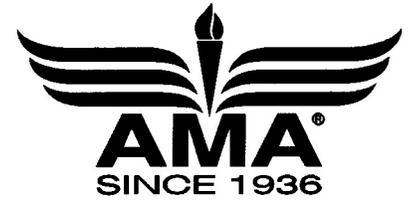


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It's Time to "Believe in a Cure"

The Seminole Radio Control Club has a long history of giving to our community. We hold one special event each fall to benefit a charity close to our members' hearts and our community. This event is *Believe in a Cure* and will be held on Sunday, October 8.

The event promises to be a day of fun, flying, food and fellowship and it is all for charity.

Some very nice merchandise will be raffled. Plan to attend and fly whatever you want. The event is open to the public. Invite your friends and neighbors. We expect some out of town pilot participation due to outreach to other clubs by Theo Titus.

Members are welcome to bring RC items for sale to the event. Members should donate 10% of sale proceeds (\$15 maximum) to the charity for personal items sold.

There will be a \$10.00 pilot fee. Because this is a charity event, all pilots who participate are expected to pay the fee even if they do not fly. Also, this is an AMA sanctioned event. So, all pilots must show their AMA cards.

Food will be available starting at 11:30 AM for \$5.00. All fee, food and raffle proceeds will go to the Shands Children's Miracle Network (CMN) as agreed by our membership.

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals® raise funds for 170 children's hospitals across North America, which, in



2016 check for Shands Children's Hospital

turn, use the money where it is needed most. When a donation is given, it stays in the community ensuring every dollar helps local kids.

Right now, CMN Hospitals like UF Health Shands Children's Hospital are working to save the lives of area kids. In fact, 62 children enter a CMN Hospital for treatment every minute—that's one child every second.

Some are battling cancer. Some are suffering a traumatic injury. Others require constant care because they were born too early. Regardless of why the kids are there, these CMN Hospitals always have their doors open.

Because every last dollar contributed to Children's Miracle Network stays local, your generous support will help the patients at UF Health Shands Children's Hospital. Dollars raised in CMN events, campaigns, programs and initiatives fund the purchasing of life-saving medical equipment, pediatric research and patient education materials. Last fiscal year, more than 8,200 clinical and emergency visits at UF Health were from patients in our local areas.

Club members came out to make our 2016 *Believe in a Cure* event a big success. Let's do it again this year!

— Information on the CMN provided by University of Florida Health

Club Meeting News

Jeff Owens, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM on Thursday September 21, 2017 by President Jay Wiggins.

Fourteen members were in attendance.

President's Announcements – Jay thanked Gordie for the work he has done on field maintenance including the upgrades and construction of starting tables and painting the fence. He also thanked Jeff Krell for treating the ant piles.

Secretary's Report – Jeff Owens – The minutes of the August meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Ashbaker presented the latest report which was approved.

Safety Report – Jim Ogorek discussed the rule that no flying, taxiing, or hovering in the pit area is allowed.

Old Business – the Master Planning Workshop for the park has been moved from September 26 to October 24. Gordie Meade and Jim Ogorek are planning to attend.

The Believe in a Cure Fly-in/Fund Raiser will be on Sunday October 8. Volunteers are needed for registration (Mike Levine volunteered), set-up and clean-up (Randy Yarborough is planning to do this) and raffle sales. Theo Titus has sent flyers to 14 area clubs.

The Tallahassee Science Festival will be held at Kleman Plaza on October 28 from 10-3. There will be about 125 vendors and exhibitors including us. Rick Sunderland has supplied an RC demonstrator to show how the radio equipment works and we will have a flight simulator and some static displays.

New Business – the shed roof was damaged by wind and some of the boards need to be reattached around the edges. Mike Levine volunteered to do this.

The October field closures on 10/4-5, and 10/27-28 for track events were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM and was followed by Jay showing an OS 15GT gas two-cycle engine. His success with it has been less than stellar.

October Field Closures

Wednesday, October 4

Middle School Cross Country Event

The flying field is closed 4:30pm to approximately 7 pm

Florida State Cross Country Invitational

Wednesday is setup day for the FSU Invitational which starts Thursday, October 5. The field is open for flying; but, there will be interruptions during the day as setup encroaches in the safe flying area. SRCC members are to use safe judgement.

Thursday, October 5 – Saturday, October 7

Florida State Cross Country Invitational

The flying field is closed and expected to reopen at 2 pm, Saturday, October 7

Friday, October 27

NJCAA Region 8 Championship - Preview Day

The flying field is open. However, there will be course preview activities for approximately 30 runners. SRCC members are to use safe judgement.

Saturday, October 28

Trash Dash & NJCAA Region 8 Championship

The flying field is closed 6 am to approximately noon

Keep an Eye on Our State Lawmakers

This past spring, the Florida legislature passed a new law regulating radio control aircraft. The new law is titled the Unmanned Aircraft System Act and is contained in Chapter 330.41 of the Florida Statutes. It is unfortunate that numerous new laws and regulations that impact our lives are passed by the Florida legislature each year and signed into law by the governor while average citizens are completely unaware.

The purpose of the new law is to provide state and local governments with a legal basis to prosecute pilots who use their unmanned aircraft systems (UAVs) for voyeurism, harassment, reckless endangerment, property damage and creating a nuisance.

The key part of this new law allows state and local governments to regulate how a UAVs interact with critical infrastructure facilities. Examples of critical infrastructure facilities are electrical power generation facilities, chemical manufacturing and storage facilities, natural or compressed gas stations for storage facilities and wireless communications facilities. While the FAA regulates where and how UASs operate in airspace, this law allows state and local governments to regulate proximity to critical infrastructure that is not covered in federal law. The new state law also prohibits arming a UAS with a weapon or explosives.

The definition of a UAS in Florida law is similar to the federal definition. Namely, anything that flies and is controlled by a radio signal is a UAS including our radio con-



trol airplanes. Although portions of the state law refer to drones, the definitions in the law make it clear that a drone is the same as a UAS and the same as a radio control model. It does not matter whether it is a multirotor, helicopter or fixed-wing airplane.

The new UAS law is not necessarily bad from our point of view. Alt-

hough it adds another tier of government regulation to our hobby, it prohibits any Florida city or town from enacting their own laws, ordinances or rules related to radio control aircraft. It vests the authority to regulate UASs in the state of Florida and lends a certain amount of uniformity to RC model regulation throughout the state. The law defers to the Federal Aviation Administration for operation and airspace regulations, authorizations and exemptions. This means that local municipalities cannot regulate our model aircraft that are currently exempt from federal regulation as clarified by the recent court decision. And, it protects FAA licensed drone pilots from arrests and fines by local law enforcement agencies. However, a word of caution is necessary. Local law enforcement agencies tend to apply the "creating a nuisance" provision of the law broadly.

Another caution: Florida law tends to be amended each year by the legislature. Now that this law is on the books, it can be a target for legislators who want to add on anti-UAS legislation. It behooves us to watch closely each year. Remember the words of Gideon J. Tucker in 1866. "No man's life, liberty or property are safe while the Legislature is in session."

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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 10:00 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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