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A TERE WOJDAN STORY

Jay Wiggins, SRCC President

Ever since the yahoos from Old Town erected the pavilion, I have been quite irritated with the clay all over everything. They just came out, dumped all the materials on the wet, sticky clay, then put the building up. There are/were streaks of clay on the underside of the roofing metal, clumps of clay in the metal rafters, and globs of clay on every post. Wouldn't it be good if we could wash this down?



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Next Club Meeting

April 15, 2021
7 PM via Zoom

When Gordie and his crew finished the tables, we had those foggy, rainy, nasty cold, wet, days. The condensation from above was dripping and forming clay stalagmites on the new tables. OK, time to do something.

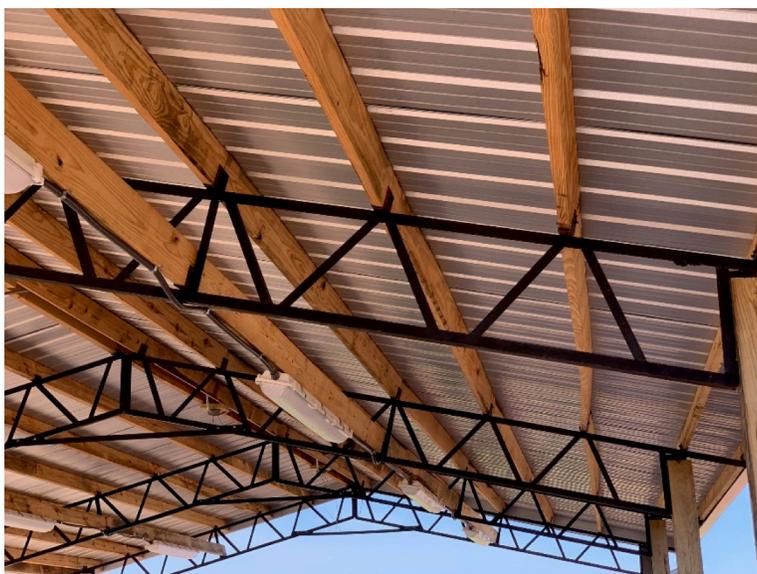
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You'll remember a couple of years ago, at the old field, during some very wet weather, some jerk backed his bad a__ truck up to the container and spun off. He plastered the container with mud. Tere brought the water truck around and a couple of our members used it to pressure clean the mess. I figured we could take care of the current problem the same way. I called Tere and explained the situation. He wasn't sure of the status of the water truck, but he would check and call me back.

A couple of days later, one of those viscous, nasty, windy, chill you to the bone days, Tere called me back. The connection was horrible. "Jay, this call is going to be very short. You are on speakerphone. I'm standing at the pavilion, in the wind, freezing my buns off. I have a guy here that we often hire to clean and pressure spray in the parks when we need it. I have hired him to clean the clay off the pavilion. When do you want it done????????????????!!!!!"

Flyers, that, is Tere Wojdan!



AFTER CLEANING

Food truck



Rain clears in time for club auction

The club's first event in more than a year took place on Saturday, March 6 with an auction of six donated aircraft. Bids began via email several days before and rain that morning delayed the start of in-person bidding for a few hours. This just meant that lunch came before the auction instead of after. Bidding was spirited, and Treasurer Bill Ashbaker reports that auction proceeds amounted to \$1,471.00. *(All photos by Bill Ashbaker)*



Field Views

The county is watering the sod and hydroseeded parking area on a regular basis. The two aerial views (photos by Robert Tilden and Geoff Lawrence) help to show the progress being made on all the site improvements. (bottom photos by Jay Wiggins)



**“Found these
on Micro Mark.
No more teeth
marks.”**

Jim Ogorek



**“My Phoenix model J3 Piper
CUB scale 1:4 3/4 build
completed.”**

Randy Yarborough

Has a Rimfire 1.20 50-65 450kv motor with 80a Skywalker ESC installed and 2 tandem 3300 3-s 50 c batteries. Now just waiting on a good weather day to take to the SRCC for the maiden flight.



New flyers awaiting a training session with Mike Atkinson on a cloudy Saturday morning

They're also enjoying the new section of sod just east of the pavilion. Despite misty and cool conditions that morning, a good crowd was there by 10 AM. Those with great eyesight were even braving the less-than-perfect visibility and putting planes in the air.



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 March 18, 2021 by President Jay Wiggins at 7:00 PM with 31 persons signed on. Later, as many as 32 signed on.

Member Recognition – Mike Atkinson for his training activities; Joe Satterwhite for his work with the safety line painting, for storing donated models, and for setting them up for the auction; the Board of Directors for various contributions; Jay Wiggins for all his photo updates on the progress being made on the new pavilion; Randy Yarborough for pictures of the field; Gordie Meade, Jim and Dave Bussey, Ed Budzyna, Joe Satterwhite, and Mike McCarty for work on the new tables; Mike Atkinson for providing several EZups for the auction; Jim McKinnell for donating a new First Aid kit and for providing several helicopters for the auction; Jeff Owens, Jim Ogorek, and Sandy Jaffe for picking up rocks and trash in preparation for the laying of new sod; Rhett Boudreaux for procuring the food for the auction; Sam Varn for working on the new signage; Mike Picou for coyote dropping removal; Theo Titus for field cleanup.

County Liaison Update – Jay Wiggins – Jay discussed recent work done on the pavilion. While things are coming together nicely, there are some items that the Club can do now that will further enhance the project. One item is additional sod for those areas near the pavilion that were not sodded by the County. A motion to purchase 18 additional pallets of sod was made, seconded, and passed. The cost will be \$4230. Jay reported that the Board of Directors approved purchasing a special grass seed mix for the areas to be hydroseeded. The usual mix contains grass that would aggressively overtake the grass used on the runway. The new mix will not. This cost was \$1900 and needed to be done

quickly in order for the hydroseeding to take root before the peak of the flying season. A discussion of other items needed for completion was held. An upper estimate of about \$3500 was made for various items (electrical work, additional tables, new signage, electric trimmer, charging station in the container for training aircraft.) A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve these expenditures. The new container is scheduled to be delivered by April 14.

If any member encounters unauthorized fliers, they should inform them of the Club rules and policies as approved by the County and an effort should be made to encourage them to join the Club.

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

Secretary's Report – Jeff Owens – The minutes of the February 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 – Gordie Meade - Kits for the tables have been constructed, painted, and installed by the crew listed above in Member Recognition.

Safety Report – Mike Atkinson – a safety line has been established to keep pilots, planes, and spectators back from the flying area. A transition to the new pilot stations will take place once they have been constructed. FPV fliers are reminded that they must have a spotter and that they must respect the same flight area rules as other model aircraft.

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Training Report – Mike Atkinson – training is going well. The number of students is growing and more instructor assistance on Tuesday afternoons would be helpful.

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

Old Business – none

New Business – A Club auction Saturday April 17, 2021. Four donated models from Bill Jones will be auctioned off. Members may also bring equipment for sale with a 10% commission going to the club (with a maximum of \$15.) Details as to time, auction procedures, and how to sign up for lunch will be sent out when available. The lunches will be available for the usual charge of \$5.

A discussion of flying times was held. The voting and discussion took part in two phases. After some initial discussion a motion was made by Dan Ouellet to see if there was enough support to continue discussing the topic. That motion passed by 85% and discussion continued. A motion to remove the restriction on wet fueled models described in item 6 of the operational rules was made, seconded, and passed by more than the required 55%. President Jay Wiggins will take the Club's recommendation to Leigh Davis for her approval. If approved, a second vote will be held at the next meeting in accordance with our Bylaws.

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.

FUEL FLYING TIMES

Please Note: In accord with SRCC Bylaws, a second vote will be held at the April meeting on the motion to remove restrictions on wet fueled models (see above), *contingent about approval from the county*. Jay has no reason to believe approval will be denied, but if it is, there will be no vote.

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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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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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