

The Seminole Flyer



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After many months of delays, cancelled installation dates, countless frustrations, and tested patience, the day finally arrived. The Seminole Radio Control Airfield and Pavilion at Apalachee Regional Park opened officially on Saturday, June 19, 2021 to great fanfare. Threatening weather and gusty winds couldn't dampen the air of festivity as more than 70 club members and their guests gathered to celebrate.

Marking the solemnity of the occasion, the official raising of the flag over the new field got the opening ceremony underway. Club president and emcee Jay Wiggins recounted some of the challenges involved in the field and pavilion construction and thanked all the Leon County workers whose hard work, patience, and persistence resulted in this wonderful facility. He went on to thank the many club members who also invested their time and talent in making the facility what it is today.

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Next Club Meeting

Thursday, August 19, 2021
Casa Grande Margaritas & Cocina
(formerly Beef O'Brady's)
1800 Thomasville Rd.
Come at 6 PM to eat.
Meeting starts at 7 PM.



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After his formal remarks, Jay reminded the crowd of the ground rules for the raffle. That is, when your number came up, you and you alone got to pick the prize. No “Hey, honey, pick that ____ for me” was allowed.

Attendees really took to heart the encouragement to donate non-flying-related items to the raffle. Prizes included spa lotions and bath salts, a homemade afghan throw, a boat cruise (lunch included) on the upper Wakulla River, and gift certificates for wine, along with flying-related items such as planes, batteries, a battery discharger, and set-up stands.



The first 25 winners also took home a Seminole RC Member sign. If you didn't get a sign and would like one, please contact Jay. Sam Varn has donated more, and they are available to club members.

While the strong gusty winds kept most planes on the ground, there were plenty to admire, and everyone enjoyed sitting around and socializing. Posey's seafood and Lofty Pursuit's ice cream helped to make for a perfect day.



Many thanks to Randy Yarborough, who served as cameraman for the club events and took all the photographs in this newsletter.

Seminole RC Club Honors Leon County Workers



About 50 Leon County workers got a chance to see what their hard work over the past 18 months was all about. The club hosted them for lunch at the new SRCC airfield and pavilion on Friday, June 18,

serving up grilled hotdogs and hamburgers to workers in Parks & Recreation, Solid Waste, Facilities Operations, Maintenance, and Construction – all the folks who made the new facility possible.

Troy Emmett entertained the crowd with some fancy flying and gravity-defying hovering with his big gasser, and Sandy Jaffe drew an appreciative crowd as he got ready to fly one of his scale helicopters.



Some of the workers who attended also tried their hand at flying under the guidance and tutelage of club trainer Mike Atkinson.

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Club president Jay Wiggins said his hopes for the day were met as he watched club members and Leon County workers having a good time together. "We flyers love showing off our hobby," he said, "especially to those who have done so much for us. I've been to RC airfields all over the United States, and this is one of the best I've seen, all thanks to these Leon County workers!"



Resuming In-Person Club Meetings

A recent poll of club members revealed a clear preference for holding club meetings in person. More than twice as many members (47%) reported they were “very satisfied” with Zoom meetings as those who said they “moderately satisfied” or “not very satisfied” (21% each). However, when it came to the question of what we should do going forward, only a third of the club preferred to continue on Zoom while half wanted to meet in person, preferably at a restaurant. A few members had no preference, indicating they would attend club meetings regardless of venue.

With these results, the SRCC Board opted to resume in-person club meetings at Casa Grande Margaritas & Cocina (also known as Casa Grande Midtown), at the same location as Beef O’Brady’s where the club used to meet. According to its website, Casa Grande is “a new concept of traditional Mexican cuisine with a modern touch and flavor.” Club meetings will continue to be held on the third Thursday of the month beginning at 7 PM. Members are encouraged to arrive at 6 PM to enjoy a meal and some social time together.

Pylon Racing 2021

Get your planes ready! Pylon racing is about to start. Here is the race schedule for the 2021 series. There are 6 race days, and 2 races will be held each day. Up to 5 racers will compete at a time, so multiple heats will be conducted for each race to accommodate whoever shows up on a given day. Pylons rounded will be scored per race day, and the 5 best of 6 scores will be added for a season total. Everyone who races will have an individual scorer, and every racer will score for someone else in a heat they are not racing. Equipment requirements were sent out previously. If you need a copy, please contact Marcy Driscoll at robin.marcy@gmail.com.

Saturday, August 21 – Pilots meeting at 9 AM

Saturday, September 11

Saturday, October 2

Saturday, October 30

Sunday, November 21

Saturday, December 11

In case of inclement weather, races will be held the next day, on Sunday. For November 21, which is already a Sunday, there will be no makeup race.

See you at the field!

Club Meeting News

Jeff Owens, Secretary

The June meeting was held as a video conference using Zoom. The meeting was called to order on Thursday June 17, 2021 by President Jay Wiggins at 7:00 PM with 18 persons signed on.

Member Recognition – Theo Titus and Randy Yarborough for painting SRCC on the chairs; Theo for purchasing a new flag and flag pole; Theo and Randy for putting up the new flag pole; Theo for refurbishing the noodle covers on 5 of the 6 starting tables (the 6th one will also be done); Tommy Lee and Dr. Mike for leveling the new container.

Vice-President's report – Rhett Boudreaux – food prep and other activities are well in hand for the “Soft Opening” on Friday 6/18. We can use the County's 8-burner grill for this and other events.

Secretary's Report – Jeff Owens – The minutes of the May Zoom meeting were taken by Bill Ashbaker as I was out of town. They were printed in the Newsletter which was also posted on the web. They were approved as posted. I participated in an AMA Town Hall meeting for Leader members on May 25. The main item concerned TRUST – The Recreational UAS Safety Test (UAS being Unmanned Aerial Systems). We will all have to take this test, although it is really more of a learning tool, as you can not fail it. It will be a multiple choice test and if you select a wrong response you will be directed to a reference that explains the correct response. Eventually, you will be able to get 100%. It is a one-time training/test, but you must print out the proof that you took it. There will be no fee. It will be on-line. It is “coming soon.” Also, the FRIA (FAA Recognized Identification Area) designation will allow us to fly at the field without having to worry about Remote ID. This process is still about 18 months away.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Ashbaker – The report was presented and approved by the membership. Bill reported that so far we have spent approximately \$17,000 for various aspects of our move to the new facility. The biggest single expense was the new container.

Field Report – Jay Wiggins (Gordy was not available)– the rain last weekend helped tremendously and about 2/3 pf the new sod is greening up nicely. The other 1/3 could use some more help...

Safety Report – Jay Wiggins (Mike Atkinson was not available) – FPV procedures as called out in the AMA Safety Code must be followed. This includes the use of a spotter, line of sight flying, and using the same flying area as designated for other aircraft. The helipad area is for hovering only. When transitioning to flight over the field, one of the pilot stations must be used.

Training Report – Jay Wiggins (Mike Atkinson was not available) – The TAG grant money is being used to upgrade the training fleet. Poles denoting the end pf the runway have been placed to help the students. But they probably will help other fliers, as well.

Newsletter – Marcy Driscoll – keep sending pictures and reports of flying and building activity.

Old Business – The “Soft Opening” will be held tomorrow on Friday 6/18. We expect to feed about 65 people – 50 workers and about 15 Club members. Arrangements are well in hand. The main portion of the event will be from 12:00-1:00 PM and cooking will start at 11:00 AM. Club members can help with set-up and take-down activities.

Club Meeting News

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The Grand Opening is on Saturday 6/19. 64 meals have been signed up for. Bring chairs, pop-ups, and tables, if possible. This event will go on rain or shine, so bring rain gear if it looks like that might be appropriate! Parking – be patient! Also, wear your Club badge in an easily visible location (not the back of your hat!)

New Business – future meetings – only four responses were received as to future meeting preferences. This is too little information, so Marcy Driscoll will send out a poll to find out members' preferences. There will be no July meeting, so stay tuned for details about the August meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

“Believe In a Cure” Fly-In

Saturday

September 4, 2021

Seminole R/C Club Field
Apalachee Regional Park, Tallahassee, FL
Map and Directions at Seminolerc.com

All Proceeds Donated to Children's Miracle Network
Shands Hospital, Gainesville, Florida

\$20 Pilot Fee Open to all types of aircraft
All fliers must present proof of current AMA membership

Swap Meet
10% of swap meet sales to the cause, Maximum \$15 per individual

Burgers, Dogs, Drinks
\$10
All you want

Gate opens 7:30 AM

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Tallahassee, FL

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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
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Mike Atkinson (Tuesday only) 850-251-2694
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Field Hours

All Aircraft: 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset 7 days/week

Please note: Although restrictions have been removed on flying hours for fueled planes, this is on a trial basis until further notice from Leon County. All gassers and nitros must have a suitable muffler.

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