# The Seminole Flyer



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AMA Charter Club 216



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## Believe in a Cure Charity Event



Kristina Potter and Stephanie Nicholas of the Shands Childrens Miracle Network and Stephanie's son, Chase, wait for a turn on the trainer

It was a beautiful day for our annual *Believe in a Cure* charity event to benefit the Shands Children's Miracle Network. The event was postponed to Sunday, October 15, due to bad weather on the originally scheduled date.

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. Stephanie Nicholas of the Shands Children's Miracle Network came out to thank us for our efforts. Stephanie introduced our new liaison with Shands Children's Miracle Network, Kristina Potter. Also, Stephanie brought her son, Chase, to try out our trainer aircraft.

Despite the beautiful day and light breezes, there was a light turnout. Members present decided to postpone prize raffels until our Veterans Weekend event on November 12th to maximize the the benefit for our charity. The reasoning is that more members will participate in the Veterans Weekend event and the raffels will bring in more money.

Fall weather is here. Plan to participate in the Veterans Weekend event.

## **Club Meeting News**

Jeff Owens, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM on Thursday October 19, 2017 by Secretary Jeff Owens who filled in for President Jay Wiggins. Seven members and two guests were in attendance.

**Visitor Introductions** – Levy Hill from Thomasville and Jeffrey Smith from Tallahassee introduced themselves as visitors. Levy flies drones and Jeffrey flies helicopters, but is looking to branch out to aircraft and drones.

**Secretary's Report** – Jeff Owens – The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report** – Bill Ashbaker presented the latest report which was approved.

**Safety Report** – All is well at this time and there were no issues to report.

**Training Report** - The trainers were used at the Believe in a Cure Fund Raiser and everything worked. The Apprentice nosegear kept causing the plane to nose over. It needs a stiffer linkage and/or a bigger wheel.

**Field Report** - The shed roof has been repaired by Gordie and the PortaPotty door hinge has been repaired by Theo.

Old Business – The Believe in a Cure Fly-in/Fund Raiser was held on Sunday October 15 after a one week delay due to weather. 16 pilots registered, there was one \$20 donation, and some servos were sold for \$6 for a total raised of \$186. The Club will make up the remainder of \$814 to bring the total to \$1000. Stephanie Nicholas was scheduled to be there to accept the money, but she did not attend the meeting. The raffle was postponed until the Veterans Day Fly-in where it is hoped that more members will attend. Proceeds will go towards offsetting the Club's expenditures for the Fund Raiser.

New Business – Mike Levine requested that all members be allowed access to the trailer housing the lawnmower and other club equipment because the airplane stands had been put away along with the chairs during the NCAA track event and the stands had not been put back out. To resolve the issue, the stands and chairs will be put back put back out until the next track meet. Other possible solutions include:

- Authorizing past presidents to have a key to the trailer (this would include Mike)
- Buying a small shed to be outfitted with a combination lock and providing the combination to all members. This shed would house chairs, stands, the raft, and other commonly used inexpensive Club equipment.

Due to the low turnout, no action was taken.

Mike Lassiter expressed the opinion that the old tattered US flag should be retired. He was authorized to remove it and to dispose of it properly. Further discussion followed about flag display etiquette and the fact that a flag displayed 24 hours a day should be illuminated at night. Mike and Theo will investigate the cost of a new flag pole and a solar lighting option. Further discussion was held as to why the Club even flies a flag – we didn't until recently. The expense and ongoing maintenance of a proper system for its display may mean that we shouldn't fly the flag on a 24 hour basis. Bill Ashbaker suggested that the flag be flown only on special event days like the Memorial Day and Veterans Day fly-ins. This topic was tabled to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM and was followed by Geoff Lawrence presenting a slide show of his recent visit to the Glenn Curtiss museum in Hammondsport, New York.

## **October - November Field Closures**

#### Friday, October 27

NJCAA Region 8 Championship - Preview Day The flying field is open. However, there will be course preview activities for approximately 30 runners. SRCC members are to use safe judgement.

#### Saturday, October 28

Trash Dash & NJCAA Region 8 Championship The flying field is closed 6 am to approximately noon Friday & Saturday, November 10-11 FHSAA State Cross Country Race

# **Around the Field**

## Believe in a Cure Event:



Our master chef



Another exciting flight complete



**Enjoying the flying action** 



Setting up



What are these leftover parts?

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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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