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Next Club Meeting

November 18, 2021
Casa Grande Midtown
Eat at 6:00, Meet at 7:00

New Editor - Jeff Owens

After many years on the job, Bill Ashbaker has finally hung up his eyeshade and pen and handed over the job of Treasurer to Marcy Driscoll. As a result, Marcy has been looking for someone to take over as Editor of the newsletter. I have agreed to once again become the newsletter editor - this is my third stint in that position. My previous tour of duty was 1997-2002 over which time I published 59 issues. I kept a notebook with all those issues and it is fun to look back in the Club's history. At the time I was using Microsoft Publisher and I had black and white copies made at a local print shop. I then folded, stamped, and mailed them by hand. My last column in 2002 contained a proposal that we move to electronic distribution. How radical! At any rate, I look forward to following in the capable footsteps of both Marcy and, before that, Bill.

The cautionary tale told by all newsletter editors is that this *your* newsletter and it will only serve its true purpose of keeping club members informed if members take the time to send me photos and stories about what is going on in your corner of the hobby. I received a good bunch for this issue, so keep them coming!

Reminder: Veterans Day Fly-in November 6, 2021. Fly what you bring - military themed if possible but not required. There will be food for sale. Watch for details in your email and on the web.



At the October meeting we had a presentation of the Club's contribution to the Children's Miracle Network at Shands Hospital. A check for \$1210 was presented to Kristy Potter on behalf of the Club following our very successfulFly for a Cure last month. A card and note from Kristy appear on this page.

Huck O Ween - the Iron City annual bash was held during the third week in October. Many members of the Club attended and flew - with some results shown in the pictures below. Those attending included Randy Yarborough, Fredrick Mursch, Joe Satterwhite, Ed Budzyna, Theo Titus, Faith and Troy Emmett, Mike Picou, Jay Wiggins, Mike McCarty, and Dave Bussey.





And here is what happened to Jay's prized 3DHobby Extra 330LT as a result of what he referred to as a "senior second." He reports that there really is a DA 35 underneath that pile of rubble! Below are some photos from Theo Titus.

Flightline east



Flightline west



“Grandma Troy”



Show central



The Burn Pile!



So serious!



It looks like it was a great event. Filled with thrills, chills, etc.

Gold Leader Club Recognition

Back in 2011 I was reading in the AMA magazine about the Leader Club program. There were three levels - Gold, Silver, and Bronze. To get the highest rating of Gold a club needed to be doing nineteen different activities including things like posting the AMA Safety Code, having a fund raiser, and - yes - having a frequency pin board for all the ham and 72 MHz frequencies. I realized that we did all the activities required to achieve Gold status, so I documented everything and took pictures of our site. I sent the application to AMA and received the award for the Club. I have been renewing it every spring since then. Here is a picture of the plaque AMA sent to us. They also included a letter congratulating the Club on ten years as a Gold Leader Club.



Competition Corner

While most members of the Club are sport flyers, there are some members who routinely engage in various forms of competition. Gordie Meade has competed in many forms including sailplanes, AMA pattern, and helicopters. If you have seen pictures of his hangar, then you know that he also has some scale planes there, as well as IMAC pattern models. Mike Picou has been flying AMA Pattern for several years now and also has an IMAC plane. I have been flying in pattern contests of various kinds since 1979. Most recently I have been flying in Senior Pattern Association events, a national organization of which I am also the President. While most of my pattern planes are of the vintage category (most are pre-1980 designs) I do also have an AMA Pattern plane. Friedrich Mursch has also flown in an SPA event this past year. And Nicholas Platt and his son flew in an AMA Pattern event. Although the competition season is slowing down now, I plan to use this column in the newsletter to keep folks up to date as to what kind of competitive activities members are involved in. And from time to time I will feature a particular club member, their planes, their competition interests, and so on. If you are involved in competition, then by all means, please let me know the details of your exploits!

If you are interested in the differences between the various types of pattern competition, please checkout the Pattern Talk articles I have written for our web site.

As a last point, check out the back inside page of the October 2021 Model Aviation magazine. there is a feature interview (and an online video) with A.J. Jaffe - the son of our very own Sandy Jaffe. A.J. flies 3D helicopters and IMAC and is also an instructor at Camp AMA!

Pylon Racing – Midseason Report

Submitted by Marcy Driscoll

The weather dawned cool and breezy for the pylon races on Saturday, October 30th. Well, some of us thought it was downright cold, especially when the clouds moved in and the wind picked up. But oh, was it exciting!

Seven flyers raced and only two went home with unscathed planes. The wind caught series race leader Richard Feezel on the 4th lap of the first heat, putting him in the ground and out for the rest of the day. Jay Wiggins became the second casualty when he hit one of the pylons, unfortunate for him since this was the first day of races he's been able to attend.

As the wind built, the question became whether to even try for a second race. The five remaining competitors were game and decided on a single heat of 5 racers.

It was wild! I had trouble with my plane failing to arm so the race started without me and I joined in between the 2nd and 3rd minute when the plane finally hooked up. About then, Geoff Lawrence hit the ground. In the last 10 seconds of the race, Chris Starnes and I got together in a spectacular mid-air collision. Spectators certainly got their money's worth!

For most of us, the gusty winds made it hard to keep our planes in the air, much less going in the right direction. Only Frederick Mursch managed completely consistent and fast laps around the pylons with Troy Emmett in hot pursuit. Race conditions really tested both planes and pilots, and results closed up the standings with ties for second and fifth places (see tables).

The next race day is Sunday, November 21. Hope to see you there!

October 30 Pylon Racing Results

| Pilot | Race 1 | Race 2 | For the Day |
|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Frederick Mursch | 1 st (50 pylons) | 1 st (51) | 1 st (101 pylons) |
| Troy Emmett | 2 nd (34) | 2 nd (26) | 2 nd (60) |
| Chris Starnes | 3 rd (32) | 3 rd (19) | 3 rd (51) |
| Marcy Driscoll | 5 th (20) | 4 th – tie (17) | 4 th (37) |
| Geoff Lawrence | 6 th (18) | 4 th – tie (17) | 5 th (35) |
| Jay Wiggins | 4 th (27) | 5 th – tie (0) | 6 th (27) |
| Richard Feezel | 7 th (3) | 5 th – tie (0) | 7 th (3) |

Order of Finish and Season Standing

| Pilot | 21-Aug | 11-Sep | 30-Oct | Cum. Finish | Season Standing* |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Rhett Boudreaux | 4 | 8 | 8 | 20 | 6 th |
| Marcy Driscoll | 2 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 1 st |
| Troy Emmett | 3 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 2 nd (tie) |
| Richard Feezel | 1 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 2 nd (tie) |
| Geoff Lawrence | 5 | 6 | 5 | 16 | 5 th (tie) |
| Jim McKinnell | 7 | 1 | 8 | 16 | 5 th (tie) |
| Frederick Mursch | 7 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 4 th |
| Chris Starnes | 6 | 4 | 3 | 13 | 3 rd |
| Jay Wiggins | 7 | 8 | 6 | 21 | 7 th |

*Does not include a throwout of the worst finish

Flyers who do not race on a given day earn a rank of #racers +1

Standing is the rank based on the cumulative finish score (adding finishes across race days)

Club Meeting News - the minutes of the October meeting

The October meeting was called to order on Thursday October 21, 2021 by President Jay Wiggins at approximately 7:00 PM with 11 members and five guests present. The meeting was held at our new location – Casa Grande Midtown in the same location as the old Beef O’Brady’s.

Member Recognition – Bill Ashbaker, Marcy Driscoll, and Sam Varn -Treasury review and transition; Rhett Boudreaux - Fly for a Cure donation and cooking; Gordie Meade – mowing and second sanding of the field; Ed Budzyna – edging; Theo Titus – lighted flag display; Ken Kushner – garbage detail; Dr. Mike – training.

Apologies if anyone was missed!

Children’s Miracle Network acceptance – Cindy accepted a check for \$1210 raised during Fly for a Cure and expressed her thanks for our ongoing efforts.

Vice-President’s report – Rhett Boudreaux – food prep and other activities are well in hand for the November 6 Veterans Day Fly-in. Ray Humphries has agreed to handle the cooking duties as Rhett has a conflict that day.

Treasurer’s Report – Sam Varn accepted Jay’s invitation to review the Treasury records and practices. Everything looks to be in order and Sam made a few record keeping suggestions. Marcy and Bill have handled the switching of the bank accounts.

Secretary’s Report – Jeff Owens – The minutes of the August meeting were printed in the Newsletter which was also posted on the web. They were approved as posted.

Field Report – The field has been sanded and mowed. With more rain the sand will get worked in. Already one can see a difference as some of the low spots have been filled in. The table tops that are delaminating will be replaced when the weather cools down a bit.

Training Report – Mike Atkinson – the training fleet is in good shape and ready to go.

Old Business – Pylon racing is scheduled for Saturday 10/23. Hand launching may be required depending on the status of the sand. The date for the “Take-off and Grow” event has been changed to December 11, 2021. It will be after the Pylon Racing, from about 11:30 – 3:00.

New Business – none.

Special Guests – students from the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering

Team leader Sofia introduced fellow students Tristan, David, Bridget, and Michael. They are designing and constructing an RC aircraft for the annual competition in which the goal is to lift a volleyball cargo, making a successful take-off, flying a traffic patterns, and landing. Members will provide assistance and equipment as in past years.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

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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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Jim Ogorek 850-766-2477

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Bill Ashbaker 850-656-5932

Troy Emmett (Large Aircraft) 770-546-6199

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.

The Seminole Flyer is a publication of the Seminole Radio Control Club of Tallahassee, FL. We welcome and encourage items for publishing in The Seminole Flyer. Please submit your suggestions to jfolso@comcast.net in Word format.
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