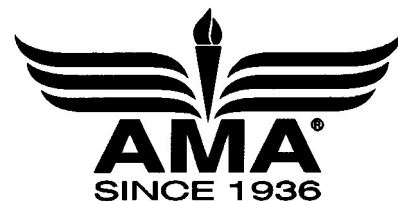


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A Look Toward Our Future

Club members, who did not attend our meeting Thursday night, will probably hear, second-hand, that we expect some changes at our field in about ten months. This is good news and OK news. First, the good news. Leon County will be starting construction on new facilities for several new features at the park. You have seen the impressive master plan for the park which includes our new flying field. This is good news because things are finally starting to happen.

The OK news is that during construction we will be temporarily relocated because it is difficult to fly around large earthmovers. This is actually good news because it means the county staff is taking care of us and assuring we will have a place to fly until construction is completed. They really care.

County staff will be working with us over the next few months to survey potential temporary flying site



locations in the park. Once we select a site, the county will construct our temporary field and facilities. The temporary site will include most of the things we have at our current site such as shelter, work tables and storage.

The less than happy news is that we will likely not have electricity at the temporary site. The possible sites are

located too far from current electrical service to be cost feasible. We are spoiled with convenient electrical outlets. However, we enjoyed flying for 40 years without electrical service. We can manage to survive a temporary inconvenience. Be sure to charge your batteries at home.

The advice that President Jay Wiggins shared with our members at Thursday's meeting is to enjoy our beautiful flying site this year and look forward to new and better in the future. And, be sure to attend our monthly club meeting to stay up-to-date on our club's future.

Club Meeting News

Jeff Owens, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM on Thursday January 17, 2019 by President Jay Wiggins.

Special Presentation – Geoff Lawrence – A check for \$700 was presented to Kristina Potter for the Shands Children's Miracle Network. This contribution was raised at our fall fund-raising event.

Visitors – Ray Diaz was introduced by Geoff Lawrence. There were 17 members in attendance.

Member Recognition – Dave Sellars and Joe Satterwhite for assisting with collecting Bill Rogers' airplane collection for auction (see below); Randy Yarborough for repairing the gate; Bill Ashbaker for procuring a new windsock; Gordie Meade for doing a winter mowing; Geoff Lawrence for scheduling the mower winter service.

President's Report – Jay Wiggins – There will be a field closure on Fri-Sat February 1-2, 2019. Details will be emailed to members when the information is known. There was an incident of vandalism at the field where mud was kicked up onto the container and into the pavilion. Park personnel washed as much off as they could. Geoff and Jay will use pressure washers on the rest using water from a county-provided truck.

Vice-President's Report – Rhett Boudreaux – the Spring Opener will be held on Saturday March 9, 2019. There will be a Buyer's Remorse Swap Meet (for the stuff you regretted buying at perry), a Raffle, and an Auction.

Secretary's Report – Jeff Owens – The minutes of the December meeting have been posted on the web in the Newsletter. The minutes were approved as posted.

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

Training Report – Geoff Lawrence – a new Club Trainer was needed to replace one that is wearing out. Frank Bastos secured for us an FMS Super EZ for \$120 (list \$200). This is similar to one that we already have and it has proven to be quite suitable for training.

Safety Report – Jim Ogorek – the annual safety presentation required for our Gold Leader Club status was given. Details concerning hours, flight restrictions, safety procedures and FPV drone flying were all reviewed. It was stressed that we all need to work to maintain our good safety record especially in view of our upcoming lease renewal (see below.)

Old Business – as decided previously, each pylon racing airplane must have a distinctive colored design on its rudder. Colors will be assigned late in February with choice priority given to those who participated in the racing last year. Details will be announced at the February meeting.

New Business – Our lease expires at the end of February. It is expected that the new lease will be for ten months, followed by a month-to-month automatic extension. The County has 60 days to terminate the lease at which time the plan is to relocate the Club field to a temporary location, pending the final move to the new location. Options for the temporary location will be discussed with Jay and Jim when they are given a tour of possible locations on Wednesday January 23, 2019. The use of a possible temporary fabric field covering was discussed. It is unlikely that the temporary location will have electricity, so we may have to rely on personal generators.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM after which there was "Show and Tell" with several pylon racing planes displayed along with the new Club Trainer.

Something Special for the Children



Geoff Lawrence presented our club donation to Kristina Potter for the Children's Miracle Network

What a perfect ending to the year . . . a gift for children that will make their lives better. Geoff Lawrence presented a check for \$700.00 to Kristina Potter on behalf of the club for the Children's Miracle Network. This is a very deserving charity and we can all be proud of our contribution.

One of the highlights of our club activities each year is the *Believe in a Cure* event each fall when we give back to our community. This event is very rewarding and resulted in our generous donation to the Children's Miracle Network this year.

A Look Back at 2018



Pancake Breakfast



Veterans' Day



Pancake Races



Believe



Firecracker



President's BBQ



Memorial Day



Opening Day



Christmas Party

From Our Members

Tips for Better Landings

By Robin Driscoll



Landing is the most important skill to master in flying RC. Through coaching a number of club members, I have found these guidelines to be useful and effective in improving their landings.

1. Learn to fly as slow as you can comfortably.
2. Practice flying down the runway at that speed until you can reliably fly the airplane knee-high past yourself.
3. Make your final turn into the wind, keeping the turn smooth and flat and the plane two or three fingers above the trees.
4. On the final approach, do not drop below the tree line. Do not fly too far away when entering the glide path. The correct glide path is a line from where you finish your final turn to the ground in front of you. Fly a smooth line to a point in front of you, holding the elevator steady after attaining the glide angle. Monitor the pitch closely and use the throttle to stay on the glide path.
5. When ready to land, hold the plane a few inches above the ground until it lands itself. Do not force the plane to the ground. Be patient.
6. Repeat the same steps on each landing until success is reliable.
7. If your landing does not conform to the parameters outlined above, go around. **DO NOT PRACTICE BAD LANDINGS.**
8. Practice aborting some landings and going around so that you get comfortable doing it. You should abort your worst landings of each day.

While it is often said that any landing is a good landing when you walk away with the plane undamaged, a smooth, controlled landing that rolls out right in front of you is a beautiful thing. Following these guidelines will help you achieve that goal.

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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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