

# The Seminole Flyer

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## Letter from the Editor- Fred Schmidt

As a reminder, this month's club meeting will be at Hobby Town instead of the club field. Hope to see you there.

Fred

## **Chief Copilot- Jeff Owens**

The Senior Pattern Association season has come to an end with the Masters Contest in Alabaster, Alabama on October 22-23. While I didn't take home all the marbles, so to speak, I did end up third in the season points. And I've learned a lot along the way. The big lesson this time was linkages. Now, everyone knows about linkages, right? They are those things that couple the servos to the control horns or throttle arm. Pretty simple – a Kwik link on one end and a Z bend on the other. Well, that works ok at first and it certainly is inexpensive. But after three years I realized that the slop in my ailerons might just be the reason I didn't feel as tightly coupled to the Compensator as I once did. The Z bends had worn the holes in the control wheels on the servos and I had connections that allowed a bit of play. Not much, but we are talking fractions of points in scoring and every little bit helps. So, I started looking at the planes being flown by those who were ahead of me in points. Hmmm. Carbon fiber push rods, ball links on the servo end, ball bearings (!! ) on each end, and special couplers bolted to the control horns – no slop there! The control surfaces were tight – no sign of any play. And with the ball bearings, they were smoooooth. Now, would this really make a difference? I don't know, but I'm going to find out! One of my winter projects will be to upgrade my linkage technology on my current planes and those under construction.

I'm currently flying a 4-stroke pumped OS 91. But, I still have a soft spot for 2-strokes, since that is all that I flew up until a year ago. I saw some smooth flying from a Compensator equipped with a Jett 61 2-stroke (made in the USA by Jett Engineering.) Plenty of power! And another Compensator was being powered by a Rossi blackhead from the 1980s. Again, plenty of power. So, another project for the winter is to finish a Bridi Dirty Birdy I picked up at Perry last spring. I plan to power it with an OS 61 SF-P which is a pumped long stroke 2-stroke that was used in the late 1980s when turnaround style flying was coming onto the scene. I picked up this engine at Perry, too. It will pull an 11x10 – 12x10 in the 11000 rpm range which should yield plenty of vertical performance. The turnaround style of pattern called for less speed (to stay in the aerobatic box) but more vertical performance. Hence, lower revving engines spinning higher pitch props became favored. Previously, a typical short stroke pattern 61 would turn an 11x7 prop in the 15000 rpm range.

So, as often happens in this hobby, I have plenty of winter projects to attend to!

[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 Scribe- Chris Bailey**

### **Call to Order at 6:55**

Minutes Approved

Guest: Jim and Ronnie

### **Treasurers Report:**

First electric bill: \$24 per month  
Purchased a new yard blower  
Field clean up expenses  
Purchased new blades for mower

Treasures Report was approved

### **Old business**

Update was proved on the recent field cleanup

Discussion on recent track event and prevention of runway access by event participants. Next track meet is scheduled for November 5th.

### **New business:**

Russell: Presented an idea to provide concessions for large events occurring at the airfield, such as school track meets.

Fred: Killlearn Lakes: Fall picnic scheduled for event November 5th?

Tallahassee Children's museum tribute to African American fliers scheduled for January. Club volunteered to provide a static display

Table repairs necessary. Tristan volunteered to repair. Expenses will be provided through the club's discretionary fund.

Bill: Commented on scheduling a pylon racing event. Club suggested the activity occur during a normal flying day instead of a special event.

Jeff: Provided an update on the p51 Mustang crash in Reno.

A request was made for a new newsletter editor. Any volunteers should speak with a club officer.

Officer nominations are scheduled for the November club meeting. If interested in running for an elected position, please contact Chris Bailey.

Next meeting will be held at Hobbytown USA.

Charles: leaky pavilion - Gordie to discuss with field committee.

**Adjourn at 7:26**

## **Chief Treasurer- Bill Ashbaker**

### **Seminole RC Club**

Financial Statement for September 29 through October 28, 2011

#### **Accounts**

Premier Bank Checking  
Premier Bank Money Market Savings  
PayPal

#### **Cash on Hand**

#### **Total Available Funds at End of Month**

#### **Income**

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

#### **Expenses**

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

#### **Total Income**

#### **Total Expenses**

#### **Net Cash Flow**

We did more flying and less spending in October. There were no new members this month. Our current roster stands at 87 members..



## Seminole Radio Control Club Member Items for Sale:

<b>Avistar 40 trainer.</b>	ARF, BNF, RTF - your choice best reasonable offer
<b>Hangar 9 F-22 Raptor</b>	ARF ....needs new home no reasonable offer refused.
<b>Blade 400</b>	BNF heli here again best reasonable offer.
<b>T-Rex 500</b>	BNF, plus extras...\$500.00 or higher offer
<b>Hangar 9 PTS P-51 Mustang</b>	ARF best reasonable offer.

Please call David Settles at 421-1615 after 5pm or email [dsettles@yahoo.com](mailto:dsettles@yahoo.com)

## 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.

