

# The Seminole Flyer



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**April 2021**

## We're Almost There

Aerial photos below show much of the progress at the field over the past month. New pilot stations, new sod, new hydroseeding, new signs, pressure washing under the pavilion...we are almost there. When all is said and done, we will have a flying field and facility that will be the envy of all.

Activity at the new field has picked up, with lots of new members coming out and maiden flights on some awesome new planes. There has been a mishap or two, with one club member calling his run ins with a prop "textbook stupid." So the field has been christened with the blood of a member. Let's all be safe out there. And of course, everyone looks forward to the opening of the unloading area next to the pavilion and grateful for the help we've gotten from fellow flyers carting our stuff up the hill. Good flying, all!



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### Next Club Meeting

Thursday, May 20, 2021

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## Auctioned Models At-a-Glance

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### Minimum Bid \$250, Minimum Increase \$5

65" T-28, OS 60



98" Citabria, 35cc Quadra



### Minimum Bid \$200, Minimum Increase \$5

58" Midwest Sky Squire, 46 Evolution glow



65" You-Can-Do, Saito 100 4-stroke



### Minimum Bid \$75, Minimum increase \$5

50" Pronto, no motor



Items on this page were donated by new club member Bill Jones.

## Auctioned Models, continued

**No Minimum Bid for Items Below** (from the late Dan Kimel, donated by Karen Kimel)

**\$5 Minimum Increase for Bids over \$100, \$2 Minimum Increase for Bids Under \$100**



## **Club Auction, Swap, and Jersey Mike's Takeout Saturday, May 1**

Aircraft showing begins at 10:30 AM, bidding closes at 11:30 AM, and takeout lunches are to be delivered at noon. Cost is \$5 for a sub and your order must be placed with Jay no later than 8 AM Friday, April 30. The in-person auction will be the same location as the last auction and fortunately, the weather looks promising for Saturday with only a slight chance of rain forecast. Members may also bring items to sell or swap; 10% of your gross up to a maximum of \$15 goes to the club.

Per the most recent CDC guidelines, those who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear a mask at outdoor events unless they are crowded. It is also okay to remove the mask at small outdoor gatherings with vaccinated and unvaccinated people. Members are reminded to bring their own hand sanitizer and chairs and to haul out their own trash. The club will provide chips and a cooler of drinks but nothing else. Members are also reminded that the nearest portapotty is at the flying field.



**Former club member Dan Kimel with a model airplane in 1944 and his first RC plane in 1975**



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# Club Meeting News

*Jeff Owens, Secretary*

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This month's meeting was held as a video conference using Zoom. The meeting was called to order on Thursday April 15, 2021 by President Jay Wiggins at 7:00 PM with 24 persons signed on. Later, as many as 32 signed on.

**Member Recognition** – Mike Atkinson for his training activities including fabricating tables for the new container for storing training models and equipment, for moving the wind sock, and for laying out the new pilot stations; Joe Satterwhite for his work with the safety line painting, for storing donated models, for assisting with the electrical inspection, and for refurbishing the frequency control box; Jay Wiggins for all his photo updates on the progress being made on the new pavilion and for refurbishing and placing the pilot station signage; Mike McCarty for work on the new message board; Sam Varn for working on the new signage; Gordie Meade for finishing Phase I of the table painting and construction and for aerial photos; Nicholas Platt for helping to retrieve and airplane from the trees; Bill Ashbaker for ongoing work as Treasurer; and Jeff Owens for ongoing website updates.

**Leigh Davis** – the Club gave Leigh a going away present in the form of a paperweight with the Club logo – presented by Jay Wiggins and selected by Sam Varn.

**County Liaison Update** – Jay Wiggins – The container was NOT delivered on 4/14 as promised. The new tentative date is 4/19. Items for completion (fencing, electrical work) are being held up by the container installation. The quote for pressure washing the concrete pad was \$400. Mike McCarty and Theo Titus will do it at no cost to the Club. The Board of Directors authorized ant treatment costing \$325 per year. This is a one-time treatment, but additional treatments are included, if needed.

**Vice-President's report** – Rhett Boudreaux – no activities to report.

**Secretary's Report** – Jeff Owens – The minutes of the March Zoom meeting were printed in the Newsletter which was also posted on the web. They were approved as posted. The Gold Leader Club renewal was submitted and has been approved by AMA for another year.

**Treasurer's Report** – Bill Ashbaker – The report was presented and approved by the membership.

**Field Report** – Gordie Meade – The sod around the pavilion and the parking area will be maintained by the Club. When the container is installed the mower and other equipment will be brought back from storage.

**Safety Report** – Mike Atkinson – plastic fencing will be placed to help protect cars in the east parking area.

**Training Report** – Mike Atkinson – training is going well. The number of students is growing and more instructor assistance on Tuesday afternoons would be helpful.

**Newsletter** – Marcy Driscoll – keep sending pictures and reports of flying and building activity.

**Old Business** – Fuel flying times – A vote to approve deleting the fuel flying time restrictions was passed at the last Club meeting. Jay contacted Leigh Davis who responded with approval of the idea of a trial period where the restrictions would be lifted. The email exchange is copied below.

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Leigh Davis** <[DavisLe@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:DavisLe@leoncountyfl.gov)>

Date: Wed, Mar 31, 2021 at 2:23 PM

Subject: RE: SRCC Fuel Flying Time

To: Jay W <[moonangelb@gmail.com](mailto:moonangelb@gmail.com)>

Cc: Maggie Theriot <[TheriotM@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:TheriotM@leoncountyfl.gov)>, Terence Wojdan <[WojdanT@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:WojdanT@leoncountyfl.gov)>

Good afternoon, Jay – Thank you for your patience in waiting for my response as I try to address multiple transition issues.

While under the current month to month lease agreement and until such time a new long-term lease is negotiated and executed, I am comfortable with and authorize the elimination of the restrictions on fuel flying times. As reflected in your comments below, this should be considered a trial period (aka “pilot” project – yes, pun intended) to determine if there are any unanticipated consequences or issues that arise from lifting the restrictions.

I have briefed Maggie on this decision, and she concurs with the trial period. The Club may proceed with the second vote.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Happy flying!

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**Leigh Davis, MPA**

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**From:** Jay W <moonangelb@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, March 20, 2021 1:31 PM

**To:** Leigh Davis <DavisLe@leoncountyfl.gov>

**Subject:** SRCC Fuel Flying Time

Hello Leigh: The club voted Thursday night to request elimination of the restrictions on fuel flying times. Muffler use will still be required. The club understands that this is on a trial basis. If this meets your approval, per club rule, a second vote would be taken at the April 15 meeting and the new rule would be effective April 16. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Jay Wiggins

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This email exchange shows that Jay contacted Leigh on March 20 and a response was received on March 31 – a full two weeks before tonight’s meeting.

A motion was made to remove the restrictions on fuel flying times. It passed 93% to 7%.

**Club Auction** – due to weather concerns, a decision will be made on Friday morning 4/16 to hold the auction as scheduled or delay it by one week.

**New Business** – Jim Ogorek was searching for a Turbo Beaver kit and found one on RC Groups. The kit was well packaged and had not been started, The person selling the kit has about 20 more aircraft as well as some engines. He is listed as gypsy56 on RC Groups. Jay will send out contact information if anyone is interested in buying any of the items.

There will be a buy/sell area set up on the new message board. Items can be posted for a period of up to one month.

The tentative runway mowing schedule is once a week on Thursday (no time specified) until the growing season kicks in, when it will shift to twice a week, as needed.

**FAMU-FSU College of Engineering aircraft project** – an update was provided by Jacob Pifer. A test flight has not been approved by the FSU Police Department, even though the test flight would be at our field. A taxi test may be conducted, but no actual flying.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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# Seminole Radio Control Club

## Tallahassee, FL

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### Officers

<b>President</b>	Jay Wiggins ( <a href="mailto:moonangelb@gmail.com">moonangelb@gmail.com</a> )
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### Flight Training

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:

Geoff Lawrence 850-591-6879  
Jeff Owens 850-545-7482  
Bill Ashbaker 850-656-5932

Jim Ogorek 850-766-2477  
Mike Atkinson (Tuesday only) 850-251-2694  
Troy Emmett (Large Aircraft) 770-546-6199

### Field Hours

**All Aircraft:** 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset 7 days/week

**Please note:** Although restrictions have been removed on flying hours for fueled planes, this is on a trial basis until further notice from Leon County. All gassers and nitros must have a suitable muffler.

The Seminole Flyer is a publication of the Seminole Radio Control Club of Tallahassee, FL. We welcome and encourage items for publishing in The Seminole Flyer. Please submit your suggestions to [robin.marcy@gmail.com](mailto:robin.marcy@gmail.com) in Word format. Thank you.

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