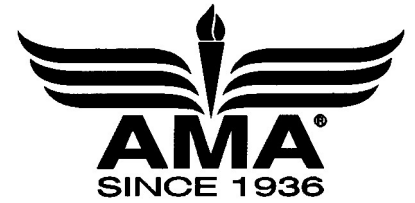


The Seminole Flyer



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It's Party Time!



Saturday, November 17th, was a beautiful day for our annual Veterans Day Fly-In. The field and our facilities were in perfect condition. There were a variety of models on hand and members and guests had a great time.

Time flies! Veterans Day . . . Thanksgiving . . . now, it is time to think about Christmas. Don't forget about our annual Christmas party coming up in a little more than three weeks.

Our party will be at Beef O'Brady's on Thursday, December 20th, at 7:00 PM. Food and soft drinks

will be free to members and guests. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased. Spouses and significant others are welcome.

A brief business meeting will be held to present our donation to Shands Hospital Children's Miracle Network. We will confirm our club officers for next year. A vote is not necessary because all of the candidates are unopposed. Also, there will be a vote on the club's choice for next year's pylon racers. All the rest is fun!

Come and enjoy the festivities.

Club Meeting News

Jeff Owens, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM on Thursday November 15, 2018 by President Jay Wiggins. Eleven members were present; there were no new members.

Vice-President's Report – The next event will be our Veterans Day Fly-in to be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018. Lunch will be served for \$5.

Secretary's Report – Jeff Owens – The minutes of the October meeting have been posted on the web in the Newsletter. 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 could not make the meeting, but he had reported to President Jay Wiggins that there were no safety issues to be addressed.

Field Marshall Report – Gordie Meade – Gordie has done the final mowing of the year. The mower will be stored for the winter and serviced next February.

Training Officer Report – Geoff Lawrence reported that both trainers are good to go.

Old Business – Aircraft for the pylon racing events next year were discussed. Candidate aircraft will be demonstrated at the November Fly-in on November 17 and voted on at the December meeting.

New Business – there was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Time to Renew Club Membership

It is the time of year to think about annual club dues. Our **2019 club membership dues should be paid before the end of the year.**

All things that keep our field a nice place to fly are paid from membership dues. Dues are our only source of income and provide gas and maintenance for the mower, field repairs and improvements, insurance, electric bills, state and national fees and the list goes on.

Annual dues are: \$60.00 for general membership, \$75.00 for family membership and \$20.00 for junior membership. You may pay the treasurer at the field or at one of our club meetings. Or, you may mail a check to the Seminole RC Club at 2509 Napoleon Bonaparte Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

You may pay with PayPal. However, there is an additional \$2.00 cost to cover fees that PayPal charges us. The dues are \$62.00 for general membership, \$77.00 for family membership and \$22.00 for junior membership through PayPal. To pay, log on to PayPal, click the Send Money Tab and send to: SeminoleRadioControlClub@gmail.com

We hope you will continue your club membership. We have a great hobby filled with fun and relaxation with brief moments of sheer terror thrown in for excitement.

What's New On The Club Forum

If you haven't checked out the Seminole RC Club Forum lately, you may be missing out. There are several new items for sale by your fellow club members, announcements of regional flying events and discussions on various topics such as proposals for our new pylon racers for 2019.

You have to register to enter the forum, create a user ID and password and verify your email address to use the site. Do not be concerned. The information you provide is available to the club only. In fact, we already have this information in our club database. So, you are not revealing anything new about yourself.

If you have not registered, the forum can be accessed from our club Web site www.seminolerc.com. Click on "SRCC Forum" on the lower left side of the home page.

Here are a few hints for your first time. After you enter the forum, click on one of the categories. Then, click on one of the topics. You can read others' comments and click "Reply" to add your own comments. You can also click "New Topic" to start a new discussion thread. Please try to only create new topics in the appropriate category. For example, avoid starting a discussion on club rules under something like the "For Sale or To Buy" category. To step back to where you started in the forum, click on the desired level at the left-hand center of the page under the horizontal menu ribbon.

For current users who have advertised items for sale and they have sold, please go back and note that under your topic. Or, just delete your sale topic.

Next Series of Pylon Races

So many airplanes . . . so little time!

We have had several lengthy discussions about possible new airplanes for next year's pylon races. Over a dozen different airplanes have been championed by members. There were lengthy discussions on the subject in the October and November club meetings and at the field during our Veterans Day Fun-Fly.

It is a challenge to resolve all the pros and cons of each proposed aircraft and please most of our members who would like to participate in the next series of races. To help narrow the field of choices, key criteria for selecting a standard club racer were established:

- Real airfoil – not a flat like Pancakes – which will make them much easier to fly
- Not blazingly fast – to encourage less experienced flyers
- Inexpensive
- Easy to build and repair

However, a large number of aircraft meet these criteria. As a result of all the diverse suggestions, a proposal was forwarded to make the most people happy: Select a class of aircraft, not a specific aircraft, as the club racing standard. In this way, members can select any aircraft that makes them happy from a broad variety.

Here is how the Seminole RC Racing Class would be defined.

- Model Type: Conventional aircraft configuration, EPP foam model. No flying wings.
- Wingspan: Between 1.1 meters and 0.9 meters.

- Motor: Any motor up to 1300kV
- Battery: 3S up to 2200 mah
- Prop: 10-inch maximum diameter
- Landing gear: Optional

Gordie Meade demonstrated two aircraft that meet these criteria at our Veterans Day Fly-In. He showed us a TechOne SU31-II Sukhoi foamie. They are



Gordie demonstrated the TechOne SU31-II and the H-King Hummer at the Veterans' Day Fly-In

available from several dealers such as Motion RC, \$69 for the bare aircraft or \$98 for the aircraft and electronics bundle. Gordie describes it as very docile and easy to fly with small throws on the control surfaces. With the control throws turned up, it is truly a 3D model that will do darn near anything.

Also, Gordie showed us a similar, but less expensive model. The H-King Hummer

Xtreme 3D from HobbyKing. The bare bones kit is \$35.66. Servos are available for \$3.05 each, the motor is \$16.95, and the ESC is \$9.95 for a total price around \$75. Of course, you can save if you already have some of the electronics.

You can learn more about Gordie's test flights and thoughts on our Seminole RC Forum.

The final choice of an aircraft or of class specifications for our 2019 racing season will be selected by club vote at our December Christmas meeting.

Around the Field: Veterans' Day Fly-In



Friends enjoying the day



**Dan designed and 3D printed his new airplane.
It flew great!**



Joe getting ready



**Robin and his inclined launch platform.
Exciting!**



**Rhett's new Pitts with Chaoui (Cajun for
raccoon) at the controls**



Another of Robin's launch devices. An RC car.

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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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