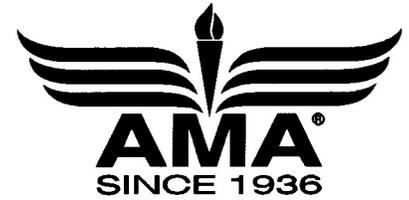


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Let's Talk!

Open, respectful dialog is essential to the wellbeing of our club. Recent discussion over proposed club rule changes are a perfect example. Proposed changes were discussed in the March club meeting. Possible language was drafted and distributed to club members for review. Advantages of and issues with the proposed changes were weighed in the April club meeting. Additional insights were introduced. Finally, members that attended the meeting voted and everyone was happy with the result. The process worked! The results can be read in the meeting minutes, below.



However, there were problems along the way. After the proposed rule changes were published in last month's newsletter, there was an immediate electronic uproar that resulted from several members sending "Reply All" emails to the newsletter mailing list. Some members asked to be removed from the mailing list due to annoying, excessive emails as a result. Members who use work-related email addresses were frustrated and asked that something be done to prevent this from happening again. The most common suggestion is that future official club emails use the blind carbon copy (BCC) option when they are sent. This supposedly prevents "Reply All" emails. Although there seems to be some question over the effectiveness of preventing mass responses. From now on, club officers will use the BCC option on official club email.

Now, how are we to maintain essential open dialog with club members if we block email responses? A popular

suggestion is to establish a Seminole Radio Control Club forum online. We are exploring that possibility. There are suggestions about extending online participation beyond a forum for discussion to online voting on issues. One member complained that only a small group of members that attend meetings have all of the say in club decisions. One response is, "If you want a part in deciding the future of our club, participate in meetings. Should members who are not willing to invest a little

of their selves in the club have the privilege of guiding us into the future?" Another response is, "Let's move into the twenty-first century and have easier access to club governance." It is an interesting challenge.

There are pitfalls related to electronic communication. It is frequently very difficult to tell humorous sarcasm from angry remarks when you are staring at a screen unless the author is an accomplished wordsmith. All of the facial expressions, voice tone and body language are absent. Personally, I am more inspired to think more openly and consider more options to an issue when talking face to face. Of course, forcing all major club decisions to be made with a physical presence at a meeting is not inclusive to all members. Also, I hate meetings.

These are questions we will be facing over the next few months. Some changes to our club governance cannot be made prior to amending club bylaws. The irony here is if you want to guide the club to an online future, you have to attend club meetings.

Club Meeting News

Bill Ashbaker, Treasurer, on Behalf of Matthew Hendrix, Secretary

Call to order

Treasurer Bill Ashbaker called the January 15, 2015, meeting of the Seminole Radio Control Club to order at 7:00 PM on behalf of President Mike Levine.

No new members or visitors were present.

Secretary's Report - Matthew Hendrix

The March 15, 2015, meeting minutes were approved as published in the March club newsletter.

Treasurer's Report - Bill Ashbaker

The club now has 87 members.

The Opening Day event earned a profit of \$115 due to the prize for raffle donation from Diamond Hobby.

There were fraudulent charges against our club debit card in March. The bank assures us that the money will be returned. As a result, we will not request a new credit/debit card.

The current club financial statement is published in the club newsletter.

Anticipated April expenditures include the cost of mower maintenance and fertilizer/ weed control for the field.

Safety Officer Report - Jim Ogorek

No outstanding safety concerns this month.

The county will repair washed out areas of the access road.

Field Marshal Report - Gordie Meade

The field is in good condition. Gordie applied one round of weed and feed to the field. Another round is due after the rain. The field does not need to be sanded this year, possibly next year.

The mower should be serviced soon.

The new sign advising flyers that the field is only available to AMA and club members was designed by Charles Samaha and installed by Joe Satterwhite. Joe also completed table and fences repairs and painting.

Training Officer Report - Geoff Lawrence

New club member, Jerome, has the simulator and is using it regularly. He called to ask if there's anyone else in the Club that would like to use it. He feels he has had his

turn. If someone is interested, contact Geoff and he'll get the sim to them.

Jerome has been flying his own plane with Triston and a buddy-box and is making great progress. Thanks Triston.

Both trainers are in the shed ready to go.

Old Business

The March Opening Day event was a great success. There is still a generous supply of club logo caps and shirts available for purchase.

New Business

The members present voted to take up the proposed club rule changes at this meeting rather than table them.

Despite the emotional email response to the proposed cross-runway takeoff prohibition, there was a very congenial and insightful discussion of the proposal at the meeting. It was generally agreed that we need to use common sense to fit individual situations rather than adopting an additional rule. Jay Wiggins pointed out that the safety officer should be able to exercise discretion at the field based on specific potentially unsafe situations at specific times. Jim agreed and withdrew the proposal. Everyone agreed with his decision. The issue is closed.

There was a majority vote to accept the amendment to the existing rule to require displaying club ID badges at the field.

There was a majority vote to accept the clarification of the definition of micro airplanes for flying on the north helipad.

The next big event is the Memorial Day weekend Warbird Meet on Sunday, May 24th. Actually, all airplanes are welcome, warbird or not.

Next Club Meeting

May 21, 2015, at Beef O Brady's, 1800 Thomasville Road, 7:00 pm in meeting room.

Adjournment

The treasurer adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM.

Classified Ads

Anyone in the club who wants to sell or buy RC equipment, send an email to seminoleradiocontrolclub@gmail.com with a very short description. We prefer a one or two line description: what it is, condition, price, who to contact and email or phone.

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Airplanes

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Primary flight training is available by appointment on Saturdays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm when the weather is nice and not too breezy. Contact the Training Coordinator or one of the instructors to make an appointment:

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Field Hours

Electrics/Sailplanes	9:00 AM till 9:00 PM
Gassers/Nitros	12 Noon till Dusk
Electric Service	8:30 AM till 9:15 PM

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