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Next Club Meeting

February 17, 2022
Casa Grande Midtown
Eat at 6:00, Meet at 7:00

Happy New Year!

We've turned a new page and things are shaping up for another good year for the Club. A new calendar is in the works and will be on the web when the draft version is finalized. A new pylon racing season is upon us and some changes are being made - take a look in the minutes in this edition for a description. The Perry Swap Meet (see below) is coming up soon and the Club Season Opening Event will follow shortly thereafter. Remember - the Season Opener provides an opportunity to unload things you bought at Perry and then suffered Buyer's Remorse!

2022 Southeastern Model Show

Mark your calendars for March 4 and 5 - the Southeastern Model Show (aka Perry Swap Meet) is coming soon! Doors are open 11:00-7:00 PM on Friday and 8:00 - 5:00 PM on Saturday. Tickets are \$12 and are good for both days. More information is available on the web site at <https://www.gamarc.com/smsshow>

Newsletter editors are always looking for readers to submit articles, pictures, and descriptions of new projects. I haven't been receiving any, so here are few of my current projects. The first is a Super Aeromaster kit that I bought at Perry a number of years ago. It is coming along well. The fuselage, tail feathers, and upper wing are nearly done and the lower wing is progressing well.



The next project is a Joe Bridi Dirty Birdy pattern plane built from a Bluejay kit. I had it set up for an OS 61 SF nitro motor, but have since decided to switch it to electric. That necessitated some surgery.



This is the "before" picture with the cowl set up for the nitro motor. For the electric version a new cowl will be needed. I had moved the firewall back in order to make room for a pumped version of the 61 SF, so the firewall also needs to go back to its original location in order to make more room for the battery.



Out came the hacksaw off came the old cowl... Next I had to remove the old firewall by drilling holes all the way around it. Tedious and somewhat messy, but I got it done. Finally, a new firewall has been cut and mounted temporarily.



Now I have to set the right and down thrust, mount the electric motor, and then build a new cowl. It took me some time to get up the nerve to do the surgery, but it is coming along.



It is unlikely that I will run out of projects - the stack contains kits for an LFX II, a Deception, two Compensators, a Miss Norway, a Tiger Tail 4 (all pattern planes), a Little Super Lucky Fly, a small sized electric Ugly Stik, and a Honker Biplane. There is also an Extra 300 that was in the picture above the Aeromaster and a few other odds and ends, as well.

OK - how about sending me some pictures of your projects?

Rumors from The Pits

Years ago during one of my previous tours of duty as Newsletter Editor, I ran a monthly column called "Rumors From The Pits." It contained short descriptions of activities observed at the field - these could be new models, test flights, contest results, crashes, good saves, not-so-good saves, dumb thumbs, etc. Obviously, some of these are good, some are funny, and some are sad. I am not at the field every day, so this column relies on reports that I receive from interested observers... Here are a few things i have seen lately.

- Gordie Meade was spotted test flying and trimming two helicopters with new very sleek fuselages. He reports that they fly way differently (faster) than his previous "pod and boom" fuselages. The paint work on these new ones is fantastic.
- Jeff Owens was seen trimming his electric Curare. You would think that after 120 flights all the kinks would be worked out. But, no, there is always something to try in order to get the plane to fly the maneuvers better. Something other than practicing, that is.
- Mike Picou was seen practicing his IMAC maneuver sequences. Practice makes perfect they say. But I don't know who "they" is.
- Nick Platt was seen practicing his AMA pattern sequence. Nick has come a long way in a short time.
- Nick and Shep Platt were spotted at the Quincy Airport going for a ride in Jeff Owens' Cessna 182. Rumor has it there were big grins all around afterwards!

Club Meeting News - the minutes of the January meeting (taken by Marcy Driscoll in my absence)

SRCC Club Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 20, 2022

President Jay Wiggins called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM, with 17 members present (16 in person and 1 on Zoom). The meeting was held at Casa Grande Midtown.

New Member Introductions – Two new members were introduced and welcomed to the club: Don Ritchie and Albert De Nobrega. Albert is a longtime flyer who has recently moved to the area and Don got a new drone for Christmas.

Member Recognition – the Board of Directors for their 2 ½ hour meeting and planning for this year; Gordie Meade and Ed Budzyna for mowing, weed eating, and along with Mike Picou, spreading sand in the runway low spots; all the members who are restacking the chairs and keeping the pavilion neat; Randy Yarborough for reconditioning and repainting the goal line markers; Ken Kushner for garbage collection.

Calendar – the proposed 2022 calendar of events was presented and discussed. Jay indicated that the fall events in the October/November timeframe may have to be adjusted because the big NCAA events haven't been scheduled yet. They are dependent on the FSU home football schedule which will be released in February. A round of practice/demonstration pylon racing will be added to other events in addition to the Spring Field Opening.

Restaurant Use – Our status at Casa Grande Midtown is somewhat uncertain as Jay gets a different story depending on whom he talks to. A minimum of 20 in attendance is required for exclusive use of the room but no one seems to be checking. A backup option is the community center at Chaires.

Lease – The latest draft of SRCC's lease with Leon County, reflecting our move to the new field, is at the county lawyer's office.

Gate – A padlock is back on the gate at the landfill due to inability of the current solar panels to keep the touchpad sufficiently charged. The padlock combination is the same as before – 7550.

Facility Development Plans – Jay displayed a visual of the county site plan for the field with the plans for future development. These include: installing the bleachers on the west side of the pavilion, creating a one-way traffic flow from the loading zone to the new parking area to the driveway and back to the loading zone, and adding fencing. The new parking area is not likely to open for use until 2023.

Treasurer's Report – Marcy Driscoll – the November financial statement was approved as published in the December newsletter. Per club bylaws, any member who did not pay 2022 dues by the January meeting is officially delinquent and off the fly list but is eligible for associate member status. Anyone sending payments through PayPal is reminded to spell out the club's official email address: seminoleradiocontrolclub@gmail.com. Marcy will check into other options for paying dues.

Pylon Racing – Marcy Driscoll/Troy Emmett – Dates for pylon races are included on the club calendar. There will be two "seasons," March-July and September-November, and practice races will be scheduled during February and early March, weather permitting. On practice days, the pylons will be up, and all flyers are encouraged to come out and give racing a try.

Several changes to pylon racing are contemplated for this year:

1. Equipment – we’ve discovered the motors we’ve been using are not just inexpensive, they’re cheap, wildly inconsistent in power output. Gordie is testing alternatives and we expect to adopt a new motor and, likely, a different prop.
2. The pylons will be moved to the far edge of the field so that racers and scorers can tell more easily when the plane has gone around them.
3. With sufficient interest, we’ll have a separate class for beginners.
4. A random draw will make up the first heat of a race day, as we’ve been doing it. In subsequent heats, racers will be matched by speed.

A suggestion was made to write an article for the AMA magazine on our club pylon racing activities.

Secretary’s Report – Jay for Jeff Owens – minutes of the December meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. A google map of the field’s exact location is now on the club’s website.

Safety Officer/Training Officer Report – Mike Atkinson – Three sets of trainer planes are now available for training, and TAG events are being planned for this year, perhaps quarterly. Mike is reaching out to some dedicated groups and coordinating with Sam Varn for a few new signs to direct people to the airfield for events. Members are reminded per AMA rules that you must have a spotter if you’re flying FPV. Flyers with drones should also take precautions to be sure that using the “return home” button does not cause the drone to fly over spectators or come too close to the pavilion.

Field Marshal Report – Jay for Gordie Meade – Due to the age of the mower and its current value, insurance on the mower will be discontinued. Gordie plans to paint the new table tops when the weather permits.

Old Business – The FAMU-FSU engineering team will provide a report at the February meeting.

New Business – Frank Bastos has good prices for merchandise available from Horizon Hobby or Tower Hobbies.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

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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

All Aircraft: 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset 7 days/week

Please note: Although restrictions have been removed on flying hours for fueled planes, this is on a trial basis until further notice from Leon County. All gassers and nitros must have a suitable muffler.

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