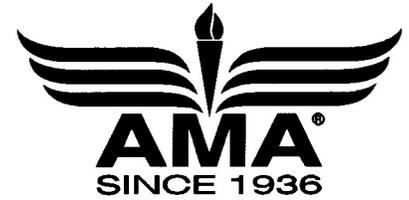


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Leon County Meets With Club

Leigh Davis, Director, Leon County Parks and Recreation, was a gracious and charming guest at our club meeting this month. Leigh has been director of Parks and Recreation for about five years. She spoke about ideas for the future of Apalachee Regional Park, the impact of cross country races, the status of the master plan and other issues affecting the club. She openly and candidly answered all questions that our members raised.

It was obvious that she has a special interest in our club. She has taken it upon herself to understand what safety means to radio control pilots and how cross country races impact safety and our ability to operate. Leigh admitted that there is a very aggressive cross country schedule for this fall, but many of the races result in a very significant positive economic impact on businesses in the city and county. We have to work in an environment of mutual cooperation.

Thanks to work by Leigh and our President/County Liaison, Jay Wiggins, the Tourist Development Council is listening to our needs. Key near-term results include a



Leigh Davis and Jay Wiggins discuss our club's future

more judicious positioning of bleachers, light towers and portalets to reduce impact on our flying. Also, the county will send us a logistic schedule so that we can be aware of the schedule for equipment setup for major events and plan ahead. In the past, our members have been disappointed to go out to the field and find that pre-race setup eliminated the ability to fly before a race event.

Leigh made it very clear that the future of the park hinges on the new master plan and that the master plan is being developed with our full involvement.

The first draft of the master plan, which is conceptual and referred to as the "bubble plan" will be reviewed in an open house in September or October. The current schedule sees the complete master plan going to the County Commission in the October-November timeframe.

Leigh entertained well over an hour of questions from and discussion with our members. Two key items were that the proposed site for our club in the park is very large compared to our present site and there are no new planned "active" functions envisioned for the park. Active func-

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Club Meeting News

Matthew Hendrix, Secretary

Meeting Minutes courtesy of Bill Ashbaker

President's Report- Jay Wiggins

President Wiggins called the August 18, 2016, meeting to order at Beef O'Brady's at 7:01 PM. About 30 members were in attendance. Members were asked to introduce their wives that were in attendance. There were no new members or other visitors to introduce.

Special Guest- Leigh Davis, Director, Leon County Parks and Recreation

Director Davis led a very enlightening discussion with our members for more than an hour. The key points were related to current activities at the Apalachee Regional Park and the master plan for development in the park that is currently being written. The club is involved every step of the way.

Vice President's Report- Randy Yarborough

Fly For a Cure, aka *Believe in a Cure*, is the next planned club event. This charity event is scheduled for October 2nd. Volunteers are needed now for planning and event day activities to ensure that this is an activity that the club can be proud of. We will continue to benefit the Children's Miracle Network with this event. The amount of money we will commit to this project will be approved in the September meeting.

Secretary's Report- Matt Hendrix

Minutes of the June and July meetings were approved as published in the club newsletter.

Treasurer's Report- Bill Ashbaker

The July treasurer's report was approved.

County Liaison Report- Jay Wiggins

An additional running event not previously scheduled is proposed for Saturday, September 3rd.

There will be a middle school cross country event on Wednesday, September 7th.

Jay will email cross country mitigation information for upcoming events to all members in the near future.

Safety Officer Report- Jim Ogorek

Everything OK for now.

Training Officer Report- Geoff Lawrence

The trainer aircraft are all ready to go. Mashall has the flight simulator at Shands.

Field Marshal Report- Gordie Meade by Jay Wiggins

The county will do a medium sanding at the field this coming week. Until the rain soaks the sand in, it can be damaging to gas and nitro engines and electric motors. If we do not get sufficient rain in the near future, the county will water it in with their truck.

Old Business

The membership agreed to proceed with installing gutters on the east side of the pavilion over the narrow concrete patio. The cost for materials is approximately \$175.00. Volunteers to help install are welcome.

New Business

No new business.

Program- Theo Titus, Antique RC Equipment

Theo gave a very interesting overview of RC equipment for the period from around 1950 (the beginning of RC aircraft) to around the 1970s. The great part is that he had actual hardware to touch and inspect. Thank you Theo.

Adjournment

President Jay Wiggins adjourned the meeting at 9:02 PM.

2016 Meeting Calendar

All general club meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at Beef O'Brady's. You are encouraged/welcome to arrive as early as 6PM for food and fellowship. There is NEVER any obligation or pressure to purchase food or beverage to attend our meetings.

Leigh Davis

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tions include facilities such as ballfields for team sports. The county is reviewing potential “passive” functions such as disc golf and hiking trails.

There was an interesting discussion on the nature of the new airfield. It will continue to be a leased semi-private facility like it is now, not public.

Part of the discussion focused on funding. Leigh strongly encouraged us to pursue potential federal and AMA

grants for relocating our field. She would like to file grant applications jointly with the club. Outside funding will be very helpful for Leon County and us for achieving our goals.

Leigh is a strong supporter of our club and demonstrates that she truly understands the dilemma we face as the uses of the park change.

History of RC by Theo Titus



Theo demonstrates some antique RC equipment

Theo gave a very interesting overview of RC equipment covering the period from around 1950 (the beginning of RC aircraft) to the 1970s at our club meeting this month. The great part is that he had actual hardware to touch and inspect.

Theo began his RC hobby using radio equipment that required an amateur radio operators (HAM) license. There was no alternative for early enthusiasts. Early equipment was not simple, but it was very limited. Theo showed early receivers that used escapements powered by wound-up rubber bands to move airplane control surfaces. Originally, only the rudder could be controlled and it was not

proportional control like we take for granted today. It was all or nothing operated with a single button or switch.

The equipment was not simple because it involved large transmitters and receivers with vacuum tubes and powered with large dry cell batteries. It was expensive to operate because the batteries were not rechargeable.

Theo showed the progression from escapement equipment to reed equipment to later amplitude modulated (AM) proportional equipment. His talk was filled with many little tidbits like why mode 1 and mode 2 transmitters evolved. This was a very worthwhile program.

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Field Hours

Electrics/Sailplanes 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset 7 days/week

Gassers/Nitros 10:00 AM until 30 minutes after sunset except Sunday.
Sunday gasser/nitro flying begins at 12:00 PM.
All gassers and nitros must have a suitable muffler.

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