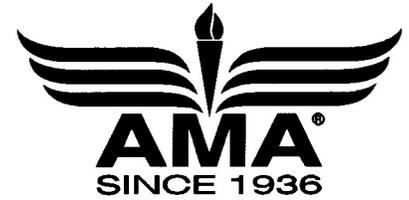


The Seminole Flyer



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Christmas & New Year 2018 Double Issue

Happy New Year!



**Geoff Lawrence presents Kristina Potter with our check for the
Children's Miracle Network**

What a perfect ending to the year . . . a great Christmas party and a gift for children that will make their lives better. Our Christmas party was a big success this year with free food, a silent auction and camaraderie.

Geoff Lawrence presented a check for \$1,554.00 to Kristina Potter on behalf of the club for the Children's Miracle Network. This is a very deserving charity and we can all be proud of our contribution.

2017 was a very active and rewarding year for us. Much of our focus this year was on our proposed new flying site and working with Leon County and their consultants. Our participation in their planning process rewarded us with a promise of an outstanding flying field when the county unveiled the new master plan for Apalachee Regional Park.

We were successful at working cooperatively with the various running events that occur in the park each fall that have local, state and national participation. We anticipate that our new flying site will avoid potential conflicts between various activities in the future.

One of the highlights of our club activities each year is the *Believe in a Cure* event each fall when we give back to our community. This event is very rewarding and resulted in our generous donation to the Children's Miracle Network this year. We also enjoyed a glow clinic and our community outreach with *SouthWoodstock*.

Our members continue to work hard to maintain and improve our field. The results are evident this year from our new starting tables to our renovated tables in the pavilion.

Also, the club was the focus of a Florida State University

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Local Roots television show. The episode was very complementary to our club and earned us an award from the Academy of model Aeronautics.

We anticipate an exciting new year. We look forward to our annual events such as Opening Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, our summer picnic and club meeting, *Believe in a Cure*, Veterans Day and our holiday Christ-

Club Meeting News

Jeff Owens, Secretary

December 2017 Club Meeting Minutes

The Christmas meeting was a success with a total of 19 members and guests in attendance. However, there was a hitch in the schedule. Those of us who arrived around 6:30 found that another party had been scheduled into the room, even though we had it reserved. It took until 7:20 for them to vacate the room and for the staff to clean up the tables. However, we all just waited outside the room and socialized for an hour or so.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM on Thursday December 21, 2017 by President Jay Wiggins. This was followed by a round of introductions of members and guests.

Check Presentation - A check for \$1554 was presented to Kristi Potter for the Shands Children's Miracle Network representing funds raised at our October event and also some additional donations.

She expressed her thanks and commented that the funds were being used to help with a renovation of the facility at Shands.

Secretary's Report – Jeff Owens – The minutes of the

November meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter. Note: a minor edit is required to correct the date of the published November meeting minutes.

Election - The previously announced slate of officers for next year consists of Jay Wiggins (Pres.), Rhett Boudreaux (Vice-Pres.), Bill Ashbaker (Treas.), and Jeff Owens (Secretary). The slate of officers was accepted and voted in unanimously. Jay Wiggins announced that the current appointed officers had all agreed to continue: Gordie Meade (Field Marshall), Jim Ogorek (Safety Officer), and Geoff Lawrence (Training Coordinator).

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Bill Ashbaker gave the December report. The report was approved. Dues are being paid and currently we have 93 members. We also are in the black for the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM and was followed by eating, drinking, socializing, and assorted merriment. A silent auction was held and various items were auctioned off to help raise funds that went into the Club's donation listed above.

January 2018 Club Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on Thursday January 18, 2018 by President Jay Wiggins. Jay expressed thanks on behalf of the club to Theo Titus for taking care of the garbage cans. Jim Ogorek offered thanks on behalf of the club for the job that Jay continues to do as President.

Vide-President's Report – Rhett Boudreaux reviewed the Club Calendar of Events for 2018. Six events are

planned, the first of which is Opening Day on Saturday March 10, 2018.

Secretary's Report – Jeff Owens – The minutes of the December meeting will be published along with those from the January meeting in a combined December-January edition of the Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Bill Ashbaker gave the

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January report. The report was approved. Members need to pay their 2018 dues and also their AMA dues in order to be allowed to continue to fly at the club's field.

Safety Officer Report – Jim Ogorek reported that everything is going well, especially since the level of activity is down due to the cold weather.

Field Marshall Report – Gordie Meade – No activity to report as nothing is growing. Geoff Lawrence will take the mower in for servicing. The field will need about 300 lbs of fertilizer later in the spring. We need to replace the spreader which “disappeared.” Bill Ashbaker offered to donate his if it will do the job. Gordie will check on this.

Training Officer Report – Geoff Lawrence reported that two trainers are ready to go.

Old Business – none

New Business – Jay Wiggins reported on suggested changes to the By-laws which were distributed to members via email. These will be voted on at the February meeting. The biggest change is to remove the Field Operating and Safety Rules from the By-laws and place them in a separate document that can be modified as needed (on a temporary basis) by the Safety Officer and also by a majority vote of those attending a regular business meeting. Other smaller suggested changes were also discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM

Members and Friends News

Thank You Jake

The club expresses our sincere thanks to Thomas McGrath also known as “Jake Junior” of Jakes Brakes. Thomas’ father, Dennis “Jake” McGrath, passed away and a customer wanted to make a contribution to a worthy cause in memory of Jake. Thomas thought of our club and our work with young people. Thomas wants us to use the money to help youngsters get involved with our hobby.

Don't Forget 2018 Dues

2018 club membership dues are past due.

All things that keep our field a nice place to fly are paid from membership dues. Dues are our only source of income and provide gas and maintenance for the mower,

field repairs and improvements, insurance, electric bills, state and national fees and the list goes on.

Annual dues are: \$60.00 for general membership, \$75.00 for family membership and \$20.00 for junior membership. You may pay me at the field or at one of our club meetings. Or, you may mail a check to the Seminole RC Club.

You may pay with PayPal. However, there is an additional \$2.00 cost to cover fees that PayPal charges us. The dues are \$62.00 for general membership, \$77.00 for family membership and \$22.00 for junior membership through PayPal. To pay, log on to PayPal, click the Send Money Tab and send to: SeminoleRadioControlClub@gmail.com

Model Aircraft Registration . . . Again

Once again, it is mandatory for RC modelers to register and mark their unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) with the FAA. The definition of UAVs includes our RC aircraft. The registration revival is part of the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act, which was signed by President Trump recently.

The National Defense Authorization Act states:

“Restoration Of Rules For Registration And Marking Of Unmanned Aircraft.—The rules adopted by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration in the matter of registration and marking requirements for small unmanned aircraft (FAA-2015-7396; published on December 16, 2015) that were vacated by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in *Taylor v. Huerta* (No. 15-1495; decided on May 19, 2017) shall be restored to effect on the date of enactment of this Act.”

FAA Drone Registration History

On December 2015, the FAA announced that UAV operators had to register their aircraft. Within two years, the FAA was challenged in court and their rule was over-

turned. By July 2017, the FAA started issuing refunds and gave drone owners the option to erase user information from their database. Now, the rule is reversed again.

Where to Register

New pilots or those who opted for a refund can register their UAVs through the FAA’s official site. Be careful of other websites that claim to offer drone registration, those sites aren’t legit.

Previously Registered Drones May Still Be Valid

For those who previously registered their drone and did not opt for a refund, their registration number is still valid. Pilots may also double check their drone status on the FAA’s official site by logging in with their email and password. Once pilots log in, click on “Model Aircraft under Section 336” or “Small Unmanned Aircraft under Part 107.” To verify that they are still registered, pilots can find their registration number on the right side of the screen.

Around the Field

Our Christmas Party:



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Tallahassee, Florida

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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:

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Jim Ogorek 850-766-2477

Jeff Owens 850-545-7482

Troy Emmett 770-546-6199

Bill Ashbaker 850-656-5932

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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