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Letter from the Editor- Fred Schmidt

Opening day was a great success. Lots of fliers and a few tall tales exchanged, I'm sure. The pictures in this newsletter were provided by Jim Bussey – many thanks to Jim for the excellent work. Also short video here... <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNy5lwrD-XI>

Killearn Lakes is looking for volunteers for its upcoming Spring Picnic. This is an opportunity to serve the community and combine it with some great Float Flying. Please contact Jim if you can assist.

Chief Pilot – Jim Ogorek

Hard to believe we have gone through another month. Weather has been so-so for flying with a bit of wind in the afternoons, but happy to see and hear so many members of our club are out and enjoying the hobby.

We had a good turnout for opening day and many flew despite the windy conditions. I was not able to stay for the night fly, but heard it was a great success. Remember, we can stay and night fly after the meetings throughout the summer. Special thanks to Dave Humphries and his brother for cooking all the dogs and making the macaroni salad. I do think everyone got enough to eat.

As most of you know, I have been working with the FSU Design Team 14 on their Senior Design project, Autonomous Control over a closed course. The team and I have been flying their Senior Telemaster test plane that has been handed down from previous teams and was a bit ragged. The first couple of flights went well, though the plane and the video equipment needed some minor adjustments and corrections. The last flight, and the video will show you why I say last flight, was exciting, to say the least. Wonder what it is like to hit a tree? Watch and see. The wing was held on by rubber bands and the team asked if the plane would loop and or roll. It does and did, followed by a loud snap -- some of the rubber bands had come loose. It was fun to get back on the ground, well almost on the ground. Happy to report the plane has been repaired and will fly again.

The team is moving forward with their design and their plane constructed from composite materials is almost finished and should be ready for test flying in the next few days. Enjoy the videos. And yes, I was on the controls when

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<http://youtu.be/B1XZ5nW8O8w>
<http://youtu.be/JL5ikux4ut0>
<http://youtu.be/qEGsxl3JXX8>

See you at the field Thursday night. Have anything for “show and tell.” Bring it!

Jim

Club Calendar- The schedule reflects current Club events planned for the year to date. Check monthly for additions and deletions at the meetings and in the newsletter. For regional, sanctioned AMA events, see your AMA magazine or visit the AMA website section “Calendars”.

Chief Scribe

Seminole Radio Control Club February 2, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Ogorek at 7:05 PM. New members were introduced. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the March Newsletter. The Treasurer’s report was approved a published. Note – as of this meeting we have 100 members, although 5 memberships will lapse by the end of the meeting. A review of the display at the Florida Museum of History was given by Jim and some details of blimp flying at the basketball games was given.

Old Business

1. Another discussion of hats and shirts was held. Pricing and availability will be investigated and a report given at next month’s meeting.
2. The pavilion repairs are mostly completed – thanks Tristan.
3. The vents in the trailer are held in by silicone. They need to be permanently attached.
4. Flight training was discussed. It mostly happens on an informal basis using buddy boxes, but it was felt that leaving the names and numbers of instructors in the newsletter and on the web site would still be a good idea.
5. Safety Rules Review – the rules have been edited for clarity and AMA safety regulations have been incorporated. Nothing has been added that wasn’t already approved. Even so, to be an official part of the Bylaws, they will have to be voted on at next month’s meeting. Copies have been emailed to all members.

New Business

1. The Flying For a Cure event was discussed. Participation from the public, other clubs, and even our own members was down last year. Do we even want to hold the event? The discussion will be continued next month. Some discussion of outreach activities, both pro and con, was held.
2. As far as informal outreach activities are concerned, if you work with a club or organization, try to set up a day when members can come and watch or participate at the field.
3. Fred Schmidt wants to hold an impromptu Float Fly at his house, weather permitting. He will send out a notice the week before when conditions look good.
4. A Military Fly-in in connection with Memorial Day was discussed. This would impact the Flying For a Cure event. Might they be combined? Further discussion was postponed until next month.
5. The budget for food at the meeting’s was discussed. We are losing money each month. It was decided to cut back on the offerings – basically just hot dogs, chips, and a drink as it used to be. Dave has done a great job on the food the last few months, but we need to economize a bit.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Chief Treasurer- Bill Ashbaker

Tentative Financial Statement for February 27 through March 28, 2012

Accounts

Premier Bank Checking
Premier Bank Money Market Savings
PayPal

Cash on Hand

Total Available Funds at End of Month

Income

Dues/New Memberships
Activity Sales
Meeting: Food Reimbursement
Contributions/Donations
Interest: Savings

Expenses

Mower: Maintenance
Field: Improvements
Field: Maintenance
Field: Lease
Publications
Donations
Fees: AMA
Fees: State of Florida
Fees: Bank
Meeting: Food & Refreshments
Insurance: Mower
Insurance: AMA
Miscellaneous
Utilities: Electric

Total Income

Total Expenses

Net Cash Flow

We have two new members: Fred Conrad and Jay Giralt. Please welcome them at your earliest opportunity.

We had additional annual dues payments in March. We have 94 members now.

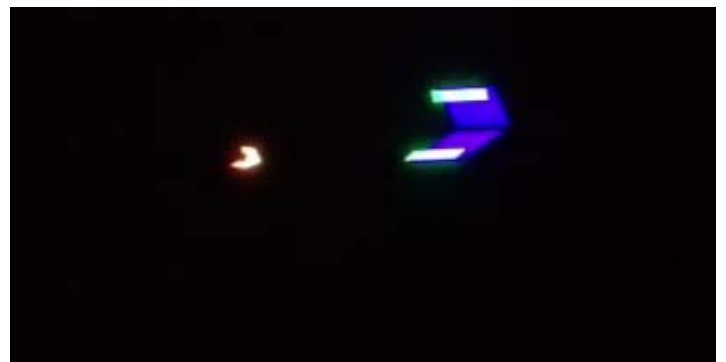
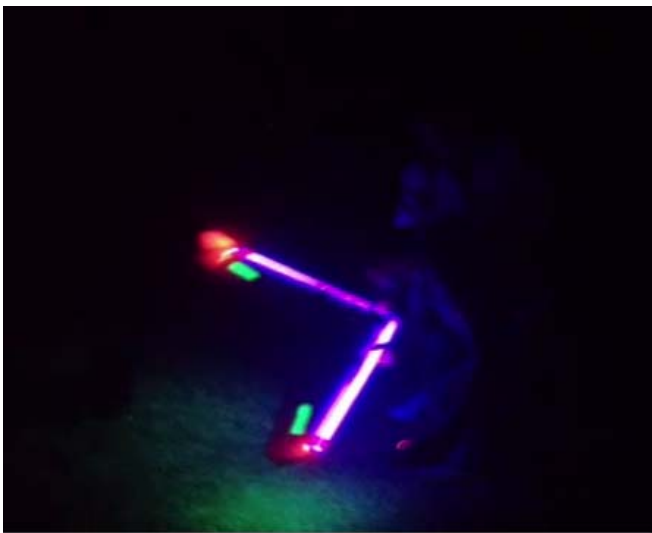
The notable expenditure for March is the meeting food and refreshments. This included the free food at our opening day event.

Opening Day Photo Gallery









Seminole Radio Control Club Tallahassee, FL

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SRCC Officers

President	Jim Ogorek
Vice President	Jeff Owens
Secretary	Chris Bailey
Newsletter Editor	Fred Schmidt
Treasurer	Bill Ashbaker
Field Safety Officer	Dave Sellers

Field Hours

Electrics/ Sailplanes	9:00 am till 9:00 pm.
Gassers and Nitro	12 Noon till Dusk.
Electric Service	8:30 am- 9:15 p,m

Training Notes

To schedule a training time contact Mike Atkinson.

Flight Instructors

Primary/Advanced Flight Instructors

Mike Atkinson	926-4692
Geoff Lawrence	942-9807
Jim Ogorek	766-2477
Chris Bailey	322-4047

Primary/Advanced Helicopter Flight Instructor

John Hall	893-6457
Chris Bailey	322-4047

Ground School/Airworthiness Inst. (Fixed Wing)

Jeff Owens	894-2504
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Hobby Town Flight Demonstrator

Frank Bastos	671-2030
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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 **HobbyTown** on Thomasville Road. The Club offers food and drinks for a small charge at 6:30.

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 at 6:30.

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. We will, however, accept anything to make it easier for those who wish to contribute. Submissions are due no later than the 28th of the month. Send your submissions to Fred Schmidt. schmidtfjs@gmail.com

SRCC thanks Graybar Electric in Tallahassee for its assistance in helping to upgrade our flying facility.

