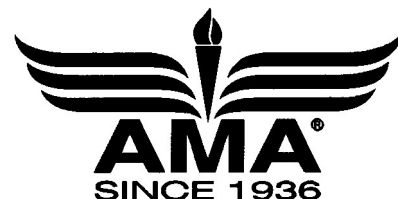


The Seminole Flyer



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March 2015 Opening Day Issue

Fun Flying and Fellowship

The Seminole Radio Control Club opening day event was a huge success. Although the event had to be rescheduled from Saturday, March 14, to the next day due to wet, windy conditions, the Sunday weather was nice with mild winds and comfortable temperatures. Small electrics, huge gassers, helicopters, multi-rotors, hot dogs, hamburgers and good times were everywhere.

This event was also a swap meet with models and other RC items for sale and many freebies. A new supply of club shirts and caps were on sale. The new shirts are long-sleeved for a little variety. A good supply of short-sleeve and long-sleeve T-shirts and caps are still available. See President Mike.



Photo Courtesy of Bob Tilden

Please show appreciation to Diamond Hobby. They donated an FMS F-16 to raffle for club revenue.

A highlight of the day was Bob Burke's birthday party. A beautifully decorated birthday cake and a big welcoming crowd greeted Bob when he arrived at the field. One small slipup: Bob's birthday is not until May. He enjoyed it anyway.

If you missed the opportunity to attend this event, don't despair. Another fun time is coming on Sunday, May 24. It is the Memorial Day weekend warbird meet. Of course, this event is all inclusive. If you do not have a warbird your favorite model is welcome.

Club Meeting News

Matthew Hendrix, Secretary

Call To Order

President Mike Levine called the March 19, 2015 meeting of the Seminole Radio Control Club to order at 1900 EDT (7:00 PM Eastern Time)

Board Members:

Mike Levine – President

Randy Yarborough – Vice President

Matthew Hendrix – Secretary

Bill Ashbaker – Treasurer & Editor

2015 Club Calendar

Museum of Florida History Children's Day: Jan 31st 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Perry Swap meet: Friday March 6th and Saturday March 7th.

(Club Meeting News — Continued)

Annual field opening, picnic and swap meet: Saturday March 14th

Memorial Day weekend warbird meet: Sunday May 24th
4th of July firecracker fun-fly and contest: Sunday July 5th.
2nd annual “Believe in a Cure” fundraiser and fly-in: Sunday October 4th

Veteran’s day picnic and fun-fly: Saturday November 7th
Training calendar: Saturdays 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM or by appointment

Secretary Report – Matthew Hendrix

(mhendrix85@gmail.com)

- The February 19, 2015 minutes were approved as posted in the newsletter

Treasurer Report – Bill Ashbaker

(bill.ashbaker@comcast.net)

- The club financial statement was presented to the members and approved.
- Upcoming expenses were discussed
- We are down to 87 from 105 members due to non-payment of dues
- **Safety Officer Report + New Business – Jim Ogorek (jim.ogorek@yahoo.com)**
- An incident was discussed where a small foamie was flown over the helicopter pad. It was discussed to add an amendment to the by-laws for foamies with less than 12” wingspan (micro)
 - ◊ The issue was addressed at the time/
- Taking off across the runway (directly across) was discussed and the associated safety concerns. Taking off at a slight angle was discussed in an effort to accommodate for cross winds. This will be proposed as an amendment to #8 in the bylaws (“except in emergency situations”). Jim provided a printout of the proposed changes to the bylaws.
- Correcting a typographical error to the bylaws was discussed (order of numbers) and will be corrected.
- Concerns with public calls to the county were discussed
- Flying patterns was discussed
 - ◊ Taking off and landing in to the wind
 - ◊ If it has wheels, take offs must be normal, otherwise hand launching “CAN” be done across the

runway for safety reasons.

- ◊ There will be a written proposal to be voted on for taking off across the runway diagonally.
- ◊ Children MUST BE SUPERVISED and need to be back in the spectator area at all times. If at the flight line they must be supervised/under flight instruction.
- The new sign is to be installed Sunday

Field Marshal Report – Gordie Meade

(lmeade@fsu.edu)

- The field is in good condition
- Upcoming tractor service is an expense to be expected.

Training Coordinator Report – Geoff Lawrence

(4knkc@comcast.net)

- Sunday training with Marshal was a big success at the event
- New member Jerome has scheduled training coming up. We all welcome Jerome!!!
- Simulator is up and running is ready to be borrowed.

Old Business

- Opening day was a huge success and 32 registrants were recorded. Lots of friends and family were present for a great day of flying! Thanks to everyone who came up and supported the club. What a blast!
- More refreshments and food were requested for future events. We plan to more extensively implement and utilize ‘pre-registration’ to appropriately plan for such items.

Next Board meeting

TBD

Next Club meeting

Thursday April 16th 2015 (Beef O’ Brady’s 1800 Thomasville Rd 7:00 PM)

Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting @ 2010 EDT (8:10 PM Eastern Time)

Proposed Changes

Club members discussed issues related to runway safety and member identification at the March 19th club meeting. The Seminole Radio Control Club Board of Directors was charged to draft some proposed language for changes to our operational and safety rules. The purpose is to stimulate dialog at our upcoming April 16th club meeting at Beef O'Brady's.

The proposed language addresses two current issues, runway safety and the requirement to display badges. Proposed additions to current rules are underlined in the draft shown below and proposed deletions are crossed out.

If the proposal passes a vote, it would be offered as an amendment to the club by-laws in the May-June timeframe. Everyone is encouraged to come to the April meeting to discuss these proposed changes.

A. Flying Field Operational Rules

1. All members and guests shall comply with Leon County Apalachee Regional Park rules and regulations, the Academy of Model Aeronautics Safety Code and Seminole RC Club rules while on Apalachee Regional Park Property.
2. All solo pilots must be current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
3. Solo pilots who are Academy of Model Aeronautics under the Park Flyer program are restricted to flying electric aircraft that weigh 2 pounds or less and be incapable of reaching speeds greater than 60 mph. If a member acquires an aircraft that does not meet these specifications, the member must upgrade his/her Academy of Model Aeronautics membership to *Youth* or *Full Open* as appropriate before the new aircraft is flown at the field.
4. Each Club member ~~will be~~ is issued a Club identification card. ~~It is recommended that it~~ The card shall be displayed while at the field for identification purposes. ~~and to ensure that the~~ Each individual ~~has~~ shall have current Academy of Model Aeronautics membership with insurance coverage and shall show a current Academy of Model Aeronautics membership card upon request.
5. Potential new members, guests and other Academy of Model Aeronautics club members shall be allowed to fly if a Club member is present and the individuals hold a current Academy of Model Aeronautics membership card. Potential new members living in the greater Tallahassee area shall be given an application for membership. Non-members without Academy of Model Aeronautics membership shall not be allowed to fly except by "buddy box" or very close supervision by a Club member who is able to take control of the aircraft immediately. If a non-member challenges this rule, the non-member is to be informed that the field jurisdiction is controlled by lease agreement with the Leon County Park Commission. Any comments are to be directed to the commission.
6. Non-powered or electric aircraft may be operated between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM only.
7. Nitro or gas aircraft shall have a muffler and may be operated between 12:00 PM and 9:00 PM only.
8. Pilots using 50 Mhz or 72 Mhz frequencies shall place the appropriate frequency pin on their transmitter antenna and shall place their Academy of Model Aeronautics card in the pocket on the frequency board from which the pin was taken.
9. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are to be consumed on the property. The field is located in a county park and alcoholic beverages are prohibited by law.

B. Flying Field Safety Rules

1. The flying field flight line runs along the pilot station barrier fence and extends infinitely in both directions from the ends of the flight line fence. Pilots shall not allow flying aircraft to cross to the spectator side of the flight line. However, pilots, who want to want to make left-hand turns when preparing to

(Proposed Changes—continued from the previous page)

land, may make a left hand circle over the pond to the south of the runway even though the circle crosses the extended flight line over the pond.

2. Except for take-offs and landings, no flight shall come closer to the pilot stations than the center line of the runway. All acrobatic and 3D flying shall be performed past the far side of the runway to not disturb other pilots. The only exception is flight demonstrations at special events.
3. Aircraft shall be operated from the pilot stations only. Pilot stations are behind the flight line fence in the middle of each section, not in the openings.
4. Only pilots and assistants are allowed on the flight line
5. No more than four aircraft shall be in the air at any given time.
6. Pilots shall make appropriate announcements when taking off, landing or in emergency situations.
7. Cross-runway take-offs and landings are prohibited with the following exceptions:
 - a. Emergency landings.
 - b. Light weight aircraft may make diagonal take-offs, but not greater than 45 degrees from the runway direction, when there are substantial easterly winds.
 - c. Hand-launched aircraft may make cross-runway take-offs, but shall assume a flight path parallel to the runway direction as soon as safely possible after launch.
- 7 8. Landing aircraft have the right-of-way over aircraft taking off, taxiing or hovering.
- 8 9. Pilots shall place their aircraft on the starting tables so the pilots are facing the runway while starting an aircraft. This allows a pilot to see oncoming aircraft while he/she is working on his/her own aircraft.
- 9 10. Pilots shall not taxi on the spectator side of the flight line. A pilot who starts an aircraft behind the flight line shall carry it to the flight line before taxi and take off. After the flight, pilots shall stop the engine before crossing the flight line. Aircraft shall be started or electric aircraft shall be armed on the starting tables or on the ground near the flight line. Helicopters may be started under the shelter, but should be kept idling and in "throttle hold" until taken to the runway or hover pad.
- 10 11. The grass circles (helipads) on the north and south sides of the pit and shelter area are for helicopter hovering and light 3D maneuvers. If the maneuvers take the aircraft outside the boundaries of the circle, the pilot shall transition to one of the designated pilot stations and perform the maneuvers to the east of the flight line. Small micro-size (less than 2 ounces flying weight) electric airplanes are permitted to use the circles for flying. Helicopters and small airplanes using the grass circles shall not be considered as part of the total number of aircraft in the air.
- 11 12. Prolonged helicopter hovering should be performed at one of the two designated helipads and not over the runway.
- 12 13. The running trail shall be monitored for joggers entering from either direction. When joggers are present, all flying shall be restricted to the south part of the flying area until the joggers are clear. Landing aircraft may continue their approach.
- 13 14. The areas of airspace over the county recycling center to the southeast of the field, over the parking area and recreational fields south of the field, west of the flight line and over the running areas north of the field are no-fly zones.

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44 15. First person view (FPV) flying:

- a. An FPV-equipped model must be flown by two AMA members using a "buddy-box" system. The pilot in command must be on the primary (master) transmitter, maintain visual contact and be prepared to assume control in the event of a problem.
- b. The operational range of the model is limited to the pilot in command's visual line of sight. The pilot in command shall maintain visual contact with the model without enhancement other than by corrective lenses prescribed for the pilot.
- c. The flight path of model operations shall be limited to the designated flying site and approved over-fly area.
- d. The model weight and speed shall be limited to a maximum of 10 pounds and 60 miles per hour.

~~45~~ 16. It is recommended that members do not fly alone.

~~46~~ 17. Children shall **not** be permitted beyond the spectator area unless under the **direct** supervision of an adult or under flight instruction.

~~47~~ 18. Flight operations shall stop during electrical storms.

New Sign at the Field

Members and visitors to the field will notice a new sign has been placed at the pavilion. It states: "This is a private radio controlled (R/C) flying field leased to the Seminole Radio Control Club (SRCC) by Leon County and maintained by SRCC members. Visitors are always welcome. However our lease with Leon County requires current Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) membership for all flyers and membership in the SRCC is required for use of this facility for the flying any type of RC aircraft. Members shall display SRCC badges at all times and AMA cards must be available upon request. Nonmembers are permitted to fly up to three (3) times provided they have current AMA membership and/or sponsored by an active SRCC member who is president and assumes responsibility for his or her activities while flying."



A special thanks to Charles Samaha for designing the sign and Joe Satterwhite and his crew for installing it.

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The sign was reviewed and approved by Leon County. The placement of the sign and the requirement to display SRCC member ID badges were agreed upon at the March 19th club meeting. There has been considerable discussion about displaying club badges over the last few weeks and it is generally agreed that the badges should be visible, but do not necessarily need to be clipped to your clothes. They may be attached to your transmitter, equipment box or other convenient location. If anyone needs a replacement club badge, send a request to SeminoleRadioControlClub@gmail.com

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New Members

We have four new members. Please welcome Jerome Lovett, Justin Placilla, Gregory Sheppard and Charles

Wilson when you have the opportunity.

Perceptions

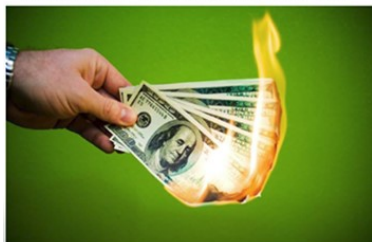
What we think we do.



What our kids think we do.



What our wives think we do.



What we actually do.



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Classified Ads

Anyone in the club who wants to sell or buy RC equipment, send an email to seminoleradiocontrolclub@gmail.com with a very short description. We prefer a one or two line description: what it is, condition, price, who to contact and email or phone.

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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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Jeff Owens 850-644-4765	Matthew Hendrix 954-448-2738
Bill Ashbaker 850-656-5932	

Field Hours

Electrics/Sailplanes	9:00 AM till 9:00 PM
Gassers/Nitros	12 Noon till Dusk
Electric Service	8:30 AM till 9:15 PM

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