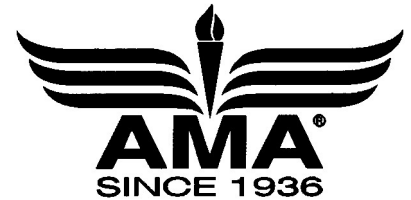


The Seminole Flyer



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Time to Show Your Support

Most of our members have been interested . . . maybe even concerned . . . about the future of our club at Apalachee Regional Park. There are many groups competing for space in the redesigned park and now is the time to show our support for our club and our flying field. Leon County Parks and Recreation and the master plan design team will conduct a brief presentation, answer questions and hear comments on the preliminary master plan on Tuesday, March 28, 2017. The public meeting will be held 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm on the second floor of the Renaissance Center, 435 N. Macomb Street in Tallahassee. It is important that you come to this public meeting, share your questions and show your support for building a new RC field in the park.

In January 2016, Leon County engaged consultants DRMP, Wood + Partners and PROS to develop a master plan that lays out future development of the park. The plan was designed around existing land constraints, from citizen input and from the results of a market assessment by the consultants. Some of our club members participated in the first public input meeting. Our president, Jay



Wiggins, has worked many hours to assure our interests were heard throughout the planning process.

Our club has a long history of activism. Amazingly, the county promised us a future flying site on top of the landfill in the 1970s. Throughout the 1980s, our club survived at temporary flying sites and we continued to push for a permanent location. Our members pulled together to garner public awareness and support. The club formed a public relations committee emphasizing participation in events such as Springtime Tallahassee, mall exhibits and displays at the fairgrounds. We held open house events for guests from the Civil Air Patrol, Boy Scouts, local TV stations, etc. We extended club outreach to civic and business groups. Club members worked with the county and the Leon County Commission with the purpose of finding a permanent flying site. In 1990, we successfully obtained our current flying site on the east side of the county landfill. Now, twenty-seven years later, we must demonstrate our resolve again.

Club Meeting News

Jeff Owens, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM on Thursday March 16, 2017 by President Jay Wiggins.

Visitors: There were no visitors or new members.

President's Announcements – Jay thanked various members for their contributions of goods and services over the past few months.

He then discussed a recent trespass situation at the field and reminded members to handle such situations by calling the Sheriff's Office. The President should also be informed of the situation.

He also pointed out that a recently donated airplane assembly stand was missing after being at the field only for a few days.

Another announcement concerns a Public Hearing on the Park Master Plan. This will be held at the Renaissance Center on Macomb Street on Tuesday March 28 from 6:30-7:30 PM. Members should attend, if possible.

The club raised \$494 from the auction and sale of items from the Erle family. This will be donated to the Children's Miracle Network.

Vice-President's Report – Randy Yarborough described the Opening Day Fly-in which was held on Saturday March 11, 2017. 23 members and guests braved the chill and had a great time. Some members donated items for an auction, which provided some additional entertainment.

The next Fly-in will be the Memorial Day Warbird event on Saturday May 25. As was the case last year, World War II memorabilia will be displayed so bring anything

you may have for the display.

Secretary's Report – Jeff Owens – The minutes of the February meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

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

Safety Officer's Report – Jim Ogorek – Members were reminded that aerobatics maneuvers are to be flown further out than the centerline of the runway.

Also, FPV drone racer pilots should use a spotter. Some instances have occurred where drones have made high speed low passes along the runway when the pilot lost track of where the drone was.

Flight Training Report – Geoff Lawrence – There are three complete models ready to use for training.

The SouthWoodstock Music Festival will be held on Saturday March 25. We are scheduled to have flying demos from 1:00-4:00 along with static displays. The admission charge will be waived for flyers.

Old Business – none

New Business –

1. Jim Ogorek has a used 10 channel Flysky transmitter with several receivers and a case for \$200.
2. Ed Budzyna demonstrated how to make simple racks for hanging assembled models such as small electrics from the ceiling.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43PM.

Members and Friends News

New Members

We have three new members. Please welcome new members Brian Campbell, Archie Chambers and junior member Timur Hancer when you have the opportunity.

Come Fly at Southwoodstock

We have been invited to do demonstration flights and displays of RC aircraft at the Southwoodstock Music Festival. The date is next Saturday, March 25, from noon until 4:00 pm. Then stay and listen to some of the bands.

Gates open at noon. Security will direct us to park along

the fence by the baseball field. The \$15 admission fee is waived for flyers. Display models are welcome. Flying space limits us to smaller size electric airplanes. Helicopters and drones are good.

Geoff Lawrence will provide shade canopies. Please bring lawn chairs, if desired.

Please print the parking pass on the last page of this newsletter and place it on your dashboard. It will be best to enter the site via the north entrance parking lot, then drive to the area near baseball field.

Complete details on the festival can be seen at:

<http://www.southwoodstock.org/general.htm>



Around the Field on Opening Day



Great biplane



Have Faith



Geoff and his seaplane



Looks like Megan is concerned, surrounded by “experts” trying to solve the problem



I’m getting the suspicious look

Around the Field on Opening Day



Michelle drawing the winning ticket



Thanks to Jim Ogorek for donating the prize that Ed won



Thanks to Rick Sunderland for

Special Thank You to Jim Ogorek for donating the Hawker Typhoon and to Rick Sunderland for donating the Zero for the raffles. And, a special thank you to Charles Montford for donating an OS .60 Special Edition with a gold head for the auction. There was a lively bidding war between Tristan and Mike Levine. Tristan won the bid.



Another happy winner

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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/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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