# The Seminole Flyer



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# **December 2014 Holiday Issue**

# A Special Gift for Some Great Kids

On December 14, Betsy and Marshal Fisher presented a check for \$1,100 to the Shands Children's Miracle Network on behalf of the Seminole Radio Control Club. Stephanie Nicholas, the local representative of the Children's Miracle Network, accepted the check.

Most of us know Marshal. Geoff Lawrence brought him to the field to experience RC flight during our annual *Believe in a Cure Event*. Marshall had unbridled enthusiasm over all the models. He investigated each one up close and asked about all of the details. He delighted in flying the club trainer with Geoff Lawrence.

Marshal's mother, Betsy, told Geoff Lawrence how much Marshal enjoyed the day and that is all he talked about since. Marshall has cancer and he must travel to Shands in Gainesville frequently for chemotherapy because there are no pediatric cancer centers or doctors in Tallahassee. The unit he stays in for chemo is part of the



Betsy, Marshal and Stephanie

Shands Children's Miracle Network. Betsy says they are fabulous and she doesn't know what they would do without them.

# A Message from Stephanie



Stephanie Nicholas is very appreciative of our gift to the children's miracle network. She shared a few thoughts with us.

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals® raise funds for 170 children's hospitals across North America, which, in turn, use the money where it is needed most. When a donation is given, it stays in the community—ensuring every dollar

helps local kids.

Right now, CMN Hospitals, like UF Health Shands Children's Hospital, are working to save the lives of area kids. In fact, 62 children enter a CMN Hospital for treatment every minute—that's one child every second. Some are battling cancer. Some are suffering a traumatic injury. Others require constant care because they were born too early. Regardless of why the kids are there, these CMN Hospitals always have their doors open.

Since 1983, CMN has raised more than \$4.7 billion, most of which is contributed \$1 at a time. These donations have helped fund research and training, cutting-edge equipment and uncompensated care—all in support of our mission to save and improve the lives of as many children

as possible.

Because every last dollar contributed to Children's Miracle Network stays local, your generous support will help the patients at UF Health Shands Children's Hospital. Dollars raised in CMN events, campaigns, programs and initiatives fund the purchasing of life-saving medical equipment, pediatric research and patient- education materials. Last fiscal year, more than 8,200 clinical and emergency visits at UF Health were from patients in our local areas.

This is a cause that we should continue to champion in the future.

Stephanie enjoyed her visit on a different level, also. It turns out that she built model airplanes with her father when she was young and really appreciates the hobby. In fact, her father Mr. Flagg was a member of our club several years ago. She really enjoyed flying the club's trainer.

— Information on the CMN provided by University of Florida Health

# **Club Meeting News**

Randy Yarborough, Secretary

#### Call to order

President Mike Levine called the December 18, 2014, meeting of the Seminole Radio Control Club to order at 7:07 PM. Approximately 40 members and guests were in attendance for this holiday party meeting.

New member Dan Callahan introduced himself the group.

### Secretary's Report - Randy Yarborough

The November 20, 2014, meeting minutes were approved as published in the November club newsletter.

### Treasurer's Report - Bill Ashbaker

The club now has 102 members. 84 are general members, 14 are family members, 3 are associate members and 1 is a junior member.

There are no expenses anticipated for the near future beyond normal field maintenance.

The November club financial report was approved.

### Safety Officer Report - Jim Ogorek

There were a couple of loss of control incidents at the field recently.

Jim had a friendly discussion with Leon County representatives about recent and proposed activities in the vicinity of our runway. Jim explained that the "warm up" running track and a proposed disc golf course may violate the terms of our lease and our AMA insurance for the county. The county officials agreed to work closely with us.

### **Training Officer Report - Geoff Lawrence**

The club purchased a new DX6i transmitter and receiver for the trainer. The club now has the Apprentice, a glider and a Cessna 182, provided by Diamond Hobby, for training.

A generous club member, who wants to remain anonymous, donated two FlySky i6 radios for use as a buddy box pair for the trainer.

Geoff proposed that the club purchase a used computer and set it up as a dedicated RC flight simulator for loan to appropriate students. The proposal was approved.

### Field Marshal Report - Gordie Meade

The runway is in good shape. The grass is not growing during winter.

#### **Old Business**

A check for \$1,100 was presented to the Shands Children's Miracle Network at a small ceremony at the field on December 14th. The donation was a result of our "Believe in a Cure" charity fundraiser. Stephanie Nicholas, the local representative of CMN, expressed enthusiasm for providing support for our event next year.

The club registered to participate in the 32nd Annual Children's Day at the Museum of Florida History on January 31st 2015 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Volunteers are needed. Contact Dan Ouellet at dan@danosoft.com.

#### **New Business**

Marianna Florida Civil Air Patrol Cadets have requested trainer demonstration and flying time at the SRCC field from 10:00-2:00 on January 3, 2015, weather permitting. Lt. Blakley will bring approximately 15 students to the field with parents and chaperons. They will have equal time on the trainers and will be eating lunch at our picnic table area.

Please come out and show our support for these visiting young people and adults. We need some volunteer trainers to keep the training pace going. We now have the Apprentice and glider available for the demonstrations and flying.

Randy announced that the club has received a 40 inch color TV that can be used with a computer for flight sim-

ulation demonstrations. Randy will hold the TV until we develop a plan for it.

The president reminded everyone that dues are due.

There was a discussion about ordering new shirts for club members. Both sweatshirts for cooler weather and long sleeve T-shirts were discussed. The president will get price quotes for both.

A short recess was held to count the votes for 2015 club officers. The 2015 club officers are:

Mike Levine — President

Randy Yarborough — Vice President

Matthew Hendrix — Secretary

Bill Ashbaker — Treasurer

Mike Levine announced that he would like to explore adding more positions to the Board of Directors in the new year.

Vice President elect, Randy Yarborough, announced he would like to initiate monthly fun-flying contests next year. More to come on this.

### **Next meeting**

January 15, 2015, at Beef O Brady's, 1800 Thomasville Road, 7:00 pm in meeting room.

### Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM.

### **New Members**

Several new member have joined the club over the past few weeks. Please welcome Dan Callahan, Mac Harper, Mike Lassiter and Scott Shirley when you get the chance.

### Around the Field . . .

### A Beautiful Fall Day:



On the Line



What's That Thing For?



A View from Above — Courtesy of Bob Tilden



More Gossiping than Flying

Bob — Thanks for the New Windsock

### **Classified Ads**

Anyone in the club who wants to sell or buy RC equipment, send an email to seminoleradiocontrolclub@gmail.com with a very short description. We prefer a one or two line description: what it is, condition, price, who to contact and email or phone.

#### For Sale

### **Airplanes**

### **Powerplants**

SAITO FA-82a 4-Stroke Nitro Engine with extras, new in box, \$490, Bill Ashbaker, bill.ashbaker@comcast.net

### **Electrical Accessories**

Thunder Power LiPo Charger Model TP-1010C, like new, \$40, Bill Ashbaker, bill.ashbaker@comcast.net

### **Field Equipment**

Hobbico Ultra-Tote Plywood Kit, new in box, \$12, Bill Ashbaker, bill.ahbaker@comcast.net

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### **SRCC Officers**

President Mike Levine southwoodmike@yahoo.com

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Field Safety Officer Jim Ogorek jim.ogorek@yahoo.com

Field Marshal Gordie Meade <u>Imeade@fsu.edu</u>

Training Coordinator Geoff Lawrence <u>k4nkc@comcast.net</u>

### **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 Randy Yarborough 850-523-0020

Mike Levine 860-922-4050 Jim Ogorek 850-766-2477

Jeff Owens 850-644-4765 Matthew Hendrix 954-448-2738

Bill Ashbaker 850-656-5932

### **Field Hours**

Electrics/Sailplanes 9:00 AM till 9:00 PM

Gassers/Nitros 12 Noon till Dusk

Electric Service 8:30 AM till 9:15 PM

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