

The Seminole Flyer



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Club Auction and BBQ Takeout

Spring has sprung. The club auction has begun!

Bidding commenced this week and will continue through email until 8 AM on Saturday, March 6. Club President Jay Wiggins has already sent separate emails describing each aircraft, and you may bid by replying to his email. At 8 AM on Saturday, the auction will shift to an in-person event at the overflow parking lot just west of the flying field (look for signs showing you where to go). Aircraft showing starts at 10:30 AM and bidding closes at 11:30 AM.

Sealed, individually boxed dinners from Dreamland BBQ will arrive at noon. The club will provide dinner for each member and a guest. The dinner options are described in an email already sent to club members. **You must reserve your dinner(s) no later than 10 AM on Wednesday, March 3.** The club will also provide a cooler of drinks, but nothing else.

Models will be displayed under individual EZ Ups that will be widely spaced in accordance with Leon County's Covid guidelines. Masks are required under the EZ Ups. A clipboard with a bid sheet will be placed next to each model. **You must bring your own pen to enter a bid on the bid sheet.**

Please bring your own hand sanitizer, chairs, etc. as the club is providing no other infrastructure.

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Next Club Meeting

March 18, 2021
7 PM via Zoom

Remember that the nearest port-o-let will be over at the field. Please haul out your own garbage.

Masks are required to pick up your dinner(s). After pickup, do what you like: set up and picnic or take them home.

Finally, if the weather turns really nasty, the auction will be called off. However, since dinners are ordered in advance, your dinner will be there, rain or shine!

To assist you in the bid process, an At-a-Glance chart on the next page shows the models being auctioned, the minimum bid for each, and the minimum bid increase. Happy Bidding!

Auctioned Models At-A-Glance

	Aircraft	Minimum Bid	Minimum Bid Increase
	Parkzone Corsair	\$30	\$2
	Parkzone T-28	\$30	\$2
	35cc 72" Yak 54	\$150	\$5
	Precision Aerobatics Addiction X Pro	\$100	\$5
	30cc Great Planes Pitts Biplane	\$200	\$5
	Blade 500X Heli	\$100	\$5

Pandemic Projects

The rain, wind, and muddy conditions at the field may have kept many of us from flying, but they didn't keep Jim Ogorek from building. He sends news of three completed projects. First is a Cessna 185 from Mr. Aerodesign. The struts are finished, just not added for the photo.



Next is a Sunday Flyer from Old School Model Works.



Finally, Jim recovered a Unionville Beaver that he built originally in 2004.





Yippee! It's back!

My all-time-ever favorite airplane has always been the Park Zone T-28. It's tough, a fabulous flyer, and just loads of fun. I actually have three of them on my wall of shame and two more in excellent condition that I fly regularly. They have been out of production for quite a while. Well, Horizon Hobby has brought it back! Horizon has re-branded it as the E-flight T-28. But, they made no bones about it in their literature; this is the rebranded Park Zone T-28. There are very few differences.

The new E-flight has a different color scheme, bright gold/yellow. It has a beefed up motor mount, a beefed up forward landing gear arm, a stronger wing spar, and a heavier duty motor that will accept a 3-cell or 4-cell battery. For \$170 PNP, this is a great airplane. If you don't like a tricycle gear on our grass runway, take the gear off. This plane is a piece of cake to hand launch and belly land. I have not yet done the maiden but will just as soon as the field dries out! I hope to see you at the field, *Jay Wiggins*

PS 2/17/2021: I've done the maiden. With the 3-cell battery, it is the old ParkZone T-28, maybe not quite as lively. With the 4-cell, it flat tears up the sky! Also, I had no problem with the tricycle on the grass.

Extreme Flight NG



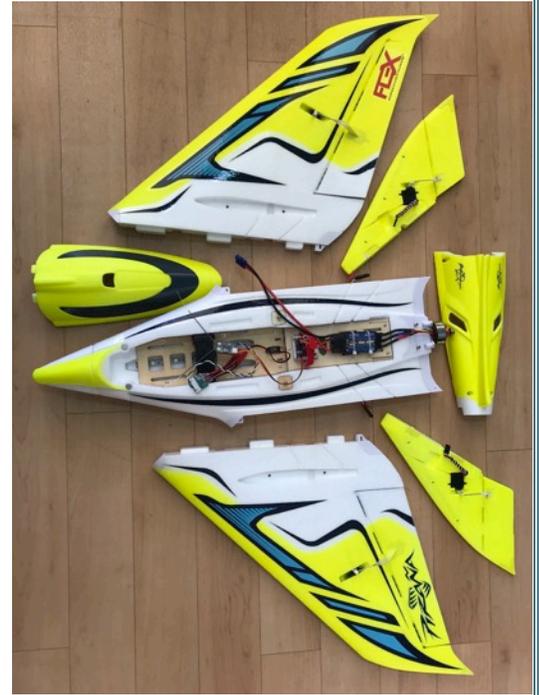
Troy Emmett reports that his new build is a 35% Extreme Flight NG, all carbon fiber fuselage and powered by a DA 120. He expects to have it completed by the first of April.

Flex Innovation's Pirana

This plane was easy to assemble, but as a novice builder, I'm learning some of those things that the manufacturers don't put in the instructions. First, it was binding the receiver. I followed the directions in the manual but the receiver wouldn't bind. Turns out, I was supposed to follow the instructions that came with this particular receiver. Then it was the prop. I couldn't get the prop nut off to install the prop no matter how much force I applied. Turns out, with a rear-facing prop, the nut screws on in



the opposite direction. Well, that sure made me feel stupid. Even worse, no sooner had I gotten the nut off, I tried to screw it back on the wrong way!

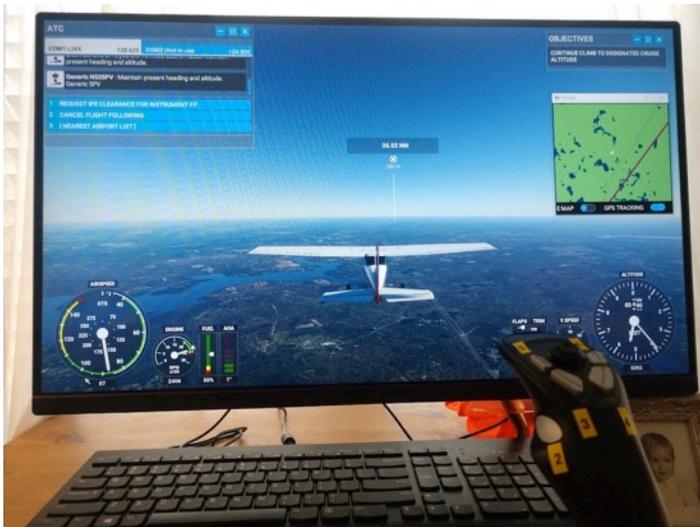


Now, with 5 pages of assembly instructions and more than twice that on the advanced flight control system *plus* 6s power, the maiden flight is

bound to be interesting. See you at the field! *Marcy Driscoll*

Flight Simulator Club

Too windy, rainy, or muddy to fly at our field? Or just want to have some flying fun off the field? Randy Yarborough sends this idea: "If members have the Microsoft Flight Simulator 2020, we could do some live flying together online. It has the ability to enter flight plans, airports, and other fun flying."



www.xbox.com/en/games/microsoft-flight-simulator.

Randy has the game installed on a Windows 10 PC and reports that it works great! Here is a screen shot of his Cessna152 flight from Tallahassee to Thomasville regional airports.

Club Meeting News

Jeff Owens, Secretary

This month's meeting was held as a video conference using Zoom. The meeting was called to order on Thursday February 18, 2021 by President Jay Wiggins at 7:00 PM with 20 persons signed on. Later, as many as 23 signed on.

Member Recognition – Marcy Driscoll for her work as the Newsletter editor and for setting up the Zoom meetings; Mike Atkinson for his training activities; Joe Satterwhite for his work with the safety line painting and for storing donated models for later auction; the Board of Directors for various contributions; Bill Ashbaker for all his behind-the-scenes activities that keep the Club running on the black; Jeff Owens for sending sympathy cards to members when appropriate; Jay Wiggins for all his photo updates on the progress being made on the new pavilion; Richard Feezel for pictures of the field; John McClelland for offering to fix the landfill gate; Gordie Meade and Jim and Dave Bussey for work on the new tables; Mike Atkinson for setting up the flight line safety tape and for taking over as the Safety Officer; Jim Ogorek for serving as Safety Officer for many years; Jim McKinnell for donating a new First Aid kit; Orlando Colon for donating flight training equipment and Robert Tilden for picking it up.

FAMU-FSU College of Engineering aircraft project – an update was provided by Jacob Pifer. A test flight of the aircraft will be held sometime in mid-April depending on construction progress.

County Liaison Update – Jay Wiggins – Jay discussed recent work done on the pavilion. The electrical work is nearly done. COVID restriction concerning social distancing and the wearing of masks under the pavilion were discussed. Our container is waiting in Jacksonville. There will be about a three-week lead time to get the container once the construction reaches the appropriate point.

Vice-President's report – Rhett Boudreaux – no activities to report.

Secretary's Report – Jeff Owens – The minutes of the January Zoom meeting were printed in the Newsletter which was also posted on the web. They were approved as posted.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Ashbaker – The report was presented and approved by the membership.

Field Report – Kits for the tables have been constructed and painted. Rain has made the field very muddy, leading to construction delays and field closures due to the wet conditions on the runway.

Safety Report – Mike Atkinson – a safety line has been established to keep pilots, planes, and spectators back from the flying area.

Training Report – Mike Atkinson – training is going well. The new equipment donated to the club is helping out.

Newsletter – Marcy Driscoll – keep sending pictures and reports of flying and building activity.

Old Business – none

New Business – A Club auction with box lunches will be on Saturday March 6, 2021. Six donated models are scheduled to be auctioned off. Details as to time, auction procedures, and how to sign up for a box lunch will be sent out when available.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

A Q&A session was held after the meeting was adjourned to provide advice to Jacob Pifer concerning his FAMU-FSU College of Engineering aircraft project.

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Tallahassee, FL

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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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Jeff Owens 850-545-7482
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Jim Ogorek 850-766-2477
Mike Atkinson (Tuesday only) 850-251-2694
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Field Hours

Electrics/Sailplanes	30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset 7 days/week
Gassers/Nitros	10 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.

The Seminole Flyer is a publication of the Seminole Radio Control Club of Tallahassee, FL. We welcome and encourage items for publishing in The Seminole Flyer. Please submit your suggestions to robin.marcy@gmail.com in Word format. Thank you.

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