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Letter from the Editor- Fred Schmidt

If this weather keeps up, we are going to have to have a very well attended float fly at my home. My goodness, as I write this blurb for the newsletter, I am looking out on an absolutely perfect water surface and it's 75 degrees!!! So, everyone is on alert for a LET'S FLOAT FLY email message – start looking on Friday and I'll let you know if it's a go.

As was previously noted, there was no newsletter for February. I really would like to think my work load is lightening, but to be honest, the elections business never seems to get quiet any more. Good for business, but rough for hobbies! We are still meeting at the Hobby Shop – see you Thursday night.

Oh yeah, the incredibly well framed photograph above (taken by me of course) is of our beloved Chief Pilot, Jim Ogorek. I think this was during one of the blimp's "I have a mind of my own" games. See Jim's message below for full details.

Also, an upfront reminder to mark your calendar for our March 10 opening day fly-in.

Chief Pilot – Jim Ogorek

Hard to believe that two months of the New Year are gone, and this weather is not to be believed. My ex club members in the north are very envious of our ability to fly all year long. Just to bring all of you up to date on the past happenings since the beginning of the year. Three of our fellow club members, Rick Sunderland, Don Ruggiero, Brian Walsh and I spent Saturday January 28th at the Museum of Florida History (MFH) Children's Day. We participated as Seminole RC and had both aircraft and helicopters on display that we normally fly. I provided a copy of Real Flight to the museum who installed it on a large Screen TV, we had both kids and a few parents try their hand at flying. Made for an interesting day and I feel we made some real friends for Seminole. Want to thank Dave Humphreys for the loan of one of his helicopters for display, also to Rick and Ralph for bringing in some of their planes for display. Brian and I had fun flying some of the micro copters which further interest in our club. Special thanks to Frank and Hobbytown for the loan of the micros and quad.



The Museum of Florida History on the second Saturday of each month holds special events and presentations. Being that February was Black Aviation month and the museum had the Tuskegee Airman exhibit, I was asked if Seminole RC would be willing to do a presentation on model flying. So again Seminole RC was placed in the public eye and I explained how our club works, did some show and tell on planes and helicopters, then invited the group to our opening day and gave out demo flight certificates for the 10th.

FSU Blimp update. As I told many of you at the January meeting of the trials and tribulations of flying the blimp during the Men's Basketball games and the loss of radio contact. Happy to say it was resolved by replacing the radio with one of my own systems. In talking with the crew for the TV broadcast group they use 2.4 frequencies on all their gear and have seen the "Brown Out" happen using brand X radio many times in other venues. The lower end transmitter is great for open park flying but in a confined building with high frequency usage, expect trouble. Needless to say I did. Not funny while trying to capture a runaway blimp, but can now laugh about it flying on its own agenda. Go Noles!!!

We have a number of things to discuss at this month's meeting, so hope many of you will attend. See you Thursday.

Jim

[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".

Opening Day – March 10!

Possible Float Fly on first nice weather weekend day – watch your email.

Chief Scribe- Chris Bailey

Seminole Radio Control Club

February 2, 2012

Called to Order at 7:04 p.m. by Vice President Jeff Owens

Announcements:

New members and/or guests: Chad (from West Palm Beach), Daniel and Joe

Minutes for January 5, 2012

Minutes were read to members, moved and seconded.

Treasurers report:

Treasurer, Bill Ashbaker reported that six (6) tables were purchased for the Perry Swap Meet and repairs to gas grill were completed.

Treasurer's report was moved and seconded.

Old Business:

Club members again discussed the possibility of purchasing and installing a tarp or Astroturf strip for small planes to utilize while taking off and landing on the runway. Item was tabled due to expense and practicality.

New Business:

Field Marshall, Gordie Meade, reported that the pavilion and picnic table(s) are in need of repairs. In addition, Gordie addressed flying rules and noted several violations that require the attention of club members and officers. A publication of club rules was requested as new members may not be aware of their violations.

Events:

Fly for a Cure - Tentative date set for May 26, 2012

Reminder of opening day on March 10, 2012

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Chief Treasurer- Bill Ashbaker

Seminole RC Club

Tentative Financial Statement for January 26 through February 26, 2012

Accounts

Premier Bank Checking	\$4,078.02
Premier Bank Money Market Savings	\$20,643.22
PayPal	\$1,327.08

Cash on Hand

\$238.25

Total Available Funds at End of Month

\$26,286.57

Income

Dues/New Memberships	\$550.02
Activity Sales	
Meeting: Food Reimbursement	\$51.00
Contributions/Donations	
Interest: Savings	\$3.67

Expenses

Mower: Maintenance	
Field: Improvements	
Field: Maintenance	\$35.56
Field: Lease	
Publications	
Donations	\$24.00
Fees: AMA	\$30.00
Fees: State of Florida	\$61.25
Fees: Bank	
Meeting: Food & Refreshments	\$164.83
Insurance: Mower	\$198.64
Insurance: AMA	\$60.00
Miscellaneous	\$18.00
Utilities: Electric	\$24.57

Total Income

\$604.69

Total Expenses

\$616.85

Net Cash Flow

-\$12.16

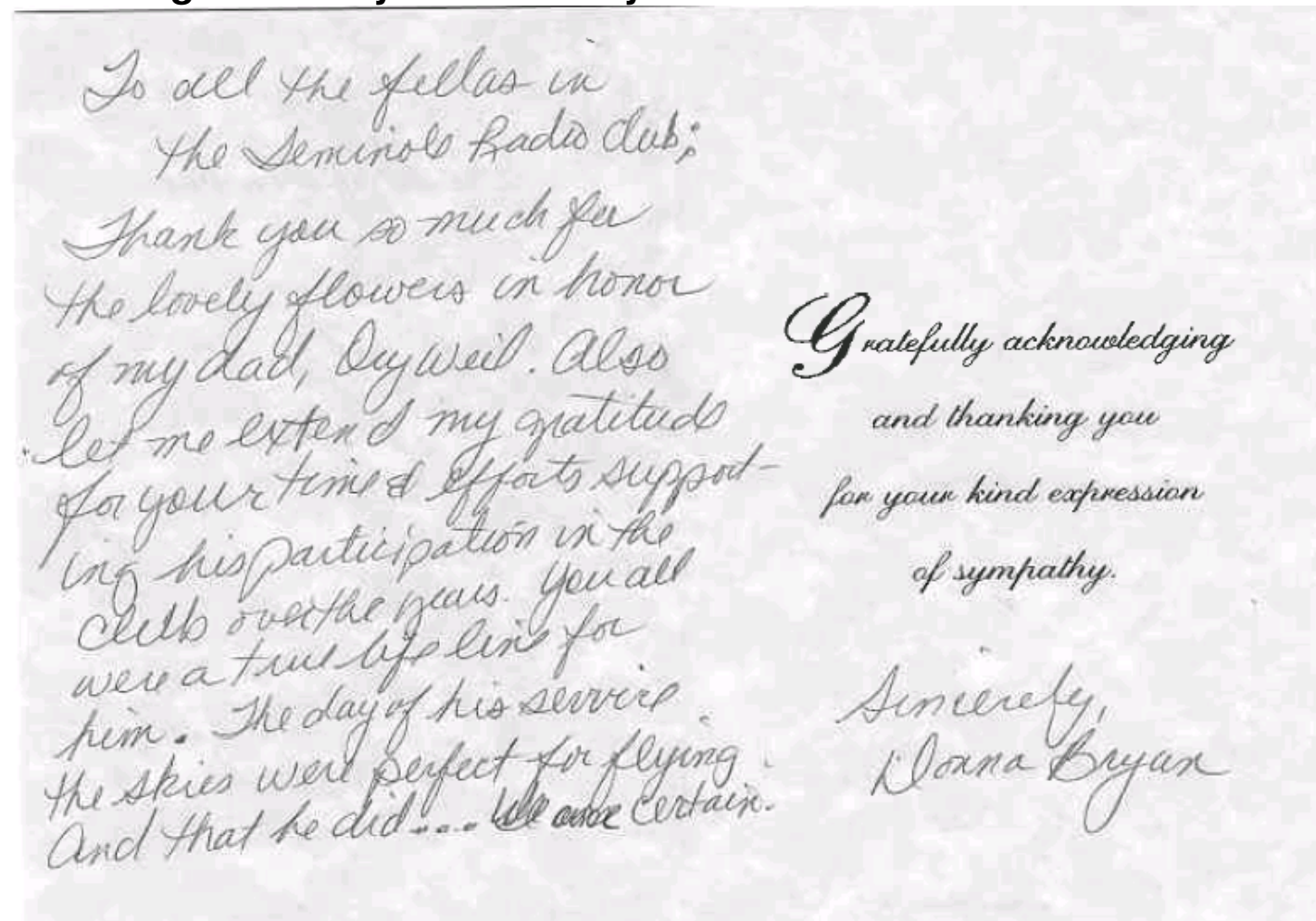
We have five new members: Paul Birdwell, Chad Curry, Donna Watts and Doug and Pat Shropshire. Please welcome them at your earliest opportunity.

Annual dues continued to trickle in during February. We have 98 members now. However, nine of our current members have not paid 2012 dues and will be dropped from our roster at the end of the March 1st club meeting, if they do not pay by then.

Notable expenditures for February include annual state and AMA fees and insurance payments. The state fee covers our annual corporate registration. The AMA fee is our charter club renewal. The AMA liability insurance covers our charter club and Leon County. We donated two subscriptions of *Model Aviation* to local schools.

Note: This financial statement is tentative because on-line access to our bank accounts was down at preparation time and balances could not be verified.

A message from Ory Well's family to his friends at SRCC...



Ace Wing Carrier (advertisement)

We received an email from the Ace Wing Carrier group. As they have a unique offering, I thought it would be aok to include in the newsletter. I have no experience with this group.

My name is Roy Frey and we have a RC business called "[Ace Wing Carrier](#)"

We manufacture Wing Carriers (Other names: Totes, Bags, Field-Gear) for Planes, Gliders/Sailplanes, Helicopters and jets... and we do some custom design carriers also upon request.

We are an American Manufacture. Made in the USA.

It would be nice if you could put us in your links column of your website for your pilots and we look forward to learning more about your club and look forward to meeting all of you in the near future.

Our Link is:

WWW.AceWingCarrier.Com

Happy Flying

Thank You
Ace Wing Carrier
Roy Frey

Seminole Radio Control Club Tallahassee, FL

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SRCC Officers

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

Field Hours

Electrics/ Sailplanes	9:00 am till 9:00 pm.
Gassers and Nitro	12 Noon till Dusk.
Electric Service	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

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

