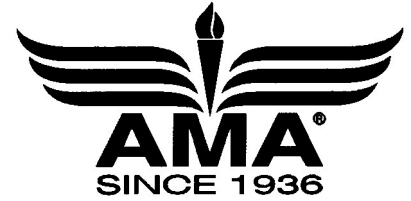


# The Seminole Flyer



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## June 2018 Issue

## Summertime Is Here!



**Eager competitors ready for the first club pancake race event**

Wow! The past few weeks have been very busy with the Memorial Day Weekend Warbird Fly-In, hosting Sheriff's Office families and the Pancake Breakfast and Race event. And, there is more to come. . . The Firecracker Fly-in including the second round of pancake racing and the President's Barbecue and Night Fly.

### Memorial Day Weekend Warbird Fly-In

The May 26th Memorial Day Weekend Warbird Fly-In welcomed summer with beautiful weather, hamburgers, raffle and excitement.

In addition to our usual show of scale warbird airplanes and other aircraft, we held a practice session

for upcoming pancake airplane races.

The racers are Foaminator model airplanes sold by RC Foam Kits. We dubbed them "pancake" airplanes due to their broad, flat shape. This model was chosen because it is very durable, easily repaired and the airframe is very inexpensive.

### Sheriff's Office Family Day

On June 9th we hosted members and families of the Leon County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's office held a family appreciation day at the running facility adjacent to our field. We invited the deputies and their families to visit our facility and learn about radio control.

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# Club Meeting News

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*Jeff Owens, Secretary*

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The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM on Thursday June 21, 2018 by President Jay Wiggins.

Member recognitions: Joe and Debbie Satterwhite for the marvelous Pancake Breakfast; Theo Titus for creating and running the Pancake Racing events and for handling the trash cans at the field; Jim Ogorek for creating the elevated chair for Bob Burke; Geoff Lawrence for his efforts to get the lawn tractor serviced.

**Vice-President's Report** – Rhett Boudreaux – The next event is the Firecracker Fly-in on Saturday July 7, 2018. Hot dogs with all the trimmings and drinks will be available – Theo is providing the hot dogs and cooking them on the Club's hot dog cooker. All you can eat hot dogs and drinks - \$5.00. There will be Pancake Racing heats at 9:00 and 11:00 AM (see more below under Old Business.)

**Secretary's Report** – Jeff Owens – The minutes of the May meeting have been published in the May 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.

**Safety Officer Report** – Jim Ogorek reported that everything is going well and that there are no outstanding safety concerns. He did suggest moving the Pancake Racing pole to the other side of the runway and moving the Judges back somewhat from the poles.

**Field Marshall Report** – Gordie Meade – the mower has been taken back to Ag Pro for further repairs (cleaning the carb this time). Thanks to Geoff Lawrence for arranging to have it done. It is hoped that it will be ready on Friday June 22.

**Training Officer Report** – Geoff Lawrence reported that everything is good to go with the trainers.

**Old Business** – Theo Titus reviewed the Pancake Racer program. A good time was had by the pilots and the spectators! The next set of races will be at the Firecracker Fly-in with heats at 9 and 11. Additional events are scheduled for Saturday August 18 and September 15 with the field reserved for racing from 9:30-11:30 AM each day.

**New Business** – there was some interest in getting new ball caps and shirts. Look for details in the next newsletter. Pictures, prices, and ordering information will be provided.

**Show and Tell** –

Mack Harper showed a recently completed 50s style free flight model from BMJR Hobbies. It has an OK Cub 049 engine and is finished in blue and yellow silk and dope.

Jay showed an IBEC unit – it is an optically coupled BEC device for gas ignition systems.

Ed Budzyna showed the LED lighting system on his Slo Stik.

Theo Titus showed a 5 meter strip of LED lights with a multifunction controller.

Jay Wiggins showed his Night Vapor which is equipped with LED lights for night flying. Jay also showed a CPR training kit that he picked up at a Leon County sponsored CPR session. See him if you would like to borrow it for training.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

## Summertime

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Of course, they were very interested in drones. Several guests enjoyed learning to fly with Geoff using our club trainers.

Deputies regularly patrol the park including our field and help to discourage vandals. We appreciate all that they do.

### Pancake Races

Club members who could not come out for our first round of pancake airplane races on June 16 missed something really special. The weather was absolutely perfect, not too hot and calm air. It was an enjoyable day for both participants and spectators. It included the largest number of members and visitors that we have enjoyed in any single event over the last couple of years.

The day began with a free pancake breakfast. The menu included plain or blueberry pancakes, grilled sausage, bacon, watermelon, cantaloupe, hot coffee, juice and soft drinks. Many thanks to Joe and Debbie Satterwhite for their hard work preparing an outstanding feast. There was more food than we could eat and it was delicious! We are now officially spoiled.

But breakfast was just a prelude to head-to-head airplane races. The races were more exciting and entertaining than many expected. Theo did a great job of designing the event so that the races were just the right length to not be boring and we moved quickly through the heats. Both members and spectators really enjoyed the spectacle.

This newsletter editor crashed on takeoff, but most of the competitors were very successful. The top three finishers for this round were Ed Budzyna, Gordie Meade and Dan Wheeler. Currently, three additional rounds of races are planned through the summer. Points are cumulative and will determine an overall club champion.

Attendees enthusiastically endorsed this event as one of the more fun times that we've had in a while and encouraged us to have more. By the way, there is still time to participate. Buy a Foaminator and show up at the next event.

### Firecracker Fly-In

Our next event is to celebrate the Fourth on Saturday, July 7th, beginning at 10:00 AM and lasting through the day. The event will feature that great American favorite — Hot Dogs! All you can eat. Theo will crank up the hot dog cooker and Rhett will bring the extras.

The field will be closed for a short time at 9:00 AM and, again, at 1:00 PM for the second round of pancake races. If you missed the first round, this is something you should see.

### July Club Meeting and President's Barbecue

**DON'T FORGET!** The next club meeting will not be held on Thursday, July 19th. It will be held on Saturday, July 21st, at the field. It will feature a short club meeting, a barbecue meal prepared by Jay and night flying. The club received permission from Leon County to keep our field open past normal park hours so we can enjoy night flying.

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# Around the Field — Pancake Breakfast

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Joe and Debbie preparing for the hungry hordes



Blueberry pancakes! Yum!!



Time to eat



Theo gathering strength for the races



Fruits of their labor

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# Around the Field Pancake Breakfast Race Day

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The parking lot was crowded. There was outstanding attendance.



They're off!!



Geoff's racer zooms past



Geoff gives instruction to Leigh Davis. Leigh is the Director of Leon County Division of Parks and Recreation.



Practice, practice, practice

# Around the Field on Memorial Day Weekend



Chef Rhett manning the grill



Gordie and first pancake mid-air casualty

Theo and Jay setting up pylons for pancake race practice



One of the beautiful scale aircraft that flew



Our president and his copilot



We caught Theo making quick repairs



Ready for practice runs

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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

<b>Electrics/Sailplanes</b>	30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset 7 days/week
<b>Gassers/Nitros</b>	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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