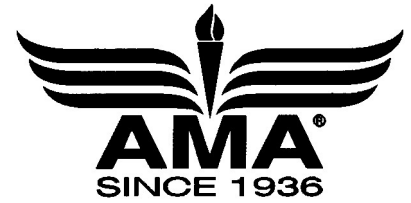


The Seminole Flyer



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A Special Guest

A few weeks before Veteran's Day, Geoff Lawrence, Mike Levine and Randy Yarborough hosted Captain Delbert Alphin at the field for a P-51 flight demonstration. Geoff arranged for Captain Alphin and his grandson to come to the field and Mike brought out his P-51 to fly.

Captain Alphin was an F-86, F-80 and P-51 pilot in the Korean War. He scored four MiG-15 kills in his P-51 and provided close air support in the Battle of Chosin Reservoir. He said he preferred the P-51 over jets because they were more maneuverable.

Captain Alphin was an Army Ranger prior to his flying career.

As Mike was on approach with his P-51, all Captain Alphin could say is, "Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy" all the way to the landing. Afterward, he shook Mike's hand and honored him as a fellow P-51 pilot.

Captain Alphin passed away at home two weeks later at the age of 84. His trip to our field was his last outing. We are honored with his visit. We think it meant a lot to him. There is one less hero among us.



Mike Levine, Captain Alphin and His Grandson

Club Meeting News

Randy Yarborough, Secretary

Call to order

President Mike Levine called the November 20, 2014, meeting of the Seminole Radio Control Club to order at 7:01 PM.

Introduction of New Members and Visitors

New members, Mike Lassiter and Danny Callahan, and guest Mac Harper introduced themselves.

Club Calendar

The 2014 club calendar of events is complete.

Secretary's Report - Randy Yarborough

The October 16, 2014, meeting minutes were approved as published in the October newsletter.

Treasurer's Report - Bill Ashbaker

The club spent \$871.22 more than income in October. The September club financial report was approved. There are no expenses anticipated in the near future beyond normal field maintenance.

The club now has 99 members. 81 are general members, 14 are family members, 3 are associate members and 1 is a junior member.

Safety Officer Report - Jim Ogorek

There are no outstanding safety concerns at the field.

Field Marshal Report - Gordie Meade

Gordie was not present, but his hard work is evident. The runway is in good shape.

Training Officer Report - Geoff Lawrence

The club trainer sustained a mishap, but Geoff repaired it and the club training equipment is in good shape. Frank Bastos contributed a slightly damaged glider to the club. Geoff repaired it and donated an ESC and Jay Wiggins donated a receiver. The glider is now ready to be used as an alternative trainer.

Old Business

Veteran's Day

The Veteran's Day weekend fun-fly was a big success with many participants and free food for members. A few weeks before Veteran's Day, Geoff Lawrence and Mike Levine treated a Korean War vet, Captain Delbert Alphin to a flight demonstration at the field. Mike flew his P-51 for Captain Alphin. The captain flew P-51s in the war and thoroughly enjoyed the demonstration.

Believe in a Cure

The October 4th *Believe in a Cure* charity fundraiser and fly-in was a success. In excess of \$1,000 was raised for the Shands Children's Miracle Network. The club will present a check to a local representative of the Miracle Network and Marshal Fisher at the field on December 6th or 7th depending on the weather.

New Business

Warmup Running Trail

Members recently noticed a temporary sign near the south end of our leasehold that directed runners to a "warmup trail" that crossed near the south end of our runway. This is obviously a serious concern. Jim Ogorek discussed this concern with Leigh Davis, Director of Leon County Division of Parks and Recreation.

Ms. Davis assured us the warmup trail will only be used during major running events when our field would be closed anyway. The temporary sign and any guidance tapes across the runway approach will be removed after each event and a sign will be placed to notify runners the trail is not to be used at any other time.

Children's Day at the Museum of Florida History

Thousands of visitors come to the Annual Children's Day at the Museum of Florida History for fun games, engaging crafts, and exciting performances. The event provides an outreach opportunity for organizations from the community to connect with museum visitors and share materials. Gabrielle Graham invited the club to participate again this year. We voted to participate, but club volunteers are needed.

The event will be held at the museum on January 31, 2015. Any club member who would like to participate and bring airplanes, helicopters, etc, please contact Mike Levine and let him know.

Nomination of Officers for 2015

Nominations were collected by Randy Yarborough and were accepted from the floor at the meeting. The final vote for new officers will be held at the December club meeting in accordance with club bylaws.

The official nominees for club officers for 2015 are:

President: Mike Levine - Unopposed

Vice President: Randy Yarborough - Unopposed

Treasurer: Bill Ashbaker and Robin Driscoll

Secretary: Jeff Owens and Matt Hendrix

Nominations for 2015 officers are now closed.

Holiday Party

The club voted to have a Seminole RC Club Holiday Party at the December 18th club meeting at Beef O'Brady's. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be free for club members and better halves. Food can be purchased.

A Great Deal From Diamond Hobby

Frank Bastos announced that FMS and Horizon Hobby models can be purchased from the warehouse on Capital Circle SW with a 10% discount and no sales tax. Model orders can be called in, made on-line and picked up at the warehouse. Thanks Frank!

Next meeting

December 18, 2014, at Beef O Brady's, 1800 Thomasville Road, 7:00 pm in meeting room.

Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM.

Annual Election of Club Officers

Near the end of each year, we face a serious task that, sometimes, not all of our members take seriously. It is the annual nomination and election of club officers. The officers we select each year lead our club, promote the common good and are responsible for caring for and maintaining our substantial assets. We face challenges. We have a very nice, well maintained flying site, but it is being squeezed by other county park activities. We must maintain an on-going amicable dialog with county officials. We have capital assets such as the pavilion, storage container and tractor that must be protected and maintained. We have large financial assets for a club of our type and size that require accounting and reporting to the state and federal governments. We have financial obligations that must be monitored and paid on time. In other words, our club is a business and it must be run like a business or we will lose it.

Each year, we encourage members to nominate qualified candidates to run our club. Too often, we get few or no nominations. This is odd because the majority of our member have businesses talents. Of course, most of our members have day jobs and running our club is time-consuming. So, reluctance to take on additional responsibilities is understandable. Still, running the club can be rewarding and deserves serious consideration.

This brings us to another important consideration. Officer nominees must be qualified to run this business. A candidate should not be nominated because he or she is a nice guy or is a warm body to fill a position. A person should be nominated with the same thoughtfulness that you would put into hiring an employee. A nominee should possess the knowledge and skills required for the position.

For example:

The **president** is responsible for leading the club in accordance with our bylaws and representing us before county and community officials. The president should be

personable, have business sense and be skillful in making presentations before groups. The president works with club members to encourage participation in club committees and events. The president must have negotiation and leadership skills.

Of course, the **vice president** has the same responsibilities and must have the same presence and skills.

The **secretary** is responsible for minutes at all club meetings, keeping official club records, officiating during elections and other voting activities, accepting membership applications, handling correspondence and performing any other duties deemed necessary by the membership in order to maintain the club's operation and orderly business records. The secretary must have good writing, organizational and business communication skills.

The **treasurer** is responsible for collecting dues, maintaining custody of the club's financial and material assets, purchasing goods and services, serving as the club's registered agent in reporting to the State of Florida and the Internal Revenue Service, maintaining financial records, generating monthly reports, maintaining the club and AMA member database, validating current club and AMA memberships, creating member badges and performing other duties as deemed necessary by the membership. The treasurer must have bookkeeping knowledge and experience.

The first thing new club members do when they join the club is pay membership dues. It is interesting to note that the treasurer is often the first person a new club member meets and provides the first impression of the club. The treasurer must be friendly and willing to help new members.

It is election time again. Let's all put some serious thought into nominating and selecting good leaders for our club.

Around the Field . . .

Our 2014 Veteran's Day Fun-Fly and Picnic:



Will It Fly??



There's A New Cook in Town



Hot Dogs Were Popular



On the Flightline

Around the Field is a monthly collection of member items and activities. Feel free to email photos and comments for publication to SeminoleRadioControlClub@gmail.com

2014 Club Holiday Party

Be sure to save the date!! The 2014 Seminole Radio Control Club Holiday Party will be held at 7:00 PM on December 18, 2014, at Beef O'Brady's. This coincides with the December club meeting. However, the meeting will be short . . . the most important items will be the

election of 2015 officers. This will leave plenty of time for fellowship. And, drinks will be free!!

Your better halves are welcome and Beef's has a large menu of foods for purchase.

Club and AMA Dues Are Important

You should have received your AMA renewal package for 2015 by now. Please renew your AMA membership soon if you have not already. Lack of AMA membership is the one of the few things that can prevent you from flying at the field. You will recall that we are required to have individual AMA insurance under our lease contract with Leon County. If an accident involving personal injury or property damage occurs at the field and you do not have current AMA coverage, it could be very distressing and expensive for you and the club could lose our field for being in violation of our lease contract. If you do not renew by the end of the year, you may not fly starting January 1st.

Also, your 2015 club membership dues should be paid before the end of the year. All of the things that keep our field a nice place to fly are paid for by membership dues. Dues are our only source of income and must pay for many things like gas and repairs for the mower, field repairs and improvements, insurance, electric bills, state and national fees and the list goes on.

Of course, the annual dues have not changed: \$60.00 for general membership, \$75.00 for family membership and

\$20.00 for junior membership. There are three ways to pay: give cash or a check to the treasurer at a meeting or at the field, mail a check or use PayPal.

If you want to mail a check, send it to:

Bill Ashbaker
Seminole Radio Control Club
2509 Napoleon Bonaparte Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308

If you prefer to use PayPal, the dues amount may be slightly higher to cover PayPal fees. If you have sufficient funds in your PayPal account, there is no extra fee. If you use your PayPal account to pay from a credit card account, the due are: \$62.10 for general membership, \$77.55 for family membership and \$21.70 for junior membership.

To pay, log on to PayPal, click the Send Money Tab and send to:

SeminoleRadioControlClub@gmail.com

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.

For Sale

Powerplants

SAITO FA-82a 4-Stroke Nitro Engine with many extras, new in box, \$250, Bill Ashbaker, bill.ashbaker@comcast.net

Electrical Accessories

Thunder Power LiPo Charger Model TP-1010C, like new, \$25, Bill Ashbaker, bill.ashbaker@comcast.net

Field Equipment

Hobbico Ultra-Tote Plywood Kit, new in box, \$10, Bill Ashbaker, bill.ahbaker@comcast.net

Wanted to Buy

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Field Marshal	Gordie Meade lmeade@fsu.edu
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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

Mike Levine 860-922-4050

Jeff Owens 850-644-4765

Bill Ashbaker 850-656-5932

Randy Yarborough 850-523-0020

Jim Ogorek 850-766-2477

Matthew Hendrix 954-448-2738

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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