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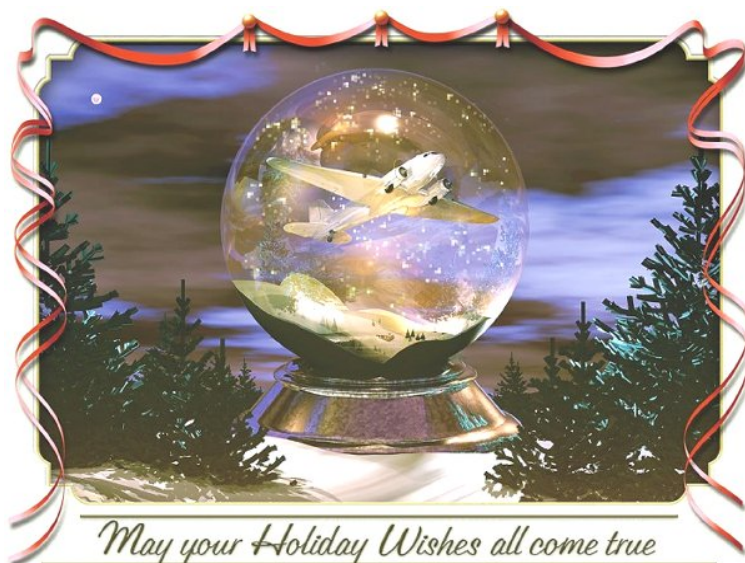


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## Letter from the Editor- Stephen Warmath

The end of the year always has me reflecting on years past, as well as speculation as to what the New Year will bring. As you may know, this will be my last Newsletter as Editor. I have truly enjoyed this work and appreciate the Club members who have contributed over the last three years and also to those who have been complimentary and encouraging. I hope everyone will help the new editor with tips, articles and just anything that may be of interest to the members. I will continue to support the Newsletter because I think it is very important that we all support the Club and have a Newsletter **every** month.

Having said that, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and all the best for 2009. We will install Club Officers for 2009 in December. As required by our Constitution, the Secretary has presented a slate of Officers at the November meeting and will be voted upon in December. Other nominations may be received up to the time of voting.

The current slate:

**President- Mike Atkinson**  
**Vice President- Mike Kinsey**  
**Secretary- Geoff Lawrence**  
**Treasurer- Theo Titus**



**The December meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Please come and support our new Officers for 2009.**

Being an Officer is not just about being a warm body filling a position. It requires a proactive approach to one's responsibilities for the betterment of the Club. If you do decide to serve in this capacity, you don't have to go it alone. This month's article from "AMA Insider" "**President to President**" offers some guidance on getting the help you need and involving other Club members to be a part of the fun. The results of the **Fun-Fly Series** will be announced and awards presented at the December meeting. Also we will nominate and vote for the **Club Member of the Year** for 2008 so be thinking about your choice.

Happy Building and Flying- Steve :o)

## **Chief Pilot-** Shannon Black

Well guys, its time for me to say goodbye to my duties as club President. The past year has definitely been an educational and eye opening experience. I have learned that a position such as this takes a level of patience that I do not always have. However, I would not trade the experience for anything.

As my term in office comes to an end, so does another year. I feel that we, as a club, have had some great experiences. We have gained some new members, and our flying models continue to evolve. With Christmas right around the corner, Hobbytown USA is filling its shelves with new experiences and memories. I definitely have my eye on a few new planes.

I hope that everyone has had as great a flying and fellowshiping year as I. Please come to the next meeting and help elect our new group of officers. Until then, I'll see ya at the field.

Shannon

## **Club Calendar**

### **December**

- **4- Club Meeting at Grace Lutheran Church. 7:00 pm. Officer Elections**
- **6- Warbird Fly-In**

## **Chief Copilot-** Mike Atkinson

### **Upcoming AMA Regional Events**

#### **Southern Dawn Patrol**

GA

12/05/08-12/06/08 - Andersonville, GA (C) Southern Dawn Patrol. Site: Hodges Hobbies. Dale Cavin CD, 5098 Old Hickory Circle Marianna FL 32446 PH:850-482-7090 email: [dcavin@earthlink.net](mailto:dcavin@earthlink.net). Visit [www.chipolarcaviators.com](http://www.chipolarcaviators.com). Scale WWI warbird fly in. Open to all RC models of warbirds produced through 1918. Limited RV hookups and other camping on site landing fee \$15. Sponsor: CHIPOLA RC AVIATORS

#### **Memorial Picnic**

FL

12/06/08-12/07/08 - Palm Bay, FL (AA) Memorial Picnic for Cat III 101, 101C, 124, 140, 142(J)(SO), 102-103, 104-105, 102-103C, 104-105C, 106, 107, 120, 122, 128, 130, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 158, 160-161, 162, 163(JSO). Site: Palm Bay. Jerry Wagner CD, 1767 New Point Comfort Road Englewood FL 34223 PH:941-474-4959 email: [ephemeris761@comcast.net](mailto:ephemeris761@comcast.net). Sponsor: FL MODELERS ASSOCIATION

#### **3rd Annual Tangerine Pattern Classic**

FL

12/06/08-12/07/08 - Apopka, FL (AA) 3rd Annual Tangerine Pattern Classic for 401, 402, 403, 404, 406(JSO). Site: Tangerine Field. Steven Homenda CD, 1829 Sparkling Water Circle Ocoee FL 34761 PH:407-294-1436 email: [homenda2@yahoo.com](mailto:homenda2@yahoo.com). Visit [www.rcacf.com](http://www.rcacf.com). FAI "P" on Saturday and "F" on Sunday. \$30 entry fee, includes lunch on Saturday. No hookups, lodging nearby. Sponsor: REMOTE CONTROL ASSOC OF CENTRAL FL

### **Santa Fly In**

FL  
12/06/08 - Dunnellon, FL (C) Santa Fly In. Site: Rainbow Air Park. Richard Lafontaine CD, 4283 N Pink Poppy Dr Beverly Hills FL 34465 PH:352-746-7425 e-mail: [lafontaine5@aol.com](mailto:lafontaine5@aol.com) . Overnight parking, no hook ups, food at the Rainbow Café, landing fee toy of \$10 value or more for Dunnellon Fire Dept to give out to underprivileged children. Sponsor: TRI COUNTY CLUB

### **Sarasota Warbird Fly In**

FL  
12/06/08-12/07/08 - Sarasota, FL (C) Sarasota Warbird Fly In. Site: Club Field. Tom Smith CD, 6305 Hawkins Road Sarasota FL 34241 PH:941-809-7282 email: [coselon@comcast.net](mailto:coselon@comcast.net). Visit [www.sarasotarc.com](http://www.sarasotarc.com). Aircraft sound limit 104DB at 9 feet. Food on site, self contained campers welcome no hookups, Any military aircraft, any scale. 100'x500' paved runway. Sponsor: SARASOTA RC SQUADRON

### **Xtreme Aerobatic Festival**

FL  
12/06/08 - Polk City, FL (C) Xtreme Aerobatic Festival. Site: Fantasy of Flight. Kevin Garland CD, PO Box 143552 Daytona Beach FL 32114 PH:770-715-6263 email: [garlandk@erau.edu](mailto:garlandk@erau.edu). Visit [www.floridafreestyleaerobaticassociationi.com](http://www.floridafreestyleaerobaticassociationi.com). Sponsor: MID FLORIDA RC

### **5th Annual Toys for Tots**

FL  
12/06/08 - Jacksonville, FL (C) 5th Annual Toys for Tots. Site: Lannie Rd Flying Field. Bob Davis CD, 7052 Arlet Dr Jacksonville FL 32211 PH:904-343-7116 email: [bobdavis1968@gmail.com](mailto:bobdavis1968@gmail.com). Visit [www.gatewayrc.org](http://www.gatewayrc.org). Bring a new unwrapped toy for boy or girl valued at \$10 or more or cash or check as your landing fee. Hot and cold drinks, food, homemade chili available. RV parking no hookups, modern rest room facilities on site. Sponsor: GATEWAY RC

### **Fall Electric Classic**

FL  
12/06/08-12/07/08 - Venice, FL (C) Fall Electric Classic. Site: Venice Memorial Field. George Faketty CD, 219 Coral Road Venice FL 34293 PH:941-493-1092 email: [g.faketty@juno.com](mailto:g.faketty@juno.com). Sponsor: RC FLIERS OF VENICE

### **IRCC Winter IMAA Fly In**

FL  
12/06/08-12/07/08 - Mulberry, FL (C-Restricted to IMAA) IRCC Winter IMAA Fly In. Site: Newall Terry Field. David DeWitt CD, 1810 Staunton Ave Lakeland FL 33815 PH:863-838-4459 email: [benz425@aol.com](mailto:benz425@aol.com). Visit [www.imperialrcclub.com](http://www.imperialrcclub.com). 3D flying will be permitted at designated times. No turbine powered models. \$10 weekend landing fee. Sponsor:IMPERIAL RC CLUB

### **Tangerine SPA/BPA Pattern Contest**

FL  
12/06/08-12/07/08 - Apopka, FL (C-Restricted to SPA) Tangerine SPA/BPA Pattern Contest. Site: Club Field. Orlando Frets CD, 1279 Shelter Rock Road Orlando FL 32835 PH:407-296-4945 email: [ojfrets@earthlink.net](mailto:ojfrets@earthlink.net). This is the first combined SPA/BAA and AMA turn around pattern contest. Fly SPA; Fly BPA, Fly AMA turn around or combination. Visit [www.rcacf.com](http://www.rcacf.com). Sponsor: RADIO CONTROL ASSOcn OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

### **2008 Orlando Helicopter Blow Out**

FL  
12/12/08-12/14/08 - Apopka, FL (C) 2008 Orlando Helicopter Blow Out. Site: RCACF Field. Carey Shurley CD, PO Box 953303 Lake Mary FL 32795 PH:321-377-7676 email: [cshurley@cfl.rr.com](mailto:cshurley@cfl.rr.com). Visit [www.torchs.org](http://www.torchs.org). Sponsor: TORCHS

### **4th Annual Battle for Boca**

FL  
12/13/08-12/14/08 - Delray Beach, FL (A) 4th Annual Battle for Boca for 755(JSO). Site: West Delray Regional Park. Chris Handegard CD, 2774 New York Street West Palm Beach FL 33406 PH:561-832-1921 email: [chandegard@peersonaudio.com](mailto:chandegard@peersonaudio.com). Visit [www.palmbeachrc.com](http://www.palmbeachrc.com). Sat 8 rounds Open B and 4 rounds SSC. Sun 8 rounds

2548 Scale and 4 rounds SSC. Field open 8am, Start combat 10am \$20 1st event \$15 each addnl. Visit [www.rccombat.com](http://www.rccombat.com) to sign up. Sponsor: PALM BEACH RC ASSOCIATION

### Electric Jets Over Ocala

FL  
12/13/08 - Ocala, FL (C) Electric Jets Over Ocala. Site: Club Field. Gary Doeren CD, 7284 SW 111th Ln Ocala FL 34476 PH:920-737-4852 email: [grdoeren@aol.com](mailto:grdoeren@aol.com). Visit [www.ocalaflyingmodelclub.com](http://www.ocalaflyingmodelclub.com). 40'x600' paved run way 150' x 1200' grass, primitive camping, no hookups, food and drinks on site, this event is restricted to electric ducted fan modles only. Awards for Best of Show, Pilots and Spectators Choice. Sponsor: OCALA FLYING MODEL CLUB

### Winter Swap Meet

FL  
12/13/08 - Jacksonville, FL (C) Winter Swap Meet. Site: Lannie Rd Flying Field. James Willis CD, 8511 Rampart Road Jacksonville FL 32244 PH:904-446-5266 email: [jwracehorse@excite.com](mailto:jwracehorse@excite.com). Visit [www.gatewayrc.org](http://www.gatewayrc.org). No vendor fees, modern restrooms and concessions stand, gates open 7:30. Sponsor: GATEWAY RC CLUB

### King Orange Internationals

FL  
12/29/08-12/31/08 - Palm Bay, FL (AAA) King Orange Internationals for Cat III101, 122, 140(JS)(O), 102-103, 104-105, 101C, 102-103C, 104-105C, 106, 120, 121, 128, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 158, 160-161(JSO). Site: Palm Bay Field. Robert Schuettler CD, PO Box 38 Lorida FL 33857 PH:863-655-3242 email: [loridabob@wmconnect.com](mailto:loridabob@wmconnect.com). Additional Events: OT Gas, OT HLG, Commercial Rubber, OT .020 Replica, Rubber Stick Cabin, Classic Towline, FAC WWI Mass Nos 1/2A, A, B, C, Early 1/2A, E .36, Texaco 1/2A, Flec Old Time, Fox A Coy, A, Open 1/2A. NFFS National Cup, America's Cup Event. Sponsor: FLORIDA MODELERS ASSOC

## 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.*

### Treasurer's Report

As I prepare to hand over the reigns (and checkbooks) to our new incoming Treasurer, I realize that time really does fly...and certainly more than I do these days. It was January of 2002 when I took over as your Treasurer, following five (or more) years of outstanding service by Jeff Owens. I had only planned to serve for a year but as other officers know, it's easy to stay when no one else wants the responsibility.

Well, the time has finally come and it's someone else's turn to serve. I have to say, based on my experience; this is just about the easiest officer position to hold down. We write very few checks and except for chasing those late paying members (you know who you are!) there is very little grief that goes along with the job. While we currently have one candidate for the job, I would love to see others step up and offer their services. This club, like all others, operates solely on the efforts of its volunteers. That means we really need others to come forward to keep new ideas and energies flowing. After all, this club wouldn't exist without those that have worked so diligently over the years. Now it's your turn...how about it?

Back in 2002 when I took over, we had about \$ ----- in our checking account and our savings was sitting on \$-----. As many of you know, for years and years we've heard about a possible move elsewhere in the landfill. It was my goal to have us as financially prepared for that day as much as possible. I have tried to set aside at least a couple of thousand dollars a year to help when that day finally comes. So far, we've been able to do just that. With our total assets at over \$----- we enjoy a much better financial position than ever before. Had we not had the set back in mid 2004 of having to spend over \$3000 to add a secure storage container and new lawn mower because of theft, we'd be in even better shape.

Of course, I really can't take the credit. It's because our membership has stayed constant...and that's because the fellowship of this club makes people want to be a part of it. My first experience in RC was back in 1982 and the club in Tampa that I visited was far less welcoming to the new guy. I never went back

and didn't take up RC again until 2002. This club and its core membership are what's right with the RC hobby. While our numbers have swollen to over 100 since I've been a member, it usually hovers in the 60's or 70's. But if you look around, you'll see many, many familiar faces...faces of friends, new and old, all willing to help a fellow RC pilot. I'll never forget when I fouled my first plug at the field and had several people not only diagnose the problem (I didn't have a clue at the time) but also offer to GIVE me a new plug! Now I know that's not much money, but it was the generosity of helping a fellow hobbyist and pilot that stands out, not the price tag. As such, I've often "paid that forward" by trying to help from my limited array of tools or parts whenever someone had a problem.

That's what I've come to really enjoy about this club. We're all just a big bunch of boys with expensive toys...but we seem to play nicely together. Our mothers would be proud!

Numbers:

Petty Cash - **\$0.00**

Premier Checking - **\$0.00**

Capital City Checking - **\$0.00**

SunTrust CD - **\$0.00**

Capital City Savings - **\$0.00**

Total Assets - **\$0.00**

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Treasurer.

Sam

## **Chief Scribe- Steve Warmath**

The November meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm Thursday November 6, 2008.

Sam Varn read the Treasurer's report. Sam has paid "Pit Stop" through the end of the year. The Memorial Plaque is done and he will pay for that as well. The Club made about \$325.00 on the Fall Fly-In. The membership voted to approve the report. The October meeting minutes were also approved.

### **Old business:**

- Sam presented the Memorial plaque to the Club. It was made with Corian and had brass name plates for those remembered. We will need to decide how and where to mount it.
- The Fall Fly-In went very well. There were about 21 pilots registered. Thanks to all who helped put it on.
- New weed eater. Home depot did not have the Echos on sale as previously thought. David picked up an "Echo" at Green South for \$200.00.
- A Float Fly is scheduled for 11/22. A flyer will be mailed out.
- The Warbird Fly-In is scheduled for 12/6. A flyer will come with the December Newsletter.

### **New Business**

- Elections are coming up in December. After some discussion and volunteering by some, we have a slate of Officers for 2009. They are:
  - Mike Atkinson- President
  - Mike Kinsey- Vice President
  - Theo Titus- Treasurer
  - Geoff Lawrence- Secretary
- Marvin asked about the possibility of the Club offering Lifetime Memberships. After some discussion, no action was taken.
- Also discussed were free membership dues for Officers. Again, after some discussion, no action was taken.
- Club Member of the Year nominations will be taken at the December meeting.
- A question came up about meeting times at the church during the winter. It is currently 7:30 pm. A motion was made to move the time back to 7:00, the same time as our "Field" meetings. The motion was seconded and passed.

- **Fun Fly Series-** Saturday will be the last series event. Final standings will be forwarded to everyone as well as posting on the web site. Bottom two scores or “no-shows” will be dropped. Awards will be given out at the December meeting.
- Bob Burke had a few issues to report. (1) The porta john needed cleaning. (2) the roadway needs grading. Mike will contact the County to see if they will do it again.
- WCTV is offering their “Double Dollar Days” again this year. Hobbytown will be participating so if you want some coupons, go to their web site, WCTV.TV. Promotion starts the 28<sup>th</sup> of November.
- Shannon asked that with Christmas coming, please support our local hobby shop.
- RealFlight G4.5 upgrade has come out and is available for download or on disk (\$10.00) from Hobbytown when they get them in.

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

## **PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT**

**Leading a Club is More Than Doing the Job Yourself** by Dave Mathewson, AMA President

The year 2008 is winding down and this is the time when many of our clubs elect new, or reelect current, officers for the coming year. I'm going to begin this column by shamelessly plagiarizing an article I recently read about being an association officer: “Filling an officer role does not mean that you are required to do the job alone. Being an officer simply means that you are responsible for ensuring that the job gets done. As an officer, you are allowed to ask other members of the club to help you fulfill your duties.”

How true is that? I've been a member of a number of different organizations, and far too often I've seen cases of burnout because club officers feel a need to carry the load of running a club or association entirely on their own shoulders.

Sure, there's a responsibility that goes along with being a club officer, but that responsibility doesn't include doing all of the work yourself. In fact, over time, many clubs eventually fail because the club officers allow themselves to be put in a position where they had to do all of the work and simply accepted this as the way things were done. In other words, it was easier to do the job yourself than to solicit the help of others. At least that sounded good at the time.

As club members we should accept the fact that we all need to play some part—even if only a small part—to ensure the well being of our club. That's what being part of a club is supposed to be all about. At the same, time we recognize that those who have volunteered their time to be club leaders have accepted a greater level of responsibility; however, that responsibility should lean more toward creating an atmosphere of teamwork and cooperation within your club.

As a club officer you also have an opportunity to influence the direction of, and culture within, your club. Your members depend on you, as well as the other elected officers, to help set and meet goals and objectives for your club during your term. How you do that can mean the difference between success and failure, not only for you, but also for your club.

In some cases, if things go extremely wrong, it can result in an officer eventually leaving not only the club, but modeling all together, because the pressures of holding a club office have taken the fun out of what was supposed to be an enjoyable activity.

Please keep all of this in mind as we move into the New Year. Being a club officer doesn't mean tackling every project or activity yourself. It doesn't have to feel like a job. Most often, it can be an enjoyable experience if approached the right way. Enlist your members to do their part in support of your club. Most want to be a part. They just need to be asked.

Since this is the last issue of the AMA Insider for 2008 I want to close this month by wishing everyone a happy holiday season and the best of luck in the coming year.

See you next time. Q

# 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 **7:00 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 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month. Send your submissions to [ssw@nettally.com](mailto:ssw@nettally.com) or by phone, Steve Warmath at 509-0672.

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