maintenance done by AgPro. Some worn parts have been replaced and the mower is in good shape for the next growing season.

**Training Report** – Geoff Lawrence – There was a trainer crash which may have been due to a receiver failure. Two new radios have been ordered (from Jim Ogorek at his cost). We have two trainers and one glider ready to go.

Old Business - none

**New Business** – Jay Wiggins will email a list of proposed club projects (mostly fixing things) that were approved at last week's Board of Directors meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

#### **Dues**

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Annual dues have not changed: \$60.00 for general membership, \$75.00 for family membership and \$20.00 for junior membership. There are three ways to pay: cash or check to Bill Ashbaker at a meeting or at the field, mail a check or PayPal.

If you want to mail a check, make it payable to the Seminole RC Club and send it to:

Bill Ashbaker Seminole Radio Control Club 2509 Napoleon Bonaparte Drive Tallahassee, FL 32308

If you prefer to use PayPal, the amount is slightly higher to cover PayPal fees: \$62.10 for general membership, \$77.55 for family membership and \$21.70 for junior membership. To pay, just log on to PayPal, click the Send Money Tab and enter to:

SeminoleRadioControlClub@gmail.com

# **Members and Friends News**

#### **New Members**

We have four new members and one returning member. Please welcome new members Sonny Branch, Mario Gallo, Louis Groot and John Shaner when you have the opportunity. Also, say hello to returning member Don Willis.

#### Safety Reminders

If an accident occurs at the field that involves an injury, call 911. To assist first responders, the field address and location by distance from Capital Circle and geographic coordinates are posted on the white message box located on a center post in the pavilion.

Also, the sheriff's phone number is posted.

# Remembering 2016





Opening Day





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#### **Officers**

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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 Randy Yarborough 850-523-0020

 Jeff Owens 850-644-4765
 Jim Ogorek 850-766-2477

 Bill Ashbaker 850-656-5932
 Troy Emmett 770-546-6199

#### **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.

The Seminole Flyer is a publication of the Seminole Radio Control Club of Tallahassee, Florida. 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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