

BERNOULLI'S RAG

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Seminole Radio

Control Club

Tallahassee, FL

AMA Charter #216

1969-2004

SRCC Officers

President

Richard Wynn

Vice President

Dr. Mike Atkinson

Secretary

John Clark

Treasurer

Sam Varn

Field Safety Officer

Marvin McRae

Field Marshall

Bob Burke

Field Hours

12PM - Dusk

HAIL TO THE CHIEF

Well it's hard to believe that it has been over a year since I wrote my last contribution for the newsletter. A lot has happened in my life and as well as in the life of the club. I see many new faces and it will take me some time to learn the names of the new members but I am glad to see our club for the most part is healthy and growing. It's not that we are without our losses as with the recent passing of Norman or our concerns over Theo's recovery, in general though, "our club" is doing pretty well.

Many thanks to those of you who have warmly welcomed me back as president. I have a lot of ideas that I hope you will find beneficial to "Our Club". "Our Club" is a phrase you will hear me say fairly often what I mean by that is we all have an equal say and responsibility in how our

club runs and operates. So with that said I just want everyone to know that if you have an idea, suggestion or concern about "Our Club" come talk to me about it and I will help you out as best I can.

We are still discussing building a new safety fence so bring your ideas to the meeting. Speaking of safety Gordie has agreed to accept the position of Safety Officer and I hope everyone will help Gordie make sure "Our Club" is a safe one. On a similar thread I am still looking for a Field Marshall if you are interested in this prestigious, well paid and highly honored position please call me, write me or see me at the meeting.

More Chief on page 4.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our current balances:

Checking: \$2,663.91 Savings: \$20,000.00 Petty Cash: \$30.00

As you can see, I've moved some of our checking account balance into a CD along with our savings.

The auction scheduled for this meeting so please request that anyone bringing something to sell or if they plan to buy, to please bring some small amounts of cash to pay the club "commission". Typically, we collect 10% as a club fund-raiser. I do not plan on handling the money that is exchanged between the parties, but I will be collecting the commissions. Also, please let the members know that we will have our club hats (finally!) available at this meeting. Member cost is \$10.00, including tax.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Richard Wynn called the January 9th, 2004 meeting to order at 7:30 PM, plus or minus a few minutes.

Old Business:

Richard told the crowd he found renewed pleasure holding his gavel again.

Richard gave his State of the Club Address with the following proposed goals and aspirations:

Replace the existing flight line fence with a four foot chain link fence.

Establish a new flight path for landing from the south.

Make new appointments for Safety Officer and Field Marshal.

Stated club is in good accord with county. Close-out plan being worked.

Newsletter converting to primarily e-mail with hard copies for others and available at field.

Possibly, some type of compensation members doing club work.

Make improvements to the pavilion such as wind/rain

barrier.

The storage shed is long overdue for major a clean-out (If you have any personal items in there, please remove asap).

Review the club member classifications. Adopting new types may be in order, such as senior member or auxiliary member.

Review and bring up to date, if needed, the club by-laws.

Consider increasing the number of events to as much as one per month.

Sam read the treasurers report and it was accepted. After the party fund was paid off the club had in the neighborhood of \$4,976 in checking, \$18,150 in savings, and \$30 petty cash.

Sam said the corporate status of the club was filed for this year.

Sam passed out new member rosters.

Dr. Mike reminded the group the Perry Swap Meet starts Friday March 5th this

year (Everybody attending is welcome to share our tables).

New Business:

Dr. Mike suggested having a swap meet at the February meeting. This was approved.

Dr. Mike made the announcement and presentation of a plaque to this year's Member of the Year, Mike Kinsey. Congratulations Mike!

An announcement was made to remind all members the flying field is a county facility and no alcoholic beverages are allowed. No excuses.

The old starting tables have been updated with new and greatly improved plane holding devices. Thanks for all those responsible!

The club may be seeing new chairs at the flying field in the very near future. No mention of optional seat belts were discussed.

Richard mentioned club member, Theo Titus, had undergone major heart surgery and was currently in recovery.

Training Notes

To schedule training time contact Mike Atkinson.

Instructors

Mike Atkinson (Coordinator)
(h) 926-4692
Sebastian Verrier
Ed Budzyna
Jeff Owens
Bob Dee
Sam Varn
Bob Burke
Geoff Lawrence

New Members

Darrel Clower

Welcome!

SWAP SHOP

The Swapmeister will be making the pilgrimage to Perry, Ga. in March to collect all kind of great "new" stuff to advertise in the Swap Shop. Everybody is welcome to join him.

Call in your ad for next month to: John Clark 575-5713 or CLARKBUSTERBOY@aol.com

BARGAIN BASEMENT

More Bang For Your Buck:

With the hobby world as diverse as it is today, it is impossible for everyone to be aware of all the various "deals" available. Most of the modeling magazines have a section dedicated to new items, but I get the impression the items are included in exchange for advertising elsewhere in the magazine. Each month, I'd like to start featuring a short list of what I consider to be exceptional values within the industry.

\$5.00 - Socket Head Servo Screws - Bag of 100 - Available from Microfasteners (www.microfasteners.com) - These screws are great for mounting servos. The socket head (Allen Wrench) doesn't strip out like standard Phillips head screws. They are also excellent for control horns, cowling attachment, and canopy attachment.

\$15.00 - Pizza Box Flyers - Where else can you purchase a plane with everything except radio and motor. These are the planes listed on the club website available to members.

\$25.00 - Aluminum Transmitter Case - Available at Lowes - These are identical to the \$50-60 cases available from hobby shops. The foam is perforated for easy setup. The cases are large enough to include two transmitters along with a few other accessories. They are located in the tool box area.

\$50.00 - Hobbico Field Charger - Available at most hobby shops. Nothing aggravates you more than waiting all week to get the field only to end up with dead batteries. This is a must for serious hobbyists. The new charger will work with NiCd, NiMH, and Lithium Ion.

\$99.00 - Fun Air 40 - Available from Chief Aircraft (www.chiefaircraft.com) - For under 100 bucks (shipping is free) this plane is awesome. It's very stable for normal flight, but also able to perform advanced 3D maneuvers. Also, the Modeltech Magic is another great choice for the same price. It's available from Quantum Models (www.quantummodels.com)

That's it for this month. Please mention your "best buys" to me for inclusion next month.

- Michael Atkinson

NO FLY LIST

Last, here is the current "no-fly" list. Many members have updated their AMA memberships so the list has gotten considerably shorter. Please remind anyone on the list to let me know when they renew so they can be removed from the list. Following their name is the reason they are on the list...either for expired AMA, unpaid dues, or both. If they think my information is incorrect I'd like them to let me know. - Sam Varn

Azar, George - AMA
Boley, Rodney - Dues
Burns, David - Dues, AMA
Clemons, Dane - Dues
Coward, James - Dues
Dee, Bob - AMA
Goble, Charlie - AMA
Jaks, Sam - AMA
Jones, James - AMA
McCall, Daniel - AMA
McMillian, Chris - AMA
Mills, Gary - Dues
Mitman, William - Dues, AMA

Placilla, Justin - Dues
Ricketts, Justin - Dues, AMA
Rogers, J. - Dues
Shick, Gordon - AMA
Stahl, Thomas - AMA
Stevens, Andrew - Dues, AMA
Titus, Theo - Dues
Verrier, Sebastian - AMA
Wengren, Alan - Dues, AMA
Whiddon, Durrant & Dylon - AMA
Whitfield, Ryan - Dues
Willis, Chris - Dues

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Club Meeting
Thursday 7:30 PM
February 5, 2004
Grace Lutheran Church
2919 Miccosukee Rd.
Located at the
S.E. Corner of Miccosukee
and Capitol Circle

In recognition of
the passing of past
member Norman
Wampler,
Our heart-felt con-
dolences to the
family.

Hail to the Chief (continued)

I spent some time recently cleaning out the shed. I took the old push mower out to make room and I turned the disorganized piles of clutter on the shelves into common groups of disorganized clutter. There are 5 deep discharge batteries in the shed if any of these are not good lets get rid of them. Do we need all three trainers? Our riding mower needs some repair the hood is severely cracked and a tire is flat both repairs are necessary prior to using it.

Many, many thanks to Mike Kinsey, I discovered the shed roof has been leaking and Mike has coated the roof and plugged the holes. If you see anything painted or fixed around the field it was probably Mike. He is a tremendous asset to our club.

This club meeting we will have an Auction so bring you stuff!

We have joined the "e" revolution this is our first e-mail only newsletter!!!!!!

See ya at the field.