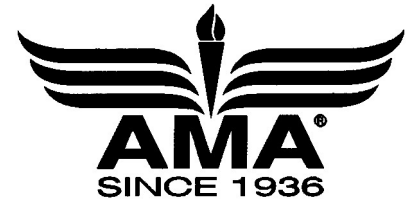


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We Are Golden!



Seminole RC Club officers inspecting the spacious area where our new runway will be located.

Our club is officially 50 years old this year. We will kick off our 50th year with a celebration day event on Saturday, March 9 with great food, fun, raffles and more. For seafood lovers, we will feature a low country boil and for landlubbers we will have hot dogs and hamburgers. These delicacies will be available for five dollars per person.

We will have special activities such as a buyers' remorse sale for members who purchased RC items in Perry the week before. We will also have auctions for special items. And for a brief period, we will have practice pylon races in anticipation of our new racing season.

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We have much to celebrate. Not only do we have a beautiful, first-class flying site, but in a year from now, we may be flying from our new, permanent airfield. It will be situated in a beautiful, wide-open space away from trees and obstructions and no “candy cane” landfill vents.

In our last issue of the Florida flyer, we talked about a temporary space with limited facilities and no electricity. **All of that has changed.**

President Jay Wiggins has been working closely with county officials and the Board of Directors recently toured our probable new location on top of an old landfill. It is everything that we could hope for. . . permanent not temporary, wide-open relative to trees and obstructions and away from other park activities.

There is enough room to orient the runway for optimal flying relative to the position of the sun throughout the year. Much less flying with the sun in our eyes.

Smoothing and planting grass for a new runway could begin soon. This will allow several months for the runway to mature before we move.

President Jay is working with county officials to arrange tours for all club members in the near future. Facilities will be nearly the same as we have now, but with much more room. However, Jay and your other club officers are open to any suggestions that you may have to make our new facilities better than they are now.

Let Us Remember

Bill Atkinson
1939 — 2019



Bill was born in Jacksonville, Florida on July 22, 1939. Bill owned and operated Atkinson Supply Company, Inc. for 42 years. Bill is the father of Mike Atkinson and was a member of the Seminole

RC Club for more than a decade. Several of our members remember his friendly demeanor and willingness to help out. He will be missed.

Club Meeting News

Jeff Owens, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM on Thursday February 21, 2019 by President Jay Wiggins.

Visitors – Ray Carver and Diane Cox. There were 26 members and two guests in attendance.

Member Recognition –A moment of remembrance was held for Bill Atkinson, father of Dr. Mike Atkinson; Robin Driscoll for his recent newsletter article (articles are always appreciated by the Editor!); Bill Ashbaker for his work as Newsletter Editor; Geoff Lawrence and Troy Emmett for pressure washing the club storage container; Richard Feezel and Jim Ogorek for their work on the new field layout; the Board of Directors for meeting three times in the last five weeks to keep up with club business; Theo Titus for the flyers for our 50th anniversary Spring Opener Celebration; Geoff Lawrence for taking care of the mower maintenance; Gordie Meade for mowing.

Vice-President's Report – Rhett Boudreaux – the Spring Opener will be held on Saturday March 9, 2019. There will be a Buyer's Remorse Swap Meet (for the stuff you regretted buying at Perry), a Raffle, and an Auction. Food will be available – hamburgers, hot dogs, and Jay's famous **Low Country Boil**.

Secretary's Report – Jeff Owens – The minutes of the January meeting were posted on the web in the Newsletter. The minutes were approved as posted.

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

Training Report – Geoff Lawrence – the new Club Trainer (an FMS Super EZ) is ready to go. This is similar to one that we already have and it has proven to be quite suitable for training.

Field Marshall Report – Gordie Meade – the field has been mowed.

Safety Report – Jim Ogorek – if someone appears to be having trouble flying their plane, don't automatically rush up and offer to help. This may be distracting - wait for them to ask.

The new FAA ruling requires FAA registration numbers and AMA numbers to be displayed on the outside of the model. While the Club will not police this, it would be wise for us to adhere to the regulations due to our proximity to the Capital and our desire to remain in good standing with the County. Jim also mentioned a Google App called remodelaircraft-fields which appears to be quite useful for locating club fields.

Old Business – Jay called for a volunteer to act as scorekeeper for the pylon racing – Troy Emmett and Dave Bussey stepped up. He also called for a volunteer to set up and take down the pylons for each event – John McClelland volunteered.

New Business – the 10 month lease agreement was approved by the County Commission. After December 31, 2019 we will have a month-to-month lease. It looks likely that we will be moved to a new permanent location that differs from the previously proposed site. This would be a one-time move to a site just north of the previously proposed site. It would be on a section of the landfill that was closed some 15 years ago or so and settling of the site should be less of a problem. Negotiations are still underway with a meeting with County officials scheduled for March 6. Options for facilities at the new site were discussed including what to do with the old container – the roof is in bad shape and a new option will likely be needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM after which there was "Show and Tell" with several pylon racing planes displayed. A drawing was held to determine the rudder colors for the various pylon racers. The results were given to Jay in preparation for the new pylon racing season.

Where Have the Last Fifty Years Gone?



A young club member at Dale Mabry Field in 1970

Time flies when you're having fun! But we need to hit the pause button and look back after fifty years. Our club has a rich history of struggles, triumphs, generosity, dedication and community service.

We are proud that we have survived and flourished for fifty years, but our roots go back even further. Some adventurous individuals flew RC aircraft as early as the 1950s. The equipment was crude by today's standards and models were short-lived, but they loved the hobby. They flew at the construction site of the "new" Tallahassee Municipal Airport while Dale Mabry Field was still Tallahassee's commercial service airport. (The Tallahassee Municipal Airport was later replaced by our current airport in 1989. The sole survivor of those early days is our own Bob Burke.

The intrepid early RC fliers migrated to Dale Mabry Field after it closed in 1961. However, our club did not officially begin until 1969 with twelve members and annual dues of \$12.00. The fact that our club relocated eight times since our beginning lends perspective to anticipating a move to a new field. Some of our prior fields were not good compared to what we have and what we anticipate.

More than 17 club presidents led us through good times and bad over the last fifty years. At one time, we even had a full-scale revolution that split the club into two groups never to be rejoined.

This is just a teaser. Over the next few months, I plan to flesh out our interesting history and publish it in this newsletter. I hope you enjoy.

-- Bill Ashbaker

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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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