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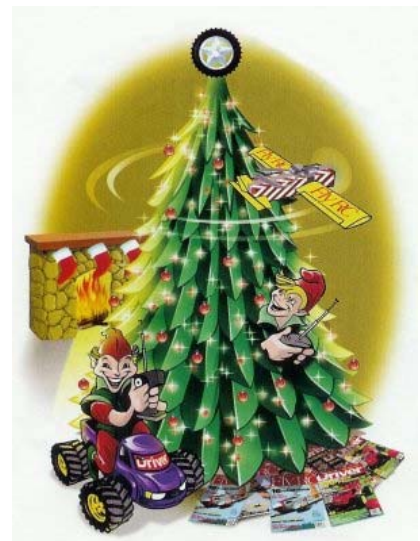
## Letter from the Editor- Stephen Warmath

It seems like I always reflect during this time of year, college football almost over, we just had Halloween, Thanksgiving over, and Christmas on the way. Geez;...how did it pass so fast? I also think about how fortunate I am for the friends and family I have, and the wonderful things I have experienced over the last twelve months. SRCC is one of the best on the list. This is why I have chosen to extend my participation in the Club by doing the newsletter every month. As another year passes, I have decided that this will be my last newsletter for now. Fred Schmidt has agreed to step up to take over and I'm sure he will do a great job. Please give him your support and encouragement.

This month as we go into hibernation and work in the shop during the winter months, we need to be mindful about working with the myriad of products in our hobby. This month's article, "**Protecting yourself from hazardous materials**" offers some good advice to keep in mind as we work with these materials.

May you and your family enjoy a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

**Safe and Happy Flying- Steve**



## Chief Pilot- Mike Atkinson

Happy Holidays to everyone. Our annual Toys for Tots fly-in was a great success. After a slow start (presumably due to the cold weather), many members and visitors came out to support this worthy cause. We had reporters from WCTV Channel 6 news, as well as the Tallahassee Democrat newspaper covering the event. The early segment of Eyewitness News had nice video of the fly-in. We are grateful for the opportunity to help out the Marines' Toys for Tots campaign once again. Frank Bastos and Hobbytown USA really stepped up to make the event what it was. When thinking about your gifts this season, remember to send Santa to Hobbytown to get them.



All of the electricity has been completed at the field. Most everyone seems pleased with the final product. Of course, there were a few "Monday morning" quarterbacks with complaints, but that is to be expected in an organization as large as ours. To make things clear, the layout was designed and approved by the club officers after consulting with the electrical contractors on recommendations. The plans were presented to the membership at two separate meetings with no complaints on the layout of the outlets. If you are not at the meetings, you really don't have an opportunity to share your opinions.

Remember, the field is closed December 4<sup>th</sup> for a cross-country event until the runners clear out.....probably about noon. There shouldn't be much of a crowd, but I can't make it out to watch the field. If anyone isn't busy, please volunteer to come out about 8:00 to make sure the field is safe.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for his support during my terms as president of the club. Elections will take place at the next meeting and the new president will take over immediately following the meeting. Right now, I think we have a great slate of nominations for officers. However, there are several others who could do a great job, also. If you've got ideas you'd like addressed, bring them up to the new officers. Better yet, run for office yourself and become a club leader. I love this club and have enjoyed most of my time as an officer. I will continue to support the club activities, but I am really looking forward to stepping back into the role of just a "regular member" for a while.

Happy Flying,

Michael Atkinson

## Chief Copilot- Mike Kinsey

[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".

### December

- 2- Monthly Meeting at HobbyTown 7:00
- 4- Running Meet

## Chief Treasurer- Theo Titus

*Editor's Note: The Treasurer's report is published for Members only. The public version of the Newsletter does not include account balances.*

### Seminole RC Club Treasurer's Report

Period Ending

November 30, 2010

#### Checking Accounts

Capital City Bank  
Premier Bank

#### Savings Accounts

Capital City Savings  
Premier Bank CD

#### PayPal Account

Funds for Deposit  
Petty Cash

#### Total

#### Checks Outstanding

#### Net Funds Available

#### Income

Dues / New  
Memberships  
Activities / Fly-ins  
Sales (Hats-shirts-etc)  
Contributions and  
Donations  
Interest on Savings  
Interest on Checking

#### Total Income for Period

#### Expenses

Plaques and Awards  
Field Maintenance  
Repairs and Supplies  
Miscellaneous Expenses  
Field Improvements  
Bank Charges

#### Total Expenses for Period

## Chief Scribe- Geoff Lawrence

The November meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm on Thursday, November 4, 2010 at HobbyTown Tallahassee. Welcome Anthony, guest of new member Tyler Cole.

Theo Titus read the treasurers report. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made, seconded and passed.

Geoff Lawrence stated the minutes of the October, 2010 meeting were posted in the current newsletter. With no questions or corrections, a motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and passed.



## Old Business:

- Mike Atkinson gave an update on the status of the electrical installation. Talquin Electric has completed the line and transformer installation and our electrician is awaiting favorable weather to install panels and outlets. It was determined that six circuits with three timers is the most cost effective configuration. There will be a seventh circuit for future use. The total cost will come out to be about \$7,773, well below the appropriated \$8500.
- Mike A. addressed the issue of night flying . Our County lease states we may fly from 9am to 9pm. Club rules state only electric aircraft may fly from 9am to noon. Mike recommends we amend the rules to allow electric flying from 9am to 9pm and maintain only noon to dusk flying for gas and glow aircraft. A motion was made to amend the field rules, seconded, and passed.
- Toys for Tots Fly In is set for November 20<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 5pm with a \$10 landing fee or a new unwrapped toy. Frank Bastos is working with the Marine Corp, Fred Schmidt has notified WCTV and Jim Ogorek will notify the Tallahassee Democrat.
- The HobbyTown Swap Meet is this coming Saturday. Frank will also be offering some specials on airplanes.
- The Flying for a Cure check was presented to the American Cancer Society representative and a group photo was taken.
- Mike A. reminded the club of the final Cross Country event of the year to be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>. It will be a small event, the field open to flying after the runners have cleared out.
- Theo states he will pick up the new fire extinguishers.



## New Business:

- Fred Schmidt offered to donate \$100 to the club if the club would donate \$100 to the Killlearn Lakes Home Owners Association in appreciation for inviting us to fly at Lake Monkey Business. A motion was made for the club to match Fred's donation and give the KLHOA \$200. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Theo will terminate the porta-potty rental since the County has installed a large one in the runners parking area.
- Jim Ogorek suggested we hold an informal Warbird Fly In on Veterans Day. It was well received.
- Jim Ogorek expressed concern over the trash barrel situation in the shed and discussed alternatives. It was decided to store the trash barrels except for special events. **EVERYONE MUST PACK OUT THEIR OWN TRASH.**

## Elections:

- Nominations will still be accepted for all club positions at the December meeting.
- Mike A . nominated David Humphries for President.
- Current nominations are:

President - Jim Ogorek and David Humphries

Vice President - Jeff Owens  
Secretary - position open for nominations  
Treasurer - Bill Ashbaker

- Fred Schmidt has agreed to be the new Newsletter Editor.
- Special thanks given to Steve Warmath for the outstanding Newsletters of the past 4 of 5 years.

With no more announcements and no more business, the motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

## Protecting Yourself From Hazardous Materials by Chris Myers

If we caught our kids out in the garage sniffing paint or glue, we would send them to counseling. Yet, as adults we do this and call it modeling.

Last year I read an article about a man who was working with acetone in his house. After using it, he almost collapsed. Getting out of the room and lying down, he returned to normal.

When I look at the shelves in my work room, the chemicals stored there range from Balsarite to various spray cans, paint, lacquer, pesticides, etc., to CA to acetone, along with a couple cases of fuel. In addition to this, I use balsa and do a lot of sanding, creating particles to clog my lungs.

In the process of repairing and maintaining our aircraft, our hands come in contact with several hazardous materials. Our body absorbs these chemicals, and consistent exposure to them can be a danger to your health.

If you dissect our hobby, it quickly becomes apparent that we often spill fuel and CA on our hands. We sniff the paint and glue fumes and use grease and oil in our maintenance. It all gets on our hands. If you are an active modeler, you have a lot of exposure to hazardous materials.

Below is a list of a few items you may want to keep around the workshop. They should help minimize the risk of exposure to hazardous materials.

1. Get a fire extinguisher.
2. Go to an auto paint and body shop and pick up a good face mask.
3. Buy a small fan for ventilation. [**Tech editor's note:** A large fan is recommended. In order to move more air, a small fan must be run at a higher speed and that causes some of its own problems. A large fan running slow moves sufficient air without making other problems.]
4. Work in a room that is properly ventilated.
5. Buy a box of rubber gloves.

Our hobby is great fun, but more than the propeller deserves some serious attention to keep you from being in harm's way.

Fly safe and have fun. Q



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**SRCC Officers**

President – **Mike Atkinson**  
Vice President – **Mike Kinsey**  
Secretary – **Geoff Lawrence**  
Newsletter Editor – **Stephen Warmath**  
Treasurer – **Theo Titus**  
Field Safety Officer- **Jim Ogorek**

**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**

Mike Atkinson- Primary/ Advanced Fight Instructor (Coordinator)	926-4692
Geoff Lawrence- Primary/ Advanced Fight Instructor	942-9807
John Hall- Primary/ Advanced Helicopter Flight Instructor	893-6457
Jeff Owens- Ground School/ Airworthiness Instructor (Fixed Wing)	894-2504
Frank Bastos- Hobby Town Flight Demonstrator	671-2030
Jim Ogorek- Primary/ Advanced Fight Instructor	766-2477

**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 28 th of the month. Send your submissions to Fred Schmidt. [schmidtfs@gmail.com](mailto:schmidtfs@gmail.com)

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