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Next Club Meeting

February 20, 2020

Chuy's Restaurant, 904 E. Lafayette St.
Meeting at 7 PM; come early to eat

The beginning of a new decade. A new field. New facilities. A new editor. All this new stuff made me think a bit about the past. I perused old newsletters on the SRCC web site and re-read Bill Ashbaker's chapters on the club's history. Bill must have been about the 10th editor of the newsletter, and he appeared to have served longer at one stretch than anyone before him, publishing 73 issues in a row. Thank you, Bill! But his are darn big shoes to fill.

To keep up the standard Bill has set, I will need your help. This is your newsletter. What features would you like to see? What content would make you want to read more? Any and all ideas are welcome, as are articles to share and photos of things going on at the field. Send to robin.marcy@gmail.com.

Happy 2020 and see you at the field!

-- Marcy Driscoll

Winter Series Pylon Racing

Races 5 and 6 of the pylon racing winter series were supposed to be held on Saturday, January 18, but the weather didn't cooperate. Seven intrepid souls showed up to brave the wind, and a few put planes in the air for short test flights. But the wind kept building – to a steady 15+ mph with gusts in the 20s. Competitors all, no one really wanted to make the call to cancel. Likewise, none of us was really keen to risk our planes in those conditions.

Our safety officer, Jim Ogorek, stepped up and pointed out the high probability of broken planes if we raced. Plus, the weather forecast looked better for Sunday. So the consensus was to reschedule. Unfortunately, the weather front didn't pass as quickly as expected, and morning dawned wet and gray.

By 11:30, the wind was over 10 mph and the temperature was falling. While we probably could have raced successfully, it wouldn't have been much fun. In fact, the misery factor (which we used to call it in sailing) was likely to be high.

Troy called me to confer, and my question to him was, "Would you be flying today if we didn't have a race?" His answer: "Hell, no!" That was enough to seal the deal. We cancelled the January races altogether.

The last races of the winter series are scheduled for Saturday, February 15. Until then, the standings remain as follows (low score is better):

- 1st – Jim McKinnell, 9 points
- 2nd – Marcy Driscoll, 10 points
- 3rd – Geoff Lawrence, 13 points
- 4th – Ed Budzyna, 18 points
- 5th – Theo Titus, 19 points

Altogether, 10 pilots out of the 16 who signed up have raced at least one day, and the standings changed significantly from one race day to the next. So, come on out; it's anybody's game!

See you in February! Safe flying!

January's racing



Current Standings

Racers	NOVEMBER 10		DECEMBER 14		JANUARY 18		FEBRUARY 15		SEASON
	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8	
BILL A	8	7	9	8					31 9
MIKE A	8	7	9	8					31 9
RHETT B	8	7	9	5 34	2				22 6
ED B	51	1 55	1	8	8				18 4
JIM B	8	7	20	4 27	3				22 6
RAY D	8	7	8	8					31 9
MARCY D	45	3 45	4 36	2 37	1				10 2
TROY E	8	7	36	2 1	6				23 7
GEOFF L	46	2 44	5 24	3 27	3				13 3
STEVE M	8	7	8	8					31 9
JIM M	46	2 49	2 39	1 22	4				9 1
JOE S	8	7	8	8					31 9
CHRIS S	41	4 47	3	8	8				23 7
BOB T	8	7	8	8					31 9
THEO T	34	5 43	6 24	3 6	5				19 5
JAY W	26	6	7	8	8				29 8

Club Meeting News

Jeff Owens, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Jay Wiggins. Twenty-one members were in attendance and there were no visitors.

Member Recognition – Jay Wiggins – Dr. Mike (Atkinson) and Geoff Lawrence for doing the background investigation for obtaining a new container for storing our field equipment; Jay Wiggins (driver), Jim Ogorek, Dr. Mike, and Jeff Owens for going to Jacksonville to examine and purchase a new container; Jim Ogorek for mowing the field; Geoff Lawrence for managing the yearly maintenance on our mower; Marcy Driscoll for taking over as the new Newsletter Editor.

Vice-President's report – none

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

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

Field Update – Jay Wiggins – The status of the field was described and a tour for members was announced for 3:30 – 4:30 PM on Tuesday

January 21. The weeds have been sprayed on the new runway. Dirt has been moved to prepare the site for the new pavilion, parking area, and pilot stations. A new one-trip container has been purchased and it will be delivered once the site prep has been completed. It will be newly painted with provisions made for two wind turbines in the ceiling. A side door will also be installed. There is some uncertainty as to when construction will start on the new running facility and when construction will start on our pavilion. There may be some undesirable overlap... The electric plan designed by Joe Satterwhite was presented and it will be a great improvement over what we currently have.

Safety Report – Jim Ogorek – no issues this month.





Training Report – Geoff Lawrence – no changes for this month.

Pylon Racing – Marcy Driscoll – the next event will be at 1:30 PM on Saturday 1/18/2020. One change is that any brand of ESC with a current capability up to 30 amps will now be allowed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Tip of the Month

When was the last time you offered a helpful hint to another flyer or got a tip from someone else? Chances are it wasn't that long ago. Just the other day at the field, I overheard a club member tell another how he had strengthened the fuselage of his pylon racer, and he credited the tip to another flyer. Sharing information with one another is one of the great things about this hobby and this club. We learn a lot from each other. So I invite you to share your tips through this new feature in the newsletter. They can be serious tips or just plain fun. Here are a few to get things going. Send your tips to me at robin.marcy@gmail.com.

-  Don't put your hand in a battery fire.
-  Don't try to stop your plane with your foot. It's better to hit the fence.
-  Check your battery power each time before using.
-  Use all the parts in the kit. If there are leftovers, read the directions.

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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
Jeff Owens 850-545-7482
Bill Ashbaker 850-656-5932

Jim Ogorek 850-766-2477
Mike Atkinson (Tuesday only) 850-251-2694
Troy Emmett (Large Aircraft) 770-546-6199

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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Around the Field



The New Container



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New Field**

