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Photo by Jim Ogorek

Letter from the Editor- Michael Hupp

I would like to take this time to wish everyone the best of holidays. For me, it will be a very Merry Christmas now that my son is old enough to buy him toys that I will, I mean, he will enjoy. The winter season encompasses many holidays. Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Yuletide, Dong Zhi, Diwali, Eid ul-Adha and Sedah just to name a few. But, no matter your belief, I think we can all agree that it is a time to renew our strength in what we believe and to give thanks for what we have. A time to reach out to our fellow man (or woman) and just say, "I hope you are well". So, on that note, I would like to say, "I hope all is well in your life and hope your holiday is all you dreamt it would be". HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Chief Pilot - Mike Atkinson

Tallahassee Summer weather has transitioned into great Fall flying weather. Except for the couple of early morning cold snaps, this is a perfect time for flying. I know the weekend flying has been quite busy over the last few weeks. Our only event at the field in November was the warbird fly-in on November 21st. I'm told we had a total of 30 military aircraft. While the turn-out was a little less than we had hoped for, those of us who did make it had a great time! Many thanks go out to the Boy Scouts for coming out and providing concession services for us, and Mike Kinsey for organizing the event at such a short notice.



Remember the field is closed the morning and early afternoon of December 5th for the last scheduled running event at the field. Flying can resume in the afternoon after ALL the people associated with the event have cleared the flying area. Hobbytown USA is also hosting a swap meet on December 5th, beginning at 10:00. Bring whatever you no longer need (or want....none of us really need any of this stuff), and sell it for cash to buy what you really want from Frank. He'll only have a couple of tables, so I'd recommend you bring your own if you need to have something off the ground.

Our last event of the year will be our first annual Toys for Tots fly-in. Landing fee will be a new, unwrapped, toy (\$10 value or more) or \$10 cash. All cash collected through landing fee, concession, and raffle will be used to purchase additional toys to be donated to Toys for Tots, locally. We should have a great turn-out of both club members and general public. Flying starts at 9:00 for everyone, as we are working on getting a waiver of the glow powered flight before noon.

Finally, the election of club officers will be held at the December meeting, which is scheduled for December 3rd at Hobbytown. All of the incumbent officers have agreed to an additional term, if that is the will of the membership. Additional nominations will be allowed from the floor prior to voting if there are any others who would like to step up and serve in some capacity.

See you at the field,

Michael Atkinson
President, SRCC



Upcoming AMA Regional Events

Memorial Meet and Picnic

FL

12/05/09-12/06/09 - Palm Bay, FL (AA) Memorial Meet and Picnic for Cat III 101, 124, 140, 142(J)(SO), 102, 103, 104, 105, 101C, 102-103C, 104-105C, 106, 107, 120, 121, 122, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 160, 161, 162, 501, 503, 504(JSO). Site: Club Field. Jerry Wagner CD, 1767 New Point Comfort Rd Englewood FL 34223 PH:941-474-4959 email: ephemeris761@comcast.net. Bob Whitney will be on the grill - dogs, burgers, brats. Sponsor: FL MODELERS ASSOCIATION

6th Annual Toys for Tots Fly In

FL

12/05/09 - Jacksonville, FL (C) 6th Annual Toys for Tots Fly In. Site: Lannie Rd Flying Site. Paul Towkach CD, 2310 Mercer Cir S Jacksonville FL 32217 PH:904-733-6627 email: t6man@bellsouth.net. Visit www.gatewayrc.org. Fly any AMA legal RC aircraft, landing fee \$10 or a toy of \$10 value, hot and cold drinks, food, homemade chili available, RV parking no hook-ups, modern restroom facilities on site, raffles and pilot prizes. Sponsor: GATEWAY RC

Santa Fly In

FL

12/05/09 - Dunnellon, FL (C) Santa Fly In. Site: Rainbow Field. Richard Lafontaine CD, 4283 N Pink Poppy Dr Beverly Hills FL 34465 PH:352-746-7425 email: lafontaine5@aol.com. Visit www.tricountyrc.com. Landing fee \$10 or \$10 gift for a child. Sponsor: TRI COUNTY RC

Sarasota Warbirds

FL

12/05/09 - Sarasota, FL (C) Sarasota Warbirds. Site: Club Field. Tom Smith CD, 6305 Hawkins Rd Sarasota FL 34241 PH:941-924-7662 email: easelon@comcast.net. Visit www.sarasotarc.com. RV's welcome no hookups, food on site, any military aircraft any size, noise limit 104dB at 9 ft. Sponsor: SARASOTA RC SQUADRON

Southern Dawn Patrol

GA

12/04/09-12/05/09 - Andersonville, GA (C) Southern Dawn Patrol. Site: Hodges Hobbies. Dale Cavin CD, 5098 Old Hickory Cir Marianna FL 32446 PH:850-526-3910 email: dcavin@earthlink.net. Visit www.chipolarcaviators.com. Scale WWI Warbird Fly In, open to all RC models of warbirds produced through 1918, limited RV hookups and other camping on site, plaques and awards for various categories, landing fee \$20. Sponsor: CHIPOLA RC AVIATORS

2009 Orlando Helicopter Blowout

FL

12/11/09-12/13/09 - Orlando, FL (C) 2009 Orlando Helicopter Blowout. Site: Club Field. Carey Shurley CD, PO Box 953303 Lake Mary FL 32795 PH:321-377-7676 email: carey.surley@gmail.com. Visit www.torchs.org. helicopter only fun fly event, camping allowed no hookups, event times are 8am-5pm fri-sat, 8am-3pm sun, landing fee preregister\$20, at event \$25, visit our website to preregister. Sponsor: TORCHS and RCACF

3rd Annual Electric Jets Over Ocala

FL

12/11/09-12/13/09 - Ocala, FL (C) 3rd Annual Electric Jets Over Ocala. Site: Club Field. Gary Doeren CD, 7284 SW 111th Lane Ocala FL 34476 PH:920-737-4852 email: grdoeren@aol.com. Visit www.ocalaflingmodelclub.com. Pylon race and speed runs for fastest jet, pilot and spectator choice awards, 200 acres of FL Greenway with a 48' x 600' paved runway, we have a spacious pavillion with four smaller covered shelters all with electrical outlets, primitive camping with no electrical hookups, food and drink available. Sponsor: OCALA FLYING MODEL CLUB



Upcoming AMA Regional Events

Toys for Tots Warbird Fly In

FL

12/12/09 - Tallahassee, FL (C) Toys for Tots Warbird Fly In. Site: Club Field. Franklin Bastos CD, 3513 Castlebar Cir Tallahassee FL 32309 PH:850-264-0122 email: fbastos@comcast.net. Visit www.seminolerc.com. \$10 landing fee will be waived in lieu of New Unwrapped toy, open to all categories, food and drink on site. Sponsor: SEMINOLE RC

Gateway Winter Swap Meet and Fly In

FL

12/12/09 - Jacksonville, FL (C) Gateway Winter Swap Meet and Fly In. Site: Lannie Rd Flying Field. James Willis CD, 2268 Wallaby Ave Middleburg FL 32068 PH:904-446-5266 email: jwracehorse@excite.com. Visit www.gateway.org. Concession stand, ele power, restrooms, shelter, early arrival contact CD, gates open 7am. Sponsor: GATEWAY RC

Toys for Tots Fly In

FL

12/12/09 - Delray Beach, FL (C) Toys for Tots Fly In. Site: West Delray Regional Park. Alexander Acuti CD, 8204 SW 11th Ct N Lauderdale FL 33068 PH:954-257-2435 email: spitfireluckyb@yahoo.com. Visit www.palmbeachrc.com. Join us for a day of flying and fun in support of the US Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program. Landing fee: new unwrapped toys value \$10, for every \$10 value toy brought by the pilot, pilot will receive a raffle ticket. Registration and aircraft inspection 7am, flying from 9am to 4pm, food and beverages available, all aircraft welcome. Sponsor: PALM BEACH RADIO CONTROL ASSN

Fall Electric Classic

FL

12/12/09-12/13/09 - Venice, FL (C) Fall Electric Classic. Site: Venice Memorial Field. George Faketty CD, 219 Coral Rd venice FL 34293 PH:741-493-1082 email: g.faketty@juno.com. Sponsor: RC FLIERS OF VENICE

Deck the Gym

GA

12/13/09 - Powder Springs, GA (A) Deck the Gym for Cat I 202, 203, 206, 217, 220(JSO), 208, 212, 215, 218-219(J)(SO). Site: Ward Recreation Center. Pete Brown CD, 221 Woodland Way NW Cartersville GA 30120 PH:770-336-0670 email: thebrowngang6@comcast.net. Visit www.thermalthumbers.com. Sponsor: THERMAL THUMBERS OF METRO ATLANTA

King Orange Free Flight

FL

12/29/09-12/31/09 - Palm Bay, FL (AAA) King Orange Free Flight for Cat III 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 101C, 102-103C, 104-105C, 129, 140, 142, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 158, 160, 161, 162, 501(JSO). Site: Club Field. Joe Clawson CD, 401 Almansa St Palm Bay FL 32907 PH:321-984-8718 email: claw3132@bellsouth.net. Sponsor: FLORIDA MODEL ASSOC



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.

Checking Accounts

Capital City Bank \$000.00
Premier Bank \$000.00

Savings Accounts

Capital City Savings \$000.00
Premier Bank CD \$000.00

PayPal Account

\$000.00

Funds for Deposit

\$000.00

Cash On Hand

\$000.00

Total Assets

\$000.00

Income for the period

Dues / New Memberships \$000.00 Interest in Savings/Checking 000.00

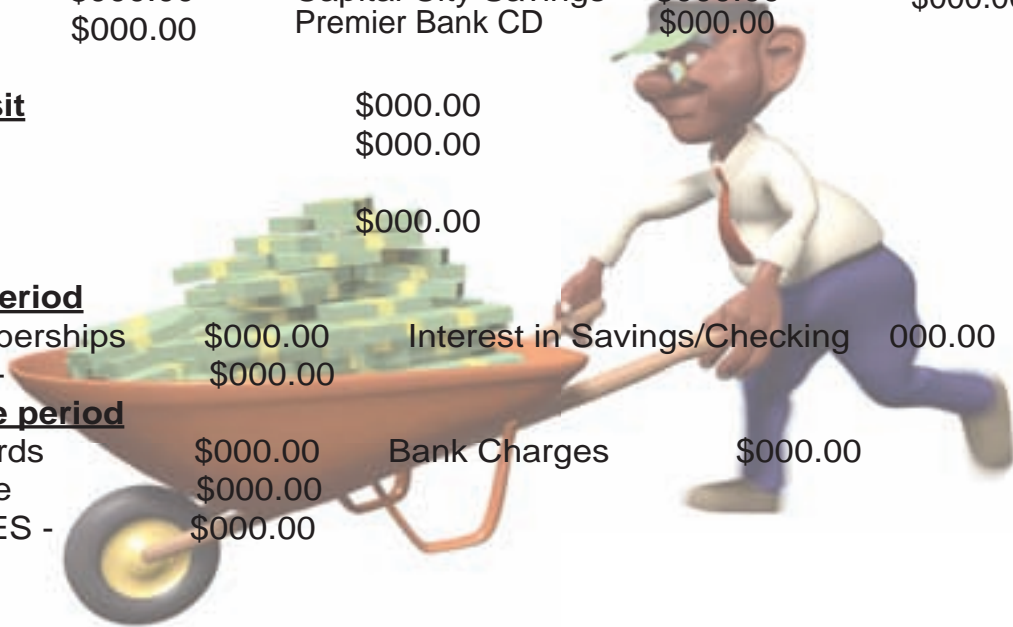
TOTAL INCOME - \$000.00

Expenses for the period

Plaques and Awards \$000.00 Bank Charges \$000.00

Field Maintenance \$000.00

TOTAL EXPENSES - \$000.00



Chief Scribe- Geoff Lawrence

The November meeting was called to order at 7:02pm on Thursday, November 5, 2009, the first at our new Hobby-Town location. Welcome new members Tom Prebys and Joseph Simmons. Welcome visitor Loran Legacy.

Geoff Lawrence read the October minutes, motion to accept was made, seconded and passed. Theo Titus read the treasurers report. Motion to accept was made, seconded and passed. The club purchased three subscriptions of Model Aviation magazine to donate to Lincoln, Leon, and Florida High Schools to complete requirements for designation as an AMA Leader Club.

Old Business:

Mike Atkinson reported on the Killearn Lakes Float Fly. The flyers as well as neighbors all enjoyed it. Fred Schmidt sent a letter to the Homeowners Association thanking them for the opportunity to fly and opening the door more events in the future. HobbyTown reports they have the new ThunderTiger floatplanes in stock.

Upcoming events were discussed including the Warbird Fly In on 11/21 with no landing fee. The Toys for Tots Open Fly In scheduled for 12/12 will have a landing fee, toys or cash. Frank Bastos has made arrangements to have a Marine Corp representative on site to accept the gifts. Frank also notified the newspaper and television stations of the event.

Jeff Owens discussed the different levels of the AMA Leader Club designation and requirements. To complete requirements, Mike A. will post the local club rules and AMA Safety Code on signs in the shed. The most important reason for achieving the Leader Club designation is to show the County the Seminole R/C Club is a certified good neighbor in the park community.

Mike A. discussed the upcoming Cross Country event scheduled for 11/7. The last event of the year is scheduled for 12/5 with no events scheduled after that until midsummer next year.



Chief Scribe- Geoff Lawrence (Cont.)

HobbyTown is hosting a Swap Meet at HobbyTown on 12/5.

John Hall presented his findings on the solar panels. He determined the two 15w panels currently in use are way too small for the way they are being used. A serious solar power setup to supply the club charging needs will require two 100w panels costing \$700-\$800. If the new cross country track gets upgraded to NCAA rules, the County may be installing power, water, and telephone lines, possibly as early as next Spring. It was decided to table the solar panel discussion until it's determined if the County will be upgrading the park. They may request a waiver on the NCAA requirements.

New Business:

Theo Titus reported several members have not reported their AMA numbers for the roster. Theo will be running cross checks for AMA membership and send out notices as needed.

A volunteer is needed to be present at the field for the next cross country meet. Thank you Dan Ouellet.

To comply with AMA requirements, Mike A. read the 2010 AMA Safety Code.

David Mills purchased a new club grill for \$234. Motion to reimburse David was made, seconded and passed.

Jim Ogorek expressed the need for more publicity of our club events.

2010 Nominations and Elections

Mike A. stated all club officers have offered to stay on for the next year but nominations for all positions are welcome and strongly encouraged.

David Humphreys was nominated for president by David Mills.

Nominations will remain open at the December meeting at which time a slate of officers will be chosen and elections held.

With no more announcements and no more business, the motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 8:05pm

SPECIAL THANKS TO FRANK BASTOS AND HOBBYTOWN FOR USE OF THE FACILITIES AND COOKING

Added Notes:

As required by Article VII of the Constitution, election of officers will be held at the December meeting. Elected positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Safety Officer, Field Marshall, and Newsletter Editor are appointed/volunteer positions. As stated by our President at the November meeting, all officers are willing to accept nominations to continue their positions for 2010. Having said that, the current officers would be very happy to see additional nominations from the floor at the December meeting for all officer positions.

Unfortunately David Humphreys has withdrawn his nomination for President because, according to the records, he's not quite been a member for a year as required by paragraph 2 of the by-laws.



Chief Scribe- Geoff Lawrence (Cont.)

If you've ever considered assisting the club in any of the officer positions, and meet the requirements, do not hesitate to speak up. Getting nominated should be no problem.

If anyone feels he can better manage the affairs of the Club, or simply take a turn at helping out, this is the time and place to make it known. Several dedicated members have served in all elected positions in years past. You will only get out of the Seminole RC Club what you put in. This is your opportunity to put in, and get back, very much.

Afterburner

Here are some great photos of the Warbird Fly-In that member Jim Ogorek took. Jim is longtime RC pilot and not a bad photographer to boot. ENJOY!



Seminole Radio Control Club Tallahassee, FL

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SRCC Officers

President – **Mike Atkinson**
Vice President – **Mike Kinsey**
Secretary – **Geoff Lawrence**
Newsletter Editor – **Michael Hupp**
Treasurer – **Theo Titus**
Field Marshall – **Joe Satterwhite**
Field Safety Officer- **Gordie Meade**

Field Hours

For Gas and Nitro (wet) - 12:00 noon until dark
For Electric - 9:00 a.m. until dark

Training Notes

To schedule a training time contact Mike Atkinson.

Flight Instructors

Mike Atkinson- Primary/ Advanced Flight Instructor (Coordinator)	926-4692
Mike Kinsey- Primary/ Advanced Flight Instructor	
Geoff Lawrence- Primary/ Advanced Flight Instructor	942-9807
John Hall- Primary/ Advanced Helicopter Flight Instructor	893-6457
Jay Leudecke- Primary/ Advanced Helicopter Flight Instructor	508-7135
Jeff Owens- Ground School/ Airworthiness Instructor (Fixed Wing)	894-2504
Frank Bastos- Hobby Town Flight Demonstrator	671-2030

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 USA located in the Capital Plaza, 1812 Thomasville Road. It is on the southwest corner at the intersection of Thomasville Road and Glenview Drive. Look for the Red Elephant restaurant.

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.

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. Vector art accepted in Corel, Illustrator and AUTOCAD format. We will, however, accept anything to make it easier for those who wish to contribute. Submissions are due no later than the 23rd of the month. Send your submissions to Michael Hupp - hbhobbies@gmail.com

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