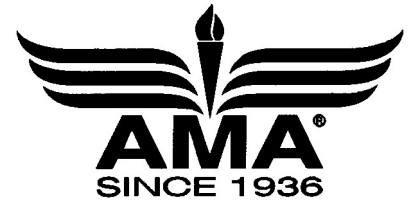


The Seminole Flyer



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Hot! Wet! July 2018 Issue



Early morning drone view by Geoff Lawrence

Our club continues to have a very active summer. Last month it was our memorial Day Weekend War Bird Fly-In, the Sheriff's Office Family Day and first of our Pancake Race series. This month it was the Independence Day weekend Fire Cracker Fly-In, the second of our Pancake Race series and the annual President's Barbecue and Night Fly.

Fire Cracker Fly-In

Although the threat of rain was daunting to some, the Fire Cracker Fly-in started out great with beautiful weather and traditional summer holiday fare . . . hot dogs on the grill. We held the second round of the pancake races. Leon County shot some nice video of our event and posted it at:

<https://www.facebook.com/LIVEINTALLAHASSEE/>

[videos/1757727670979172/](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=videos/1757727670979172/)

Then the rains moved in. Nevertheless, all had fun.

President's Barbecue and Night Fly

Once again, President Jay's pulled pork and smoked chicken was delicious! This annual event is actually a club meeting that is held at the field in the evening. The official club meeting part of the evening is very abbreviated so members can get to eating and flying. Jay gets special permission from the county to continue activities past the normal park closing time so our members can night-fly after dinner. The weather was beautiful. The breeze was light and the temperature cooled in the evening. We gave the fireflies some competition.

Club Meeting News

Bill Ashbaker on Behalf of Jeff Owens, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM on Saturday July 21, 2018 by President Jay Wiggins at the Seminole Radio Control Club airfield.

Jay announced that this is to be an abbreviated meeting so that members can enjoy the barbecue dinner and night flying.

Several spouses were present and Jay asked the members to introduce them to the group.

Jay recognized several members for their work around the field and their help with this meeting. They included Bob Burke, Gordie Meade, Rhett Boudreaux, and others.

Jay reported that the next tasks related to updating the landfill are starting and that work involving opening the landfill will start on Tuesday, July 24th. Odors associated with this work may impact our flying field and may go on for as long as two years.

Secretary's Report – Jay announced on behalf of Jeff Owens that the minutes of the June meeting were published in the June newsletter that is posted on the web. The minutes were approved as posted.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM for dinner and night flying.

Other News

FAA Clarifies Federal Authority Over Drone Rulemaking

By Betsy Lillian (edited)

A hot topic for some time has been the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) authority over navigable airspace and the confusion surrounding federal preemption of state and local unmanned aircraft system (UAS) laws.

Now, the FAA has issued a statement coming straight from the horse's mouth on where things stand on federal vs. local drone rulemaking authority: "Congress has provided the FAA with exclusive authority to regulate aviation safety, the efficiency of the navigable airspace and air traffic control among other things. State and local governments are not permitted to regulate any type of aircraft operations such as flight paths, altitudes or navigable airspace" the agency says. "However, these powers are not the same as regulation of aircraft landing sites, which involves local control of land and zoning. Laws traditionally related to state and local police power – including land use, zoning, privacy and law enforcement operations – generally are not subject to federal

regulation."

The FAA adds, "Cities and municipalities are not permitted to have their own rules or regulations governing the operation of aircraft. However, they may generally determine the location of aircraft landing sites through their land use powers." For example, earlier this month, new rules for UAS operators were set in place at Lake Sidney Lanier, a recreational area built and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in Georgia. The USACE clarified that, because the FAA has jurisdiction over airspace, the new policy only covers taking off and landing on the property.

However, the FAA notes in its latest statement that the U.S. Department of Transportation's current UAS Integration Pilot Program (IPP) will "provide the FAA with insight on how to best involve local jurisdictions in the integration of UAS into the airspace in a way that also alleviates their concerns." In May, the USDOT chose ten state/local/tribal governments to participate in the IPP along with several private-sector stakeholders.

Around the Field — Fire Cracker Fly-In

Photos by Jim Ogorek



Drone's eye view of Geoff coaching Jeff
(This photo by Geoff)



Big heli



Our chief pilot and co-pilot



Hot dogs! Yum!!



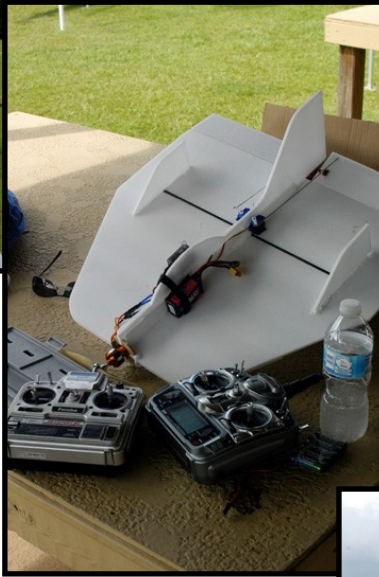
Beautiful scale helis

Around the Field — Fire Cracker Fly-In

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Theo gets ready to launch



Pancake — Don't eat!



And, they're off! The second round of pancake races.



Then came the rain



Gim'me shelter

Around the Field — Barbecue & Night Fly



Picture perfect! Yum!



No hesitation lining up



The Chef



What a meal!



A few preflight adjustments



Lights ON!



Megan and her T-28 after maiden flight

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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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