

# The Seminole Flyer

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## Chief Pilot – Jim Ogorek

NOTE: This month's meeting is being held at the field on July 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00pm

I received a number of inputs for this meeting and the consensus is to move the meeting date to Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup>. We will set up the hot dog cooker for the meeting which I would like to hold at 5 pm. If you don't want to have dogs and extras for dinner, after we hold a brief meeting, those that need to leave can, the rest of us can stay and fly.

Our master chef Dave is planning on extras for the day and I support his efforts on this.

*Jim*

## Chief Copilot – Jeff Owens

This month's column is a little different than my usual one. The topic this month is safety – or do as I say, not as I did. On Friday June 22, 2012, I was at Mac Hodges' field practicing for an SPA event. As I have done many times before, I was starting my Dirty Birdy. But this time I didn't have a starting stand, nor did I have someone holding the plane (mistake 1). After starting the engine I went to remove the glo plug clip. But the whirling knife, aka APC prop, intercepted my left thumb (mistake 2). The result was not pretty. Fortunately, a nurse was there to help me wrap the thumb and my wife drove me to the Americus Hospital. Eleven stitches later I was able to return to the field and retrieve my equipment. Now it gets interesting. We had come to the contest

to fly and I felt ok, so the real question was whether I could work the left stick without using my thumb, which was encased in a large bandage and a splint.



After some experimentation, I found that I could work the left stick by holding it between my first and second fingers. So, I put in three more practice flights before heading to the pharmacy to pick up my prescription for some pain pills. I was able to fly the four rounds on Saturday and two on Sunday without too much trouble. I'll admit that the rudder inputs on my point rolls were a bit off, but I was able to fly and ended up winning my class. The pictures pretty much speak for themselves, especially the close-up of my thumb without the bandage. So, be careful out there. And remember to treat the prop with respect!



[Club Calendar](#)- The schedule reflects current Club events planned for the year to date. Check monthly for additions and deletions at the meetings and in the newsletter. For regional, sanctioned AMA events, see your AMA magazine or visit the AMA website section "Calendars".

# Chief Treasurer- Bill Ashbaker

## Seminole RC Club

Financial Statement for May 29 through June 28, 2012

### Accounts

Premier Bank Checking  
Premier Bank Money Market Savings  
PayPal

### Cash on Hand

### Total Available Funds at End of Month

### Income

Dues/New Memberships  
Merchandise Sales  
Meeting: Food Reimbursement  
Contributions/Donations  
Interest: Savings

### Expenses

Mower: Maintenance  
Field: Improvements  
Field: Maintenance  
Field: Lease  
Equipment  
Merchandise  
Donations  
Fees: AMA  
Fees: State of Florida  
Fees: Bank  
Meeting: Food & Refreshments  
Insurance: Mower  
Insurance: AMA  
Miscellaneous  
Utilities: Electric

### Total Income

### Total Expenses

### Net Cash Flow

We gained no new members in June

Sales of club shirts (merchandise, above) is a substantial portion of June's income. Likewise, the cost of club shirts is a major portion of June's expenses. The discrepancy between the cost of shirts and income for shirts is not as big as it appears. The cost is the total purchase price of the shirts. However, we received substantial payments from club members for shirts that were recorded last month and not included in this month's report. Also, Jim Ogorek has received substantial payments that he has not had the opportunity to turn in to me.

The bulk of the miscellaneous expenditures includes payment to Sam Varn for hosting our website for the last three years and payment to Jeff Owens for setting up our new website. Our new website is prepaid for three years.

# Chief Scribe- Chris Bailey

## Minutes from the June 7, 2012 meeting of the Seminole Radio Control Club

**Call to order: 6:57 p.m.**

### **Administrative:**

Minutes from May 3, 2012 were corrected to state the price of the polo shirts as being rounded up to the next dollar for ease of transaction. With the correction approved, the meeting minutes were moved and approved without objection.

### **Treasurer's report:**

Treasurer's report was moved and approved without objection.

### **Old Business:**

Pavilion repairs & electric aircraft start stand: Recognition was given to Mike, Paul, Tristan, and Charles for their efforts in completing many necessary repairs to the pavilion and the building of a new electric aircraft start stand. Mike volunteered to build another electric aircraft start stand.

Polo shirts: If you have not received and paid for your polo shirt, please see Jim.

Dave Humphries volunteered to administer of the Club's Facebook account, please send any pictures and announcement to Dave via email and he will post them to the club's page.

### **New Business:**

Website hosting fees: For several years a former club officer inadvertently continued paying for the club's website hosting, totaling \$362. A motion was made to reimburse the amount upon receiving an itemized receipt. The motion was moved and approved without objection.

New stackable chairs: A motion was made to purchase (10) ten additional chairs for the pavilion. The motion was moved and approved without objection.

Power system: Club members were asked to only use the club's electrical power system for hobby related items, such as aircraft batteries and fans.

Site update: The County is planning to clear the underbrush from the perimeter of the field for the purposes of creating additional cross-country tracks. Additionally, the cross-country track may host a state-wide meet in the fall. The date is yet to be determined. The airfield will be closed and club members will need to rope off the runway.

Club Trainers: Club members discussed purchasing a new electric trainer airplane from Bill. Item was tabled until the next meeting.

**Motion to adjourn at: 7:30p.m.**

# Seminole Radio Control Club Tallahassee, FL

AMA Charter #216, 1969-2010

## SRCC Officers

<b>President</b>	Jim Ogorek
<b>Vice President</b>	Jeff Owens
<b>Secretary</b>	Chris Bailey
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Fred Schmidt
<b>Treasurer</b>	Bill Ashbaker
<b>Field Safety Officer</b>	Dave Sellers

## Field Hours

<b>Electrics/ Sailplanes</b>	9:00 am till 9:00 pm.
<b>Gassers and Nitro</b>	12 Noon till Dusk.
<b>Electric Service</b>	8:30 am- 9:15 p,m

## Training Notes

To schedule a training time contact Mike Atkinson.

## Flight Instructors

### ***Primary/Advanced Flight Instructors***

Mike Atkinson	926-4692
Geoff Lawrence	942-9807
Jim Ogorek	766-2477
Chris Bailey	322-4047

### ***Primary/Advanced Helicopter Flight Instructor***

John Hall	893-6457
Chris Bailey	322-4047

### ***Ground School/Airworthiness Inst. (Fixed Wing)***

Jeff Owens	894-2504
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### ***Hobby Town Flight Demonstrator***

Frank Bastos	671-2030
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## Club Meeting Location and Time

**November- March:** The regular club meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at **7:00 PM** at **HobbyTown** on Thomasville Road. The Club offers food and drinks for a small charge at 6:30.

**April- October:** The regular club meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at **7:00 PM** at the Flying Field. The Club offers food and drinks for a small charge at 6:30.

**Newsletter Submissions-** Submissions are requested to be in M.S. Word format or via e-mail text. Photos should be in .jpg or .tif format. We will, however, accept anything to make it easier for those who wish to contribute. Submissions are due no later than the 28th of the month. Send your submissions to Fred Schmidt. [schmidtfjs@gmail.com](mailto:schmidtfjs@gmail.com)

SRCC thanks Graybar Electric in Tallahassee for its assistance in helping to upgrade our flying facility.

