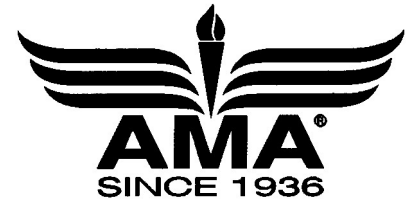


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The Seminole Radio Control Club is doing some badly needed early spring cleaning. Over the last couple of years, members have noted multiple versions of our clubs operating and safety rules. One version of our rules was posted on a sign in our shed at the field. Another version was posted on our Internet website. Another version was being provided to new members to acquaint them with field operations and safety. Some portions of these versions conflicted and caused confusion. And, some portions of our operational and safety rules were not up-to-date with current AMA requirements for UAV flight.

Over the last few years, we tried to update our rules as needed. These efforts led to the various versions. Further, our operational and safety rules were embedded in our club bylaws and were cumbersome to

change. Consequently, versions of our rules were developed that are out of sync with our bylaws.

Members discussed possible changes to our bylaws and updates to our rules in our January club meeting. Members agreed that the operational and safety rules should be taken out of the club bylaws to allow more responsive to changes in our hobby. With the rules free from the bylaws, updates can be proposed in club meetings and voted on by the membership without lengthy wait periods. The club can be more responsive to changing needs of our hobby.

Members voted and unanimously approved removing the operational and safety rules from the bylaws and creating an updated standalone set of rules in our February club meeting. A copy of our new club rules follows on Page 3.

Club Meeting News

Jeff Owens, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on Thursday February 15, 2018 by President Jay Wiggins. Jay expressed thanks on behalf of the club to Theo Titus for the new US flag display that includes a solar powered light. There were 10 members in attendance plus one visitor (Philip Stewart.)

Vice-President's Report – Rhett Boudreaux reviewed plans for the Opening Day fly-in on Saturday March 10, 2018.

Secretary's Report – Jeff Owens – The minutes of the December and January meetings have been published in the combined December-January newsletter that is posted on the web. The minutes were approved as posted.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Bill Ashbaker gave the February report. The report was approved.

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

Field Marshall's Report – Gordie Meade – no

activity to report as nothing is growing. Geoff Lawrence took the mower in for servicing. This has been completed and the mower is back in the storage container. The field will need about 300 lbs of fertilizer later in the spring. We need to replace the spreader which “disappeared.”

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

Old Business – Four amendments to the By-laws were approved. 1. Article III, B, 1 (14-0); Article III, C, 3 (14-0); Grievance Procedure C, 6 (14-0); Article VIII (13-1). The proposed new operational and safety ruse were approved (12-0).

New Business – None

Show and Tell – Jay Wiggins showed pictures of his recovery of his Bampf. It had crashed in the pond last year and was visible now that the water level has dropped. Gordie offered to clean the engine and send it in for servicing.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

Save the Date!

Our SRCC Opening Day Event

Saturday, March 10th

Food * Fun Fly * Swap Meet

SEMINOLE RADIO CONTROL CLUB OPERATIONAL & SAFETY RULES

February 15, 2018

A. Flying Field Operational Rules

1. The Seminole Radio Control Club (SRCC) Field is a private radio controlled flying field leased to the SRCC by Leon County and maintained by SRCC members. All members and guests shall comply with Leon County Apalachee Regional Park rules and regulations, the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) National Model Aircraft Safety Code and these Seminole Radio Control Club Operational and Safety Rules.
2. Members shall display SRCC badges at all times and AMA cards must be available upon request. A member who forgets his/her badge may fly provided the member's name is on the eligible members list, posted on the notice board.
3. Visitors are always welcome. However, our lease with Leon County requires current AMA membership for all flyers and membership in the SRCC is required for continued use of this facility. Non-members are permitted to fly up to three (3) times provided they have current AMA membership and are sponsored by an active SRCC member who is present and assumes responsibility for his or her activities while flying.
4. Non-members without AMA membership shall not be allowed to fly except by "buddy box" or very close supervision by a SRCC member who is able to take control of the aircraft immediately. If a non-member challenges this rule, the non-member is to be informed that the field jurisdiction is controlled by lease agreement with the Leon County Parks and Recreation Department.
5. Solo pilots who are AMA members under the Park Flyer program are restricted to flying electric aircraft that weigh 2 pounds or less and be incapable of reaching speeds greater than 60 mph. If a member acquires an aircraft that does not meet these specifications, the member must upgrade his/her AMA membership to Youth or Adult as appropriate before the new aircraft is flown at the field.
6. Non-powered or electric aircraft shall be operated between 1/2 hour before sunrise and 1/2 hour after sunset. Nitro or gas aircraft shall have a muffler and be operated between 10:00 AM and 1/2 hour after sunset, Monday through Saturday, and between 12:00 PM (noon) and 1/2 hour after sunset on Sunday. ^[1]_[SEP]
7. Pilots using 50 Mhz or 72 Mhz frequencies shall place the appropriate frequency pin on their transmitter antenna.
8. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are to be consumed on the property. The field is located in a county park and alcoholic beverages are prohibited by law.

B. Flying Field Safety Rules

1. The flying site flight line runs along the barrier fence and extends infinitely in both directions from the ends of the fence line. Pilots shall not allow flying aircraft to cross to the spectator side of the flight line except over the pond on the south side of the field during approach to landing.

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2. Aircraft shall be operated from the pilot stations only. Pilot stations are behind the flight line fence in the middle of each section, not in the openings.
3. Only pilots and spotters are allowed on the flight line. Children shall not be permitted beyond the spectator area unless under the direct supervision of an adult or under flight instruction.
4. No more than four aircraft shall be in the air at any given time.
5. Pilots shall make appropriate announcements when taking off, landing or in emergency situations.
6. Landing aircraft have the right-of-way over aircraft taking off, taxiing or hovering. Fixed wing aircraft may not be landed in an east to west direction in front of the pilot stations.
7. There shall be no 3-D flying or hovering over the runway while other aircraft are in the air. Otherwise, all acrobatic and 3-D flying shall be performed east of the runway to not disturb other pilots.
8. Pilots shall not taxi on the spectator side of the flight line. A pilot who starts an aircraft behind the flight line shall carry it to the flight line before taxi and take off. After the flight, pilots shall stop the engine before crossing the flight line. Aircraft shall be started or electric aircraft shall be armed on the starting tables or on the ground near the flight line. Helicopters may be started under the shelter, but should be kept idling and in "throttle hold" until taken to the runway or hover pad.
9. The grass circles (helipads) on the north and south sides of the pit and shelter area are for helicopter hovering and light 3D maneuvers. If the maneuvers take the aircraft outside the boundaries of the circle, the pilot shall transition to one of the designated pilot stations and perform the maneuvers to the east of the flight line. Small micro-size (less than 2 ounces flying weight) electric airplanes are permitted to use the circles for flying. Helicopters and small airplanes using the grass circles shall not be considered as a part of the total number of aircraft in the air. Prolonged helicopter hovering should be performed at one of the two designated helipads and not over the runway.
10. The running trail shall be monitored for joggers entering from either direction. When joggers are present, all flying shall be restricted to the opposite end of the flying area until the joggers are clear.
11. The areas of airspace over the county recycling center to the southeast of the field, over the parking area and recreational fields south of the field, and west of the flight line are no-fly zones.
12. Flight operations shall stop during electrical storms.
13. First person view (FPV) flying:
 - a. FPV pilots are required to have a spotter next to him or her maintaining visual line of sight with the aircraft throughout its flight. ^[1]_[SEP]
 - b. The operational range of the model is limited to the spotter's visual line of sight. The spotter shall maintain visual contact with the model without enhancement other than by corrective lenses prescribed for the spotter. The flight path of FPV operations shall be limited to the designated flying site and approved overfly area.

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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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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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