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No Mike, we're not going to put a motor on him.

Letter from the Editor- Stephen Warmath

Brrrrrr.....Now it's starting to feel like Fall. Nice. Fasten your seatbelt Scooter, the Holidays are about on us and it will go fast. Time to start thinking about that Santa list. I hope everyone enjoys a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. **November 6th Club Meeting will be at Grace Lutheran Church at 7:30 pm.** We have two more scheduled events for the year. See the Club calendar and the attached Float Flyer. We also have the final Fun Fly Series event of the year this month. It will be interesting to see how many planes survive the series. Winners will be announced at the December meeting.

Before the year ends, we have to take care of some Club business. We need to install Club Officers for 2009 in December. As required by our Constitution, the Secretary, me, has to present a slate of Officers at the November meeting. As Newsletter Editor, I will report what we have right now. Although Mike is shown as incumbent Vice President, he has expressed a willingness to serve in any capacity for the Club.

President-

Vice President- Mike Atkinson

Secretary-

Treasurer-

As you can see, we need some help finding new Officers for '09.

Happy Building and Flying- Steve :o)

Photo Gallery- Fall Fly In October 11, 2008

Photos by Steve Warmath, Geoff Lawrence



Geoff Lawrence's U-Can-Do Cam Shot



Chief Pilot- Shannon Black

Yet another month has passed us by, and the weather is finally starting to take a turn towards more reasonable temperatures. All of our gas and nitro engines should really start making some power now with the cooler weather, and Don will be able to trade in his generator and fan for a heater.

I would like to thank everyone that came out and assisted with the fall fun-fly. This event was a great success, and I think that everyone that participated had a great time. We were able to provide the visitors with some great flight demonstrations and a few spectacular crashes as well. We can now make repairs and get ready for the December 6th Warbird fly in, which should be our final event of the year.

As we near the end of the year, please remember that Officer nominations are due, and the elections will be held December 4th. If you would like to volunteer your time to the club, or have someone in mind that you would like to see hold office, please be prepared with your nominations at the November 6th meeting.

See you at the field.

Shannon

Club Calendar

November

- **6- Club Meeting at Grace Lutheran Church. 7:30 pm.**
- **8- Fun Fly Series #6**
- **22- Float Fly**

December

- **4- Club Meeting at Grace Lutheran Church. 7:30 pm. Officer Elections**
- **6- Warbird Fly-In**

Chief Copilot- Mike Atkinson

Upcoming AMA Regional Events

FMA Fall Fling

FL
11/01/08-11/02/08 - Palm Bay, FL (AA) FMA Fall Fling for 101, 101C, 124, 140, 142, 155(J)(SO), 102-103, 104-105, 102-103C, 104-105C, 120, 122, 128, 150, 151, 152, 153, 158, 160, 161(JSO). Site: Palm Bay Field. William Barr CD, 2235 Chinaberry Cin SE Palm Bay FL 32909 PH:321-725-5063 e-mail: bdbarr@strato.net . Sponsor: FLORIDA MODELERS ASSN

Shadetree 21st 4F Fly In

FL
10/30/08-11/01/08 - Glen St Mary, FL (C) Shadetree 21st 4F Fly In. 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 N CR 125N 2.6 mi field on right. 3 motels within 5 mi RV ok elect available for charging, Fri nite dinner landing fee \$20 all three days or \$10 1 day includes 1 raffle tkt and 1 meal tkt, 80" mono 60" bi or true ¼ scale, 100% of proceeds go to American Cancer Society. Sponsor: SHADETREE

Annual OTOW RC Fly In

FL
11/01/08 - Ocala, FL (C) Annual OTOW RC Fly In. Site: Club Field. Wallace Zober CD, 8800 SW 83rd Cir Ocala FL 34481 PH:352-237-6062 e-mail: wjzdad@aol.com . Fly what you bring, gas, glow, electric RC model airplanes, large grass flying site, no registration fee. Registration 8AM, flying starts at 9AM. Sponsor: ON TOP OF THE WORLD RC FLYERS

The Silver Palm Classic

FL
11/01/08-11/02/08 - Miami, FL (C) The Silver Palm Classic. Site: Club Field. Robert Cox CD, 23111 SW 167 Ave Miami FL 33170 PH:305-218-2254 email: balsawings@aol.com. Visit www.amps-rc.com. Classes: Novice, Sportsman, and Expert - Novice: Fly and compete with any plane or engine, Sportsman and Expert: any pre 1996 pattern plane .61 2 cycle, .91 4 cycle engine limits. Sponsor: AEROMODELERS OF PERRINE

Florida Int'l Jet Rally

FL
10/30/08-11/02/08 - Lake Wales, FL (C) Florida Int'l Jet Rally. Site: Lake Wales Airport. John Burdin CD, PO Box 5335 Lakeland FL 33807 PH:863-648-9933 email: jwburdin@tampabay.rr.com. Visit www.floridajetflyers.com. Sponsor: FLORIDA JET FLYERS, INC

Dixie RC Combat Nationals 2008

GA
11/01/08 - Andersonville, GA (A) Dixie RC Combat Nationals 2008 for 755(JSO). Site: Mac Hodges Field. Chris Handegard CD, 2774 New York Street West Palm Beach FL 33406 PH:561-832-1921 email: chandegard@peersonaudio.com. Visit www.hodgeshobbies.com. Sat 8 rounds Open B, 4 rounds SSC Sun 8 rounds 2548 Scale Combat, 4 rounds SSC. Start combat 10am, entry fee \$25 first event \$15 ea add'l event, pre paid only. \$35 first event, \$20 ea add'l event on site. Sign up at www.rccombat.com. Sponsor: HODGES HOBBIES

Tampa Bay Line Flyers Stunt Contest

FL
11/02/08 - Palmetto, FL (A) Tampa Bay Line Flyers Stunt Contest for 322(O). Site: Club Field. Raymond Thompson CD, PH:941-723-9381 email: rbt430@msn.com. Reg 8:30am flying at 9am - two rounds of each event. Overnight camping all right, concessions open on site, clean rest rooms, \$10 landing fee. Old Time Stunt and PAMPA Stunt - No BOM rule. Visit www.manateerc.com. Sponsor: MANATEE COUNTY RC

IRCC Helicopter Spectacular

FL
11/07/08-11/09/08 - Mulberry, FL (C) IRCC Helicopter Spectacular. Site: Newell Terry Field. David DeWitt CD, 1810 Staunton Ave Lakeland FL 33803 PH:863-838-4459 email: benz425@aol.com. Visit www.imperialrcclub.com. As always there will be a large flight line for freestyle and 3D flying, there will be a separate area for Scale participants who will be using 2.4mhz or channels 27 and 50 exclusively. There will be clinics and plenty of experienced scale pilots who can assist you. Entry fee \$20 for all 3 days. RV's and camping ok no hookups. Sponsor: IMPERIAL RC CLUB

Rebel Rally 2008

FL
11/08/08-11/09/08 - Starke, FL (A) Rebel Rally 2008 for 318(JSO). Site: Fair Grounds. Michael Schmieder CD, 5390 Emerald Reef Ct Jacksonville FL 32277 PH:904-743-4317 email: mas23@comcast.net. Fox Race, and Super Slow Rat, .25 Slow Rat, Clown Racing, Texas Quickie Rat, and F2CN. Sponsor: FLYING REBELS

Gulf States Annual

FL
11/08/08-11/09/08 - Pensacola, FL (AA) Gulf States Annual for 101, 124, 142, 153(JSO). Site: Helicopter Field 8A. William Petty CD, 916 Durnin Drive Denham Springs LA 70726 PH:225-667-3849 email: dougpetty@bellsouth.net. Sponsor: CLOUD CLIMBERS OF SE LA

Veterans Day Fly In

FL
11/07/08-11/08/08 - Melbourne, FL (C) Veterans Day Fly In. Site: Club Field. Howard Birch CD, 4561 Aberdeen Circle Viera FL 32955 PH:321-639-8382 email: hbirch@cfl.rr.com. Visit www.irks.org. Two day fly in honoring the memory of all Veterans of the US Armed Forces with proceeds to be donated to "Disabled American Veterans". Sponsor: INDIAN RIVER KONTROL SOCIETY

Fighter Town Military Fly In

FL
11/08/08 - Land O' Lakes, FL (C) Fighter Town Military Fly In. Site: Club Field. Gene Monroe CD, 4218 Harbor Lake Dr Lutz FL 33558 PH:813-948-4350 email: dekester@verizon.net. Any military aircraft, any scale including electrics. Two

700' grass runways, landing fee \$20, \$15 for WMWA members, Pilots choice awards, and event Cap. A great facility just north of Tampa with covered pits, pavilion and full kitchen. Vendors welcome. Visit www.baycityflyers.com.

Sponsor: BAY CITY FLYERS

FSS #5

FL
11/08/08-11/09/08 - Oviedo, FL (C) FSS #5. Site: Red Ember Field. Raed Elazzawi CD, 855 Bloomingdale Dr Orlando FL 32828 PH:407-277-9719 email: raed5@yahoo.com. Soaring contest man-on-man format, unlimited class, awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd in Expert, and Sportsman, BBQ at field, starts at 10am Saturday, 9am Sunday. Visit www.orlandobuzzards.org. Sponsor: ORLANDO BUZZARDS

Southeast RC Big Bird Fly In

FL
11/08/08-11/09/08 - Boca Raton, FL (C-Restricted to IMAA) Southeast RC Big Bird Fly In. Site: Club Field. Skip Wright CD, 1421 NE 43Ct Pompano Beach FL 33064 PH:954-871-4978 email: flyedge540@msn.com. Sponsor: PALM BEACH RC

Gateway Fall Fling Membership Drive and Catfish Fry

FL
11/08/08 - Jacksonville, FL (C-Restricted to Gateway RC Club) Gateway Fall Fling Membership Drive and Catfish Fry. Site: Lannie Rd Flying Field. Patrick Lanfri CD, 4743 Sappno Ave Jacksonville FL 32205 PH:904-534-6661 email: lanpc@comcast.net. Visit www.gatewayrc.org. Membership accepted at event new \$62, renewal \$36, Event fee \$5 per lunch ticket. Event restricted to members and their guests. Sponsor: GATEWAY RC CLUB

The Southwest IMAC Regional Contest

FL
11/13/08-11/16/08 - Jacksonville, FL (AA) The Southwest IMAC Regional Contest for 411, 412, 413, 414, 415(JSO). Site: Club Field. Peter Jackson CD, 1908 Stillwind Court Orange Park FL 32003 PH:904-269-7260 email: ppajack@aol.com. Sponsor: GATEWAY RC CLUB

Corvin Miller Memorial

FL
11/15/08-11/16/08 - Sarasota, FL (AA) Corvin Miller Memorial for 511, 512, 520, 522(JSO). Site: Club Field. Tom Smith CD, 6305 Hawkins Road Sarasota FL 34241 PH:941-924-7662 email: eoseln@comcast.net. Food available on site, self contained campers welcome, no hookups, for more info go to www.sarasotarc.com. Sponsor: SARASOTA RC SQUADRON

Salute to Veterans

FL
11/15/08-11/16/08 - Ocala, FL (C) Salute to Veterans. Site: Club Field. Dom DiDomenico CD, 9071 SE 180th Ave Ocklawaha FL 32179 PH:352-288-4455 email: dom3157@aol.com. Visit www.ocalaflyingmodelclub.com. Join us for "Warbirds Only" flying on our 48 x 600 paved runway, with 150 x 900 grass along side. Campers welcome no hookups. Food and beverages from our cookshack by the Fly Girls. Sponsor: OCALA FLYING MODEL CLUB

Tangerine Soaring Championship

FL
11/29/08-11/30/08 - Oviedo, FL (A) Tangerine Soaring Championship for 442, 444, 460(JSO). Site: Red Ember Road. Tom Galloway CD, 2173 Mohawk Trail Maitland FL 32751 email: soarhead2@embarqmail.com. Thermal Duration event, two days for unlimited with the addition of 2 meter on Sat and RES on Sun. Events will be flown seeded Man-on-Man format. Please pre-register for frequency allocation. Sponsor: ORLANDO BUZZARDS

SAM's Scale Event

FL
11/29/08 - Sanford, FL (C) SAM's Scale Event. Site: Club Field. Phill Spain CD, 106 Ventura Drive Sanford FL 32773 PH:407-474-3522 email: pspain@cfl.rr.com. Sorry no turbines. Visit www.sanfordaeromodelers.com. Sponsor: SANFORD AERO MODELERS

Chief Treasurer- Sam Varn

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

Last Reported:

Petty Cash: **\$0.00** Premier Checking: **\$0.00** Capital City Checking: **\$0.00**
Capital City Savings: **\$0.00** SunTrust CD: **\$0.00**
Total Funds: **\$0.00**

Sam

Chief Scribe- Steve Warmath

The October meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm Thursday October 2, 2008.

Guest present- **Derrick Peel**

Sam Varn read the Treasurer's report. The membership voted to approve the report.

Old business:

- The memorial plaque is in the works for completion. The list of names to be included is still being compiled.
- Saturday will be the annual Fall Fly-In. Start time will be 10:00 am. We need volunteers to do the cooking. Dave Sellars to get early start permission from the Sharps.
- Float Fly will be Nov. 22 and Warbird Fly-in will be Dec. 6.
- A question came up regarding participation in the Fun Fly Series. Non-Members may participate as long as they have AMA. Club members with expired dues are to renew their membership in order to participate. Otherwise they are on the No-Fly list.
- Fred announced the Killlearn Lakes Association gathering would most likely be Veterans Day weekend but had no confirmation. When he knew for sure, he would e-mail Shannon with the information.
- November meeting will be back at Grace Lutheran Church at 7:30 pm.

New Business

- David Mills suggested the Club get a new "weed-eater". Cost about \$60.00. It was suggested the Club maybe spend a little more money and get a good quality one like a Stihl. Chris Farrell said Home Depot currently had the Echo brand for half off. David was told to go ahead and buy one.
- Last weekend, Joe and others worked on the field fertilizing, dethatching, etc. Geoff mowed the field today. Shannon noted it important to make sure the ignition key is "off" on the mower when done otherwise the hour meter would run up time. Jay has changed the oil.
- Signs for the Fall Fly-In will be set out Saturday morning, as the football fields will probably be full of cars. A work party will be out Friday afternoon to clean up and get the field ready for Saturday.
- Steve mentioned up-coming December elections. Shannon will be stepping down as well as Steve and Sam. Mike will be available to serve as an Officer in 2009. Please send any future nominations to Steve by October 23rd.
- Steve volunteered to make flyers for the Warbird Fly-In for Frank to solicit manufacturer contributions for raffle drawings.
- Gordie noted that flying within established safety zones has improved and reminded the members that safety was everyone's business.

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Crash and Rebuild Lesson- Steve Warmath

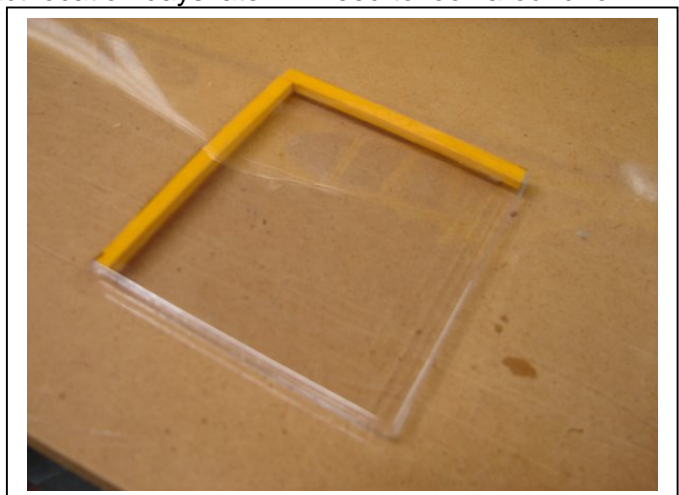
Crashing one of our favorite airplanes is a bummer. It doesn't matter the reason, it's still a bummer. A few months ago, I included an article about this issue, but I'd like to share my personal account of how I almost blew an opportunity to save my plane. My older, discontinued **Hangar 9 J3 Cub** is my #1 Floatplane. It has served me well and loves the water. For the Fall Fly-In, I put it into land mode for something different. The weather was not very friendly with winds out of the east at 10-15 mph (90 degree crosswind). With an 80" wingspan, high wing and light wing loading aircraft, this was not the best combination for success. As I advanced the throttle for takeoff, the tail rose quickly and it was airborne before I crossed the runway. As I turned to the North, the plane was very squirrely in the wind and difficult to control. I thought I'd better turn back into the wind and gain some altitude. As I turned, I got slow and the upwind wing tucked under and it spiraled into the ground. My thanks to other Club members who assisted in gathering the parts on the ground and remembered from the past article, no matter what, pick up everything you can find and don't make any rash judgments until your emotions are in check. I knew from a previous float fly mishap, where I cracked my front canopy, that getting a replacement from Hangar 9 would not be possible, as this version had been discontinued. The new Hangar 9 version and its canopy had been re-engineered and wasn't even close to fitting my older plane.

As suggested in the article, I waited a couple of days to decide my plane's fate. The damage itself to the plane was not all that bad. Cracked fiberglass cowling, bent landing gear, destroyed front canopy and side window and major damage to upper wing saddle, broken wing tip and two broken wing struts and ripped out landing gear. Ok, not too bad, this can be fixed. But I thought, why go to the trouble if I can't get a replacement canopy and side window? I guess I could have carved a new mold and found a way to vacu-form a new one, but was it worth the trouble? Maybe not as the rebuild would take some time. I thought I'd cut the tail off and mount it to the wall like some trophy animal so I could



remember all the good flights I had. After two days of pondering my options, I decided to meticulously lay out every scrap of wood and plastic to see what I had. I was pleased to find that our rescue team (Shannon and David) did a great job finding most everything. I was missing a couple of pieces I wanted so Monday, I went to the field hoping I could find the point of impact based on my memory. Not a very reliable search mode. I thought, if I had only marked the crash site with a little flag or something, I could go back to the exact location days later if I need to look around for more missing pieces. (I'll do this in the future).

Before making a final decision, I went on another search for a canopy for the old Hangar 9 version. I checked e-bay, posted a thread on RCUniverse and inquired with some hobby vendors. No luck. I got a lot of suggestions however. One from Australia suggesting I send the plane to him if I wasn't going to fix it. Very helpful. After looking at the big float assembly for the Cub up on the shelf and wondering what to do with them, I finally decided to go ahead and repair all the damage hoping I might figure out something in the future. (It's hard for me to throw away an airplane.) Everything was put back together. I



Re-fiber glassed the cowling and repainted it. Repaired all of the structure and collateral damage and fixed the gear. With no canopy or side window, it went back on the shelf.

Now the good part.....Thinking outside the box. It came to me that there are several other manufacturers' that make a J3 of this size. Hmmmm..... Maybe looking at a different manufacturer would have merit. I remembered that Great Planes made a similar J3 so I went to the Tower Hobbies web site to look around. I found the GP J3 and looked at the parts available for it and found their canopy set with side windows. It looked oh too familiar. I could not tell if it was an exact match but the proportions and molding looked right on. I decided to invest \$9.00 and order the set. When it arrived I was very surprised that the canopy was almost the exact same width, but longer in front and with deeper side returns. I overlaid what was left of my battered canopy onto the new one and it looked like a trim job would yield a near perfect fit. Bingo, got it. The side windows were not as close, but I was able to modify one by trimming it on two sides and adding mounting strips of matching yellow balsa.



I think how close I came to trashing this plane but my final motivation was based on the premise that I could not, in good conscience, trash a \$200+ airplane because of \$9.00 worth of molded plastic.

The Cub is going back on floats where it belongs and will stay there for the foreseeable future.

I am of the opinion that crashing is Mother Nature's way of making room for more planes in the hangar. But this time, I decided to cheat Mother Nature because of my fondness toward this gentle giant. You too may be able to cheat M.N. by considering alternate manufacturers with parts of similar geometry if you can't find a manufacturer's replacement. It may save your favorite plane from the bone yard or better, being mounted tail first on the hangar wall.

Keep 'em flying- Steve



All better, back to normal.

Seminole Radio Control Club Tallahassee, FL

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SRCC Officers

President – **Shannon Black**
Vice President – **Mike Atkinson**
Secretary/ Newsletter Editor – **Stephen Warmath**
Treasurer - **Sam Varn**
Field Marshall – **Joe Satterwhite**
Field Safety Officer- **Gordie Meade**

Field Hours

12 Noon till Dark- These hours apply to **all** aircraft, gas **and** electric.

Training Notes

To schedule a training time contact Mike Atkinson.

Flight Instructors

Mike Atkinson- Primary/ Advanced Flight Instructor (Coordinator)	926-4692
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 **7:30 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 ssw@nettally.com or by phone, Steve Warmath at 509-0672.

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