

The Seminole Flyer



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Our pavilion got a floor and electricity this month. Between the concrete trucks and heavy rains, the area around the pad got pretty mushy, but that didn't stop the crews. Unfortunately, Weston Trawick suffered a slight setback when the heavy machinery damaged the electrical conduit coming up from the box at the road, but that was soon remedied.

Photos show the progress as the facility takes shape.



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Next Club Meeting

February 18, 2021
Via Zoom

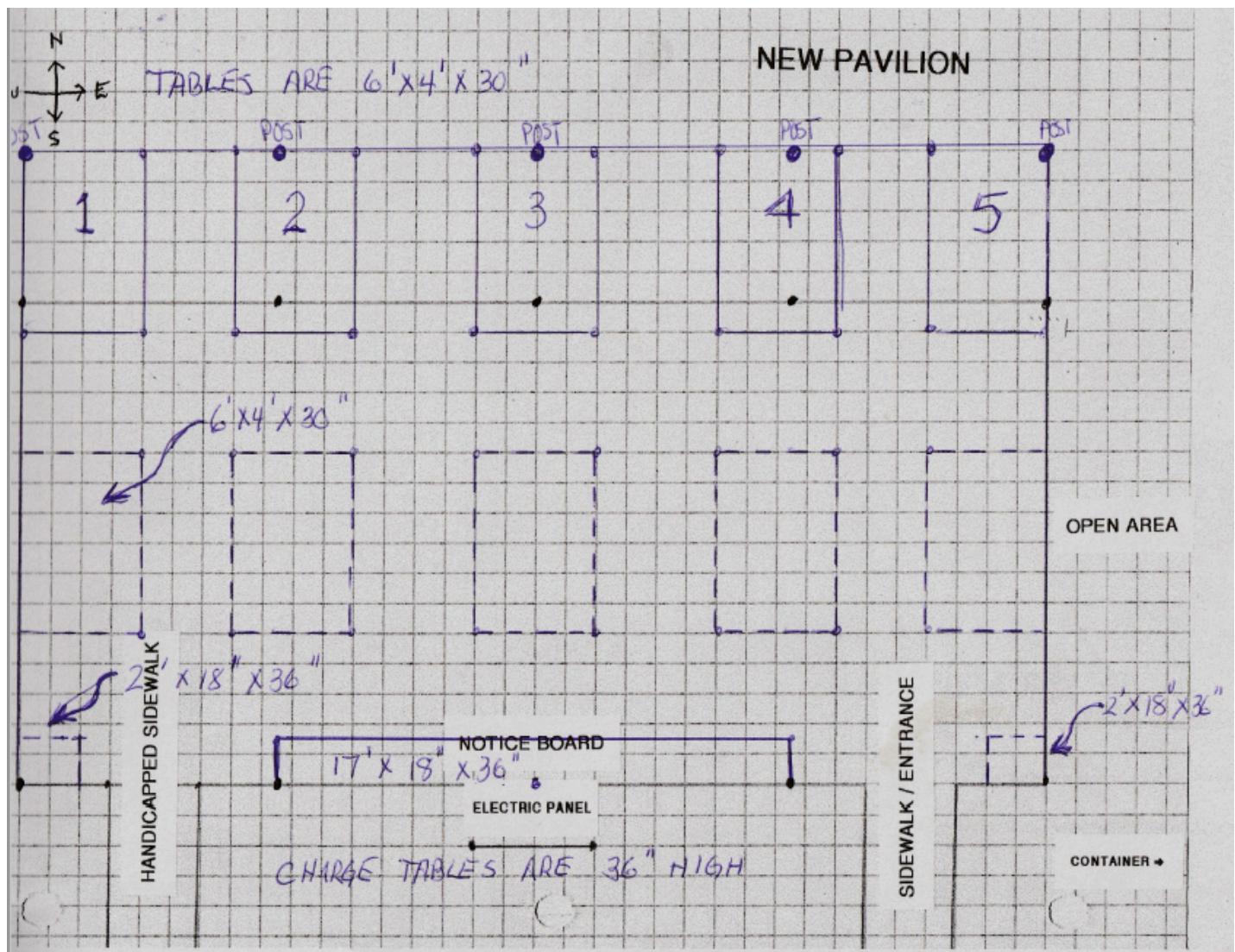


Draft Plan for Assembly Tables and Charging Stations Under the New Pavilion

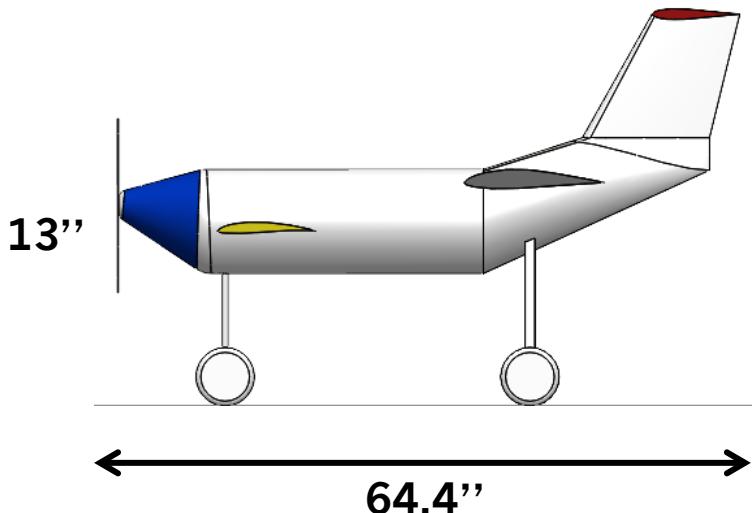
Led by Gordie Meade, club members are gearing up to build assembly tables and charging stations to install under the new pavilion. Gordie presented the proposed plan shown below at the January club meeting. The tables closest to the runway – labeled Tables 1-5 – would be constructed first, along with the charging benches at the side toward the parking lot. After the club has settled in and traffic patterns of use become established, the club can decide the precise configuration of the middle tables.

Spirited discussion followed Gordie's presentation regarding the proposed table heights, with some members expressing a preference for having at least a couple of tables higher than 30". (Everyone agreed, though, that the highest table at our old field was too tall!)

It's exciting to see how close we're getting to a finished facility. As Jay said, we've survived this long....



FAMU-FSU Engineering Team's "Golden Goose" Nears Completion

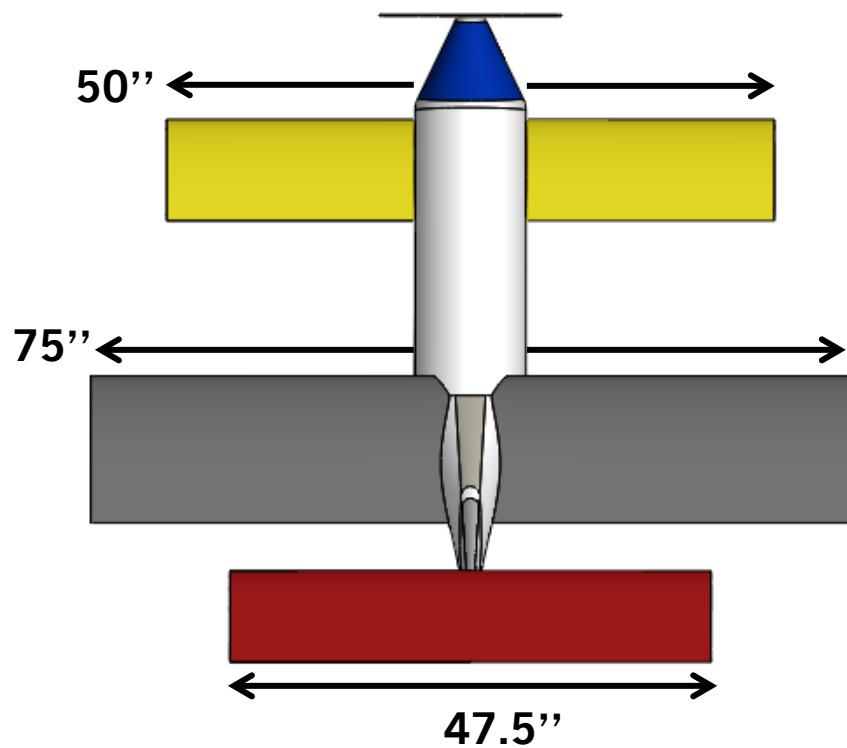


Team leader Jacob Pifer gave an update at the club's January meeting on the FAMU-Engineering team's design project. Unfortunately, due to COVID the team will not fly their plane at the competition in March. However, the team is still part of the competition and is building their plane within competition rules.

The design has been finalized as shown in the drawings here. The plane is estimated to weigh 12.3 lbs. without cargo and according to the team's simulations, it should take off within 60 ft. by producing 20.9 lbf. of thrust during takeoff. In equilibrium flight 15.9 lbf. of thrust will be created.

When construction is complete, the team has approval to conduct a test flight on a Sunday off the asphalt in front of the SRCC flying field.

Stay tuned for further details.



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 January 21, 2021 by President Jay Wiggins at 7:00 PM with 20 persons signed on. Later, as many as 22 signed on.

Introduction of Visitors – Sam Varn, a longtime member until 2008 has rejoined the club. Welcome back Sam!

Member Recognition – Marcy Driscoll for her work as the new Newsletter editor and for setting up the Zoom meeting; 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 in the black; Jeff Owens for tracking activities related to the Remote ID FAA regulation; Jay Wiggins for all his photo updates on the progress being made on the new pavilion.

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.

2021 Event Schedule – Published in the Newsletter and on the web. These dates are “placeholders” pending the completion of the field.

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

Secretary’s Report – Jeff Owens – There was no December meeting. The minutes of the November Zoom meeting were printed in the Newsletter, which was also posted on the web. They were approved as posted.

Election of officers was held via email. The slate consisted of the current officers. Nineteen votes were received, all being in favor of the proposed slate. Thus, the current officers will continue for another year. A discussion of AMA’s summary of the Remote ID rule was presented.

Treasurer’s Report – Bill Ashbaker – The report was presented and approved by the membership. Twelve members still owe dues for 2021.

Field Report – Gordie Meade – Draft plans for tables under the new pavilion were discussed.

Safety Report – Jim Ogorek – Members are parking too close to the flight line. Please park no closer than the windsock.

Training Report – Mike Atkinson – a new transmitter will be arriving soon (maybe by 1/22/21.) training activity is still going strong.

Old Business – Jacob Pifer gave a PowerPoint presentation detailing the progress that the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering teams have made in designing their aircraft for the SAE aviation competition. They will not be able to compete in the actual flying event this spring due to University COVID restrictions. But, they still want to test fly their design and have asked for club assistance in this regard. They will also be participating in some virtual presentations about the project.

New Business – Jim Ogorek has contacted WeatherStem to see if we can get a station like the one we had at the old field.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

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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:

Geoff Lawrence 850-591-6879
Jeff Owens 850-545-7482
Bill Ashbaker 850-656-5932

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.

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