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Summer Barbecue and Night Fly



Troy doing his thing at the Barbecue Night-Fly Meeting

Thank you President Wiggins! The Second Annual July Club Meeting, Barbeque and Night Fly at the field was fantastic. For club members who were not able to attend, here is what you missed. The food and weather were fantastic. The wind was absolute calm, the temperature cooled as the evening progressed and not a single mosquito was to be found.

The dinner included pulled pork and a choice of smoked or grilled chicken, barbecue baked beans, coleslaw and a variety of sweet cherries. The food was professional quality . . . delicious! Flying in calm air is a treat for those of us who enjoy smaller, lighter aircraft. There were even a few microquadrotors hovering around that could not have flown in breezier conditions. And flying was authorized by Leon County until midnight for those with lighted aircraft.

We hope that this becomes one of the club's annual traditions. Don't miss it next year.

Our next club meeting will return to Beef O'Brady's on Thursday, August 17 at 7:00 PM.

Club Meeting News

Minutes by Bill Ashbaker on behalf of Jeff Owens, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM on Saturday, July 22, 2017 by President Jay Wiggins.

Visitors No new members or visitors were present.

President's Announcements – Jay thanked members for their contributions of goods and services. A special thanks went to Charles Montford for his extraordinary work on our facilities, Randy Yarborough for setting up the recent glow clinic, Jim Ogorek for repairing the mower, John Rushing for donating an aircraft for our next event raffle, and Benita for putting up with him and his club distractions. Jay also thanked a non-member, Don Payne, for donating equipment for our next club auction.

Jay announced that Randy Yarborough recently resigned

his vice president position on the club board. Jay is grateful for his hard work. The club will discuss filling the vice president position at our August club meeting.

Secretary's Report – Jay Wiggins for Jeff Owens – The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published in the club newsletter.

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

Old Business - None

New Business - None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03PM for dinner, flying and fun.



Meet the dji Spark

Mike Lassiter brought his shiny new dji Spark quadcopter to the barbecue. The Spark is the latest and smallest offering from dji, the company that produces the Mavic and Phantom and Inspire series of quadcopters.

The Spark is designed for aerial photography and is amazing. It can be controlled with hand gestures alone or a smartphone or an optional controller or goggles. It has GPS, obstacle avoidance technology and a high quality camera. Its flight path can be preprogrammed or it can automatically follow any person or vehicle.

The Spark is activated with face recognition and launches from your hand. If you extend your hand, palm up, it will return to you, hover, settle in your hand and shut down.

I want one!

Around the Field

July Barbecue Meeting and Night Fly:



Enjoying the evening



Ready for take-off



Jay and his little quad (in circle)



Dead calm



Bob and Mike and the dji Spark



How low can he go?

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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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Field Hours

Electrics/Sailplanes30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset 7 days/weekGassers/Nitros10:00 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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