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April 2009

Letter from the Editor- Michael Hupp

Well, Spring is upon us and this means gorgeous skies and warm days. This also means high winds and rainy afternoons. But, there is a silver lining. Thanks in part to our officers and our friends at the Department of Parks and Recreations, we can beat the winds and rain by taking advantage of flying first thing in the morning. For those who have electric aircraft, 9:00 in the A.M. is a beautiful time to fly. The wind is mild and the weather is cool. Let's not jeopardize that opportunity. Let the officer's do the jobs for which they were voted. Take time to read the Chief Pilot's report and understand they do have our best interest at heart.

I would like to take a moment to thank a few people for a job well done. Thank you John Hall, Rick Sunderland and Mike Levine for a great showing at South Woodstock. A lot of information was exchanged and they represented the club admirably. I would also like to thank Rick Sunderland for the pictures he often supplies me for the newsletter. It is that type of devotion to the club that drives it forward.

Lastly, the AMA is having its first annual Nationwide Membership Drive this month. This is a very bold initiative that I feel is long overdue to perpetuate the sport. Their slogan for this drive is "Bringing Modelers Together Begins With You". This is a concept that seems to slip our minds from time to time. It begins with us. There are a lot of young and not-so-young minds that could benefit from the teamwork and discipline this sport develops. Now I am not saying to go out and pester everyone to come out to the field, but be proud of our club and let people know that they are always welcome to come out and watch or ask questions. Remember, the sport should not die with us but become better because of our involvement in it.

Chief Pilot- Mike Atkinson

Well, I guess everyone is recovering from the storms this past weekend. The helicopter fly-in had to be postponed. We'll try and get another date scheduled real soon. The only problem is April and May are going to be very busy. Over the next 2 months, we have 4 school air-shows, participation at AirFest 2009 at the airport, and our annual Flying for a Cure memorial fly-in. In addition to that, our float flyers are itching to get back to Lake Surovec for another float fly-in.



Most of you received my correspondence last week regarding the Parks and Recreation director, Pat Plocek, and one of the county commissioners. In case you missed it, here's a brief explanation. Pat is in charge of all Leon County Parks. We fly at the Apalachee Parkway Regional Park. He has assured us he has no intention on moving us until we have a completed site elsewhere. Estimates at when that would be are at least 6 or 7 years from now. However, if problems arise, whatever they may be, we could be out of a flying site in as little as 30 days. Pat has been very helpful in assisting us with field maintenance. He also was instrumental in getting our flying times extended to 9:00 am for non-combustible engines. In other words, he's a great friend to the club.

As Mr. Plocek was walking our lease (with the new flying times) through the last commissioners' meeting, one of the commissioners mentioned one of our members had contacted him about having the county (parks and recreation) pave a runway for us. The officers have not requested this from the county. The club has not even voted to pursue paving of our runway. He was blindsided by the remark and didn't really know how to reply. As far as he knew, we were happy with our current situation. Fortunately, Mr. Plocek is not quick-tempered.

The problem is your officers speak for your club. The officers never requested a paved runway from the county. The club never even voted to pursue a paved runway. And no one is authorized to take it upon himself to



Chief Pilot (cont.)

speak as a representative of the club. Now I am certain whoever did this did not intend to cause any problems. We have many members who are long-time businessmen in the community and have numerous contacts. I'm sure someone figured they'd "tap in" to their connections and help out the club. I appreciate their efforts, but next time, run it by the club officers first.

I did have one member take offence to my email regarding this issue. I don't know if he was the one who spoke to the commissioner, or not. It really doesn't matter at this point. If anyone else was offended, I apologize. It may have come across a little harsh, but as you can now see, it is a very serious matter.

See you Thursday for our April meeting. It will be nice to get back to club meetings at the field. Eating is at 6:30 and Meeting is at 7:00.

- Michael Atkinson
SRCC President

Upcoming AMA Regional Events

4th Annual Bushwhacked '09

FL

4/04/09-4/05/09 - West Palm Beach, FL (A) 4th Annual Bushwhacked '09 for 755(JSO). Site: Phil Wherry Field, Dyer Park. Chris Handegard CD, 2774 New York Street West Palm Beach FL 33406 PH:561-723-2440 email: chandegard@peersonaudio.com. Visit www.rcbushpilots.com. Sat 8 rounds Open B, 4 rounds SSC, Sun 8 rounds 2548 Scale combat, 4 rounds SSC, Field open 8am, Start combat 10am, entry fee \$25 first event \$40 2 events, \$50 all three events, Trophies 1st to 5th place. Visit www.rccombat.com to sign up on line. Sponsor: RC BUSHPILOTS

Daytona Beach IMAC

FL

4/04/09-4/05/09 - Daytona Beach, FL (AA) Daytona Beach IMAC for 411, 412, 413, 414, 415(JSO). Site: Club Field. Kevin Garland CD, PO Box 143552 Daytona Beach FL 32114 PH:770-715-6263 email: garlandk@erau.edu. Sponsor: DAYTONA BEACH RC

Rhinebeck South Jamboree

FL

4/04/09 - West Delary Beach, FL (C) Rhinebeck South Jamboree. Site: West Delray Beach Regional Park. Bob Temple CD, 6354 Casabella Lane Boca Raton FL 33433 PH:561-391-5239 email: rft725@comcast.net. Visit www.palmbeachrc.com. Scale models of aircraft built and flown prior to December 31, 1939, No WWII aircraft, scale weight limit 55lbs, questionable aircraft shall require documentation, two runways each 600ft, one paved, one grass, Food and



Upcoming AMA Regional Events (cont.)

beverages, registration starts at 8am, \$20 admist one member for the duration of the jamboree, awards and prizes will be given, highlighted by the Col Art Johnson Best of Show award. The Disabled American Veterans will be the receipt of half of the entry fee. Sponsor: PALM BEACH RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION

Peach State Indoor Champs

GA
4/04/09 - Powder Springs, GA (AAA) Peach State Indoor Champs for Cat II 203, 206, 217, 218, 219, 220(JSO), 208, 212, 215(J)(SO). Site: Ward Recreational Center. David Mills CD, PO Box 19872 Atlanta GA 30325 PH:404-509-4209 email: davidmillsatl@comcast.net. Flying Aces Club Events: Dime Scale, Peanut Scale, Rubber Scale, Embryo, No Cal Scale, A-6. Local Events: Chatahoogie Challenge, Sci Oly TSA. Mass Launch Events: WWI, WWII, Civilian, Racer, Hanger Rat. Sponsor: THERMAL THUMBERS OF METRO ATLANTA

Tri County RC Big Bird Fly In

FL
4/11/09 - Dunnellon, FL (C) Tri County RC Big Bird Fly In. Site: Rainbow Fld. Fred Backhaus CD, 3624 N Laurelwood Loop Beverly Hills FL 34465 PH:352-746-4249 email: fremar3242@embarqmail.com. Sponsor: TRI COUNTY RC CLUB

Osceola Flyers Fun Fly

FL
4/11/09 - Kissimmee, FL (C-Restricted to Osceola Flyers Club Members) Osceola Flyers Fun Fly. Site: Club Field. Howard Hosenbold CD, 3134 Crested Cricle Orlando FL 32837 PH:407-856-2544 email: howardh1951@hotmail.com. Visit www.osceolaflyers.org. Sponsor: OSCEOLA FLYERS

April Fools/Spring Opener

FL
4/18/09-4/19/09 - Palm Bay, FL (AA) April Fools/Spring Opener for 101, 124 140, 142(J)(SO), 102, 103, 104, 120, 122, 128, 153, 154, 155, 159, 163(JSO). Site: Palm Bay Field. Rex Hinson CD, 1141 S Waterview Drive Inverness FL 34450 PH:352-344-5931 email: rehx@tampabay.rr.com. NFFS National Cup Contest. Sponsor: FMA

13th Annual Spring Classic

FL
4/18/09-4/20/09 - Land O Lakes, FL (AA) 13th Annual Spring Classic for 411, 412, 413, 414, 415(JSO). Site: Area 52. Montgomery Huff CD, 3444 Chadwick Ave Springhill FL 34609 PH:352-686-4136 email: planewrappers@tampabay.rr.com.



Upcoming AMA Regional Events (cont.)

Visit www.baycityflyers.org. IMAC event, all classes basic through unlimited, plus a judged freestyle, an additional Grand Champion award will be given to the best overall pilot based on combined sequence and freestyle scores. Sponsor: BAY CITY FLYERS

Freedom of Flight Warbirds

FL

4/18/09-4/19/09 - Jacksonville, FL (C) Freedom of Flight Warbirds. Site: Club Field. Andrew Griffith CD, 1600 Chain Fern Way Orange Park FL 32003 PH:904-993-4956 email: barracudahockey@aol.com. Visit www.jaxrc.com. Any style warbird, any size, any era, fixed wing, heli, electric, or fuel powered, \$20 landing fee includes lunch on Saturday, modern facilities, paved runways, and no hook up camping, pilot prizes and kit raffle. Sponsor: RC CLUB OF JACKSONVILLE

IRKS 1st Annual CL Fly In

FL

4/19/09 - Cocoa, FL (C) IRKS 1st Annual CL Fly In. Site: 524 Landfill. Richard Antoszewski CD, 407 Valencia Ct Longwood FL 32750 PH:407-336-7619 email: rant407@embarqmail.com. Visit www.irks.org. Three grass circles, no waiting. Sponsor: INDIAN RIVER KONTROL SOCIETY

April Fools

GA

4/19/09 - Whitesburg, GA (A) April Fools for Cat III 101C, 102-103C, 104-105C, 124, 130, 140, 142, 160, 161, 162, 501, 503(JSO). Site: NG Turf Farm. Frank Hodson CD, 150 Hill Ave Fayetteville GA 30215 PH:770-461-9870 email: fhodson@bellsouth.net. Visit www.thermalthumbers.com. Sponsor: THERMAL THUMBERS OF METRO ATLANTA

FFS #3

FL

4/25/09-4/26/09 - Punta Gorda, FL (A) FFS #3 for 444(JSO). Site: Club Field. George Grier CD, 132 Coral Drive Fr Myers Fl 33905 PH:239-694-1990 email: jenbilfla@embarqmail.com. Sponsor: SW FL SOARING SOCIETY

Coach Kent Memorial

FL

4/25/09-4/26/09 - Oklawaha, FL (AA) Coach Kent Memorial for 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310(JSO). Site: 4125 Hwy 314A. William Capinjola CD, 34110 Chagrin Blvd #6108 Moreland Hills OH 44022 PH:216-970-0362 email: jetbill50@aol.com. Sport Jet (NASS) and Perky Speed.



Upcoming AMA Regional Events (cont.)

Sponsor: FLORIDA CIRCLE BURNERS

2nd Annual Vintage RC Fun Fly

FL

4/25/09 - Ocala, FL (C) 2nd Annual Vintage RC Fun Fly. Site: OTOW RC Flyers Club Field. Thomas Botkin CD, 8895 SW 91 PI Unit A Ocala FL 34481 PH:352-873-6891 email: tabot@juno.com. Old Timer RC Assist. Electric, Glow or Gas powered for any model designed or kitted prior to 12/31/56 (SAM Guidelines) No competition; just fly for the fun of it. Food and soft drinks available on site. SAM membership encouraged but not required. Sponsor: SAM 14

AMAC Spring Fly In

GA

4/25/09 - Leesburg, GA (C) AMAC Spring Fly In. Site: Club Field. Mac Hodges CD, 428 Neil Hodges Road Andersonville GA 31711 PH:229-924-9505 email: mac@hodgeshobbies.com. Open format, \$10 landing fee, goodie bag for 1st 30 pilots, benefits Liberty House and Lee Co Animal Cont Building Fund, Open to public, raffles, food available. Sponsor: AMAC

Southeast Electric Fflight Festival

GA

4/30/09-5/03/09 - Andersonville, GA (C) Southeast Electric Flight Festival. Site: Hodges Hobbies Field. Ernest Schlumberger CD, 4993 Saxony Court Stone Mountain GA 30083 PH:678-458-4773 email: eschlumber@aol.com. Visit www.fayetteflyers.com. The South's premier Electric fun fly open to all forms of E-powered flight, primarily open flying, demo flights, BBQ Saturdaynight, top electric flight vendors and full line hobby shop on site, SEFF no excuses, sailplane contest on the 30th from 9am - 1pm, open flying after 1pm, and throught the weekend. Sponsor: FAYETTE FLYERS

Shadetree 21st Spring Fling

FL

5/01/09-5/02/09 - Glen St Mary, FL (C) Shadetree 21st Spring Fling. Site: Club Field. John Mason CD, PO Box 1436 Glen St Mary FL 32040 PH:904-868-2813. Visit www.shadetree.piczo.com. I-10 exit 333 to CR 125N 2.6 mi field on right. 80" mono 60" biplane or true ¼ scale elect available for charging, RV welcome. Sponsor: SHADE-TREE

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Air Fair 2009

FL

4/24/09-4/25/09 - Brooksville, FL (E) HAM Annual Swap Meet. Site: Sandhill Boy Scout Reservation. For Info: Doug Jonas PH:727-863-1097. \$10 tables, \$3 admission, food and drink available, set up 2-6 Fri, 8-?? Sponsor: HERNANDO AERO MODELERS

HAM Annual Swap Meet

GA

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Chief Treasurer- Theo Titus

Editor's Note: The Treasurer's report is published for Members only. The public version of the Newsletter does not include account balances.

Checking Accounts

Capital City Bank	\$000.00
Premier Bank	\$000.00

Savings Accounts

Capital City Savings	\$000.00
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Funds for Deposit

\$000.00

Cash On Hand

\$000.00

Total Assets

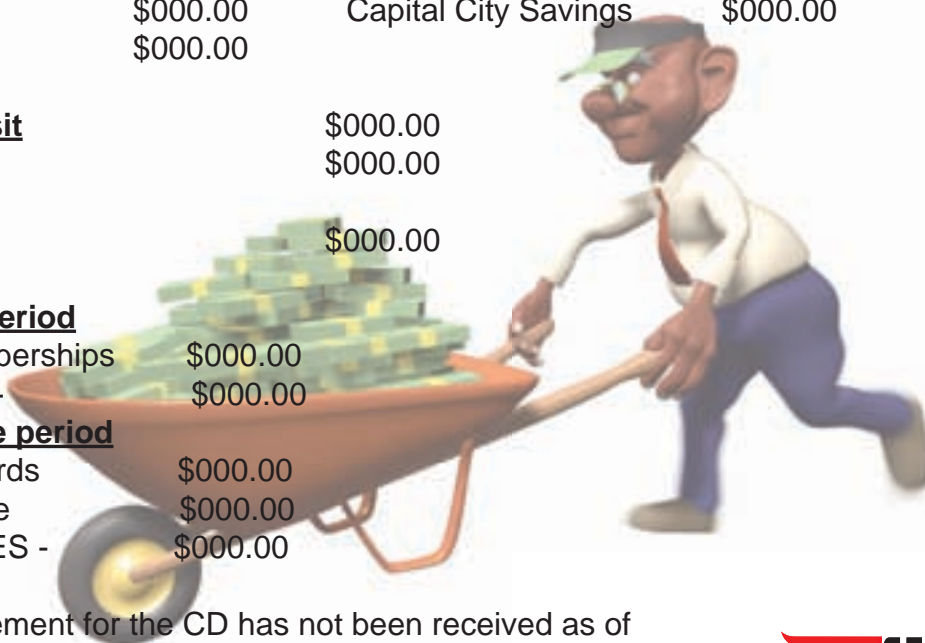
\$000.00

Income for the period

Dues / New Memberships	\$000.00
TOTAL INCOME -	\$000.00

Expenses for the period

Plaques and Awards	\$000.00
Field Maintenance	\$000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES -	\$000.00



The monthly statement for the CD has not been received as of this date.



Chief Scribe- Geoff Lawrence

The March meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm Thursday March 5, 2009. Welcome visitor Dan McCoy and welcome new member Jim O'Gorek, an active flyer from New Jersey just moved to Tallahassee. Welcome back Seminole RC Club charter member Farley Light.

Theo Titus read the treasurers report. Motion was made to accept, seconded and passed.

Old Business:

Keith Sandell reported FSU Track personnel were out measuring the new cross country track and is concerned about flying with people on the track. Mike Atkinson reiterated that we can expect five or six track events per year at which we'll be expected not to fly until the track and field is clear. We've been told we'll be given plenty of notice and events should be cleared by 3pm. Events will not begin until about August. We can expect occasional County and FSU personnel working on the track but that should not interfere with our flying.

Runway upgrade: Mike A. received a call from the County and was told to expect the sand delivery about mid April. The County obtained free fertilizer/weed killer and applied it to the field for us. It was decided not to engage professional services, previously approved by the club, for this application.

John Hall is waiting for samples of runway fabric to test on a small portion of the field for electrics.

The upcoming Perry Georgia swap meet was discussed with the availability of six tables for club use.

Mike A reported the Boy Scouts at least broke even on the concessions at our Aerobatic Fly-In and hopefully will return in the future.

Mike A announced the lease with Leon County has been signed and we now have permission to fly electric powered aircraft at the field beginning at 9am every day. The 12 noon start time continues to apply to gas and nitro aircraft.

Jeff Owens announced we now have a schedule of events posted on our website www.seminolerc.com including the upcoming SouthWoodstock and AirFest. He has also added a web counter and it's reflecting a lot of activity. Don't forget the For Sale pages if you're buying or selling.

New Business:

Bob Burke expressed concern over the gate being left open and unlocked. Apparently the County has added an additional lock and it may be them that is leaving the gate open. New members, always close and lock the gate if you are the last to leave.



Chief Scribe- (Cont.)

Announcements:

Hobbytown Tallahassee is moving with a Grand Opening at the new location, 1812 Thomasville Road, on April 18th.

Gordy Meade determined the safest orientation for the starting tables is as they've been. Start planes facing the pits with the crew facing the field.

Mike Kinsey reminded everyone to police the field themselves.

All club members are invited to take the garbage bags to the dumpsters at the entrance of the landfill when the cans are full.

New bags are in the wooden shed.

Next club meeting to be held at the field Thursday, April 2, eat at 6:30, meet at 7:00pm.

With no more announcements and no more business, the motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 7:53pm.

Afterburner - Letters from members Like you

From time to time I hope to receive letters that are worth repeating in a this new section titled Afterburner. Please feel free to send me via email (hnhupp@gmail.com) any articles or thoughts that you would like to see in the newsletter and I will do my best to get them printed in a timely manner.'

The following article written by Ron Van Putte, a long time F3A pattern flyer and well known pilot in the pattern community, was submitted by Dave Sellars. He writes:

I am periodically asked to recommend a 3-blade prop for an airplane which currently has a 2-blade prop or vice versa. Like most questions like this, there are no "perfect" cookbook methods. However there is a cookbook method which works pretty well.

If you have a 2-blade prop which works well and want to try a 3-blade prop which is a pretty good match, try this: If the diameter of the prop is D and the pitch is P, multiply D times D times P and you get what's called the load factor of a 2-blade prop. For example, the load factor (LF) of a 10x6 2-blade prop is 10 times 10 times 6 = 600. Multiply the LF by .666667. For the example, you get a "modified" LF of 400. Now pick the diameter of a 3-blade prop you might like to try. Let's try a 9" prop. Divide the "modified" LF by the diameter you want to try squared: 400 divided by 9 times 9 = 4.93. 4.93 is the pitch of a 3-blade 9" prop that you should try, but you won't find a prop with that pitch, so try a 9" 3-blade prop with 5" pitch.

Now let's go the other way. Suppose you have a 3-blade prop which works well and want to try a 2-blade prop which is a pretty good match, try this:

If the diameter of the 3-blade prop is D and the pitch is P, multiply D



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times D times P. Then multiply that by 1.5 and you get the LF for a suitable 2-blade prop. Let's try another example. You have a 9x6 3-blade prop. Multiply 9 times 9 times 6 = 486. Then, multiplying by 1.5 gives 729, the load factor for a suitable 2-blade prop to try. Let's get wild and see what pitch is required for a 14" 2-blade prop to be a match. 729 divided by 14 times 14 = 3.72. This means that the closest match of a 14" 2-blade prop is to a 9x6 3-blade prop is one with a 4" pitch.

Any questions? See me.

Ron Van Putte

The following is the flyer for the Sarasota Air Fair in May as submitted by Mike Atkinson. Keep 'em coming. I really feel we are on the verge of doing something great with our newsletter and you all are to be thanked for it.

Air Fair 2009



IMAA FLY-IN

Sponsored by:
**Golden Eagle Squadron
Chapter # 368**

May 2 & 3, 2009

SRQ Club Field - Sarasota, FL I-75 Exit 207, East 4 miles

Registration 8AM - Flying 9AM till 2 PM

Both Saturday and Sunday

100 x 500 foot paved runway - Food Concessions on Site

Landing Fee: \$10 for one or two days.

(IMAA legal aircraft must be Eighty (80) inches for monoplanes and sixty (60) inches for multi-wing aircraft. Turbine or Ducted Fan aircraft must be one hundred forty (140) inches combined length and span!

Raffle

Drawing on Sunday

(Need not be present to win)

Sound Restrictions Apply: 104 dB (A) at nine feet

Sanction: AMA 09-0387 - IMAA FL09-368-05-02-03

Pilot Parking Close to Pit Area - RV Parking (no hook ups)

Visitor Parking by Sarasota Military Academy (donation)

Aircraft Related Vendor Display Area (\$30 fee for both days)

Mike Winter CD (941) 966-7786 mikeandeva@comcast.net

Sarasota R/C Web Site for map to field www.sarasotarc.com

Hotel Information: www.4sarasota.com www.sarasotafl.org



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SRCC Officers

President – **Mike Atkinson**
Vice President – **Mike Kinsey**
Secretary – **Geoff Lawrence**
Newsletter Editor – **Michael Hupp**
Treasurer – **Theo Titus**
Field Marshall – **Joe Satterwhite**
Field Safety Officer- **Gordie Meade**

Field Hours

For Gas and Nitro (wet) - 12:00 noon until dark
For Electric - 9:00 a.m. until dark

Training Notes

To schedule a training time contact Mike Atkinson.

Flight Instructors

Mike Atkinson- Primary/ Advanced Flight Instructor (Coordinator)	926-4692
Mike Kinsey- Primary/ Advanced Flight Instructor	
Geoff Lawrence- Primary/ Advanced Flight Instructor	942-9807
John Hall- Primary/ Advanced Helicopter Flight Instructor	893-6457
Jay Leudecke- Primary/ Advanced Helicopter Flight Instructor	508-7135
Jeff Owens- Ground School/ Airworthiness Instructor (Fixed Wing)	894-2504
Frank Bastos- Hobby Town Flight Demonstrator	671-2030

Club Meeting Location and Time

November- March: The regular club meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Grace Lutheran Church on Miccosukee Rd. Head out Miccosukee Rd., cross Capital Circle NE, and the entrance will be the first one on your right. Once you park, follow the sidewalk around the left side of the building and go down the hill. We meet in a room on the first level.

April- October: The regular club meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at **7:00 PM** at the Flying Field. The Club offers food and drinks for a small charge.

Newsletter Submissions- Submissions are requested to be in M.S. Word format or via e-mail text. Photos should be in .jpg or .tif format. Vector art accepted in Corel, Illustrator and AUTOCAD format. We will, however, accept anything to make it easier for those who wish to contribute. Submissions are due no later than the 23rd of the month. Send your submissions to Michael Hupp - hmhupp@gmail.com

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