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Seminole R/C Club

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HAIL TO THE CHIEF

Once again the meeting will be at the Tallahassee airport in the old terminal building it is a great place for a meeting and I hope more of you can make it this time. So, I will see you there at 7:30.

Here is the equipment update since our last meeting. The club voted on allocating up to \$5000.00 to purchase a new lawn tractor, a steel storage container, weed whacker, locks and miscellaneous items to secure our field and new equipment. After many visits to Lowe's, Home Depot, Jones Tractor, ProLine and Sears I found a lawn tractor with the features everyone agreed upon. I purchased a Craftsman DY4000 tractor with a 23hp Kohler engine, 48 inch cutting deck and automatic transmission additionally I was able to time the purchase so we got a 10% discount. Total for tractor and weed whacker was \$2041.00.

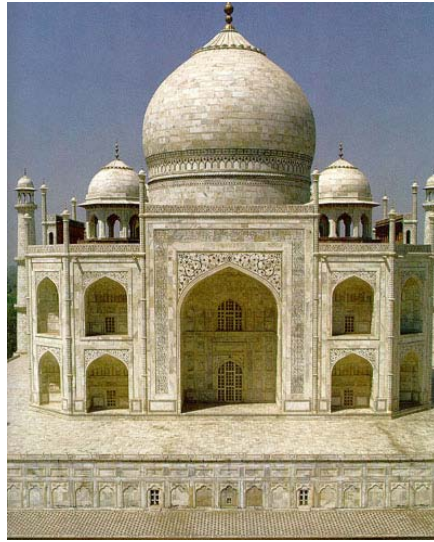
The steel storage container posed another problem. The first one I found turned out to be in poor condition and we decided to try to find one in better condition. After a multitude of phone calls, emails and Internet searches I found that all the containers were located in either Jacksonville or Tampa. The shipping on these units was really expensive ranging from \$1.50 to \$3.50 per mile this expense was compounded by the fact that it was difficult to inspect the containers and I was very uncomfortable with the idea of buying without seeing it first. After a couple of weeks with not much success Mike Kinsey saw containers at Cowarts in Thomasville that looked pretty good. I contacted Cowarts who turned out to be based in Valdosta, and made arrangements to go out and look at their containers so Mike and I took a road trip. Cowarts had a lot of containers and we were able to inspect 20 or more. Unfortunately, no one was there who could give us a price even though I had let them know we were coming. After a few more days I finally got Cowarts to fax me prices on the containers. The 20 foot containers in decent shape were \$1800 and a really banged up 40 foot was \$2000.00. This was really getting frustrating. A couple of days after I got Cowarts pricing Dr. Mike called to let me know there was a place in town that had some storage trailers available. We rode out to look at them and he had a 20 foot and 40 foot. Both were water tight but the 40 was in better condition and only \$150.00 more. We struck a deal and the container was delivered last Friday. The cost \$1750.00 was more then I hoped we would have to spend but it was certainly less then Valdosta and Jacksonville. Considering the savings on the mower we are in pretty decent shape. We are going to have an addition steel bar welded horizontally across the back doors and then we will have a pretty secure place for our field equipment. I have lots of ideas for additional uses for this container and I anticipate we will get a lot of value for the money. We do need to have a painting party and hopefully we can put the club name and logo on the side to dress it up a bit. We can discuss at the meeting this week.

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(A Close Facsimile of) Our New Storage Facility

{Editor's note: Richard (along with Dr. Mike and Painter Mike) have done a lot of work here and been a great asset to the club. You should take time to thank them with a hearty handshake, and an optional crisp twenty dollar bill.}

TREASURER'S REPORT

I'm back from a visit to Dayton, Ohio and the US Air Force Aviation Museum. It took us a full 3 days to see everything and I'm not really sure I saw EVERYTHING. They have every imaginable aircraft you could want to see...from early Wright Bros. flyers to the B-52 and F-117 stealth aircraft. They also had the new F-22 on display. My favorites were still the WWII warbirds. You still just can't beat the sheer beauty of those airplanes. They had great examples of my favorites, the P-47 and the P-51 among many, many others. It is a trip any true airplane enthusiast should take some day.

Now for the Treasurer's report. The cold hard numbers are:

Cash: \$30.00 **Checking:** \$2,758.56 **Savings:** \$1,000.25 **CD:** \$16,000.00

Total Funds: \$19,788.81

Here's where the ebb and flow of the money went this month...we transferred \$4000.00 from our CD to help pay for the items which were stolen last month. After much due diligence Richard found us a new mower and weed eater (on sale - so how could he refuse?) for a total of \$2041.41. He also was able to locate {and acquire} a storage

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container in very good condition for \$1750.00. I'm very pleased to see that we came in WAY UNDER BUDGET for those items so far. At the last meeting we had allocated up to \$5000 to be spent for those major expenditures and we (meaning Richard) saved over \$1200 of that allocation. We still have to purchase some trainers to replace the stolen/crashed ones so there will be more money to be spent but we are doing it carefully and with thoughtful planning.

I also finally received a bill for the lawn mowing done up through May 27 (\$195.00) and have paid that as well. Additionally, I have paid Mike Atkinson \$254.02 for fencing and other supplies he has purchased over the last couple of months.

So much for paying out....here's what's been coming in...DUES! I'm pleased to report that we have collected \$1370 in dues so far this month. A total of 22 members have paid up to this date. HOWEVER, we still have about 70 members on the roll to collect from. So let this be your REMINDER! DUES ARE DUE! Officially dues are due on July 1 and will be considered late on July 31 and flying privileges will be suspended.

Please pay your dues now!

That's all I've got for now.

See you all on Thursday at the old airport!

Sam

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The business meeting began promptly at 7:35 P.M.

Our semi-new member Charley Goble was recognized.

Old Business:

Richard informed the group the revisions to the proposed new constitution were not yet complete. Therefore, no vote would be made at this time.

New Business:

Richard talked about acquiring a new (to us) steel storage container. He was focusing on an 8 by 8 by 40 foot size container. He knew of one for \$1200 delivered. Also, he mentioned the Landfill Management has approved the use of this type container at the flying site. The group agreed to include both the mower purchase and the container purchase in the same vote. During the ensuing discussion, someone mentioned for

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reference, at the rate the club is now paying, it would cost \$2,500 per year to hire someone to mow the lawn. Also, the rate we are now charged is significantly under the market rate.

A motion was made to allow the club officers up to \$5,000 to spend on a new mower, storage container, weed-eater, and other miscellaneous items. The motion was voted on, and passed.

Dr. Mike proposed a War-Bird Fly-In for Saturday, June 26th. This was approved.

Dr. Mike discussed buying more club tee-shirts.

An announcement was made to that Mac Hodges was hosting a pattern competition on June 11th and 12th.

LOCAL MOTION

June 26, 2004, the Seminole Radio Control Club hosted its 2nd annual Military Madness Fly-in. We had 17 pilots registered and over 25 aircraft entered in Scale Static Display and Scale Flight Performance events. Joe Satterwhite showed up with a giant scale P-38 Lightning. Wingspan was 106", powered by twin Moki 1.80 engines. John Hall was impressive with his ELECTRIC POWERED Hangar 9 Corsair. And both John Clark and Ken Detzner sported brand new Hangar 9 AT-6 aircraft. Spectator voting determined our Static Display winner was Joe Satterwhite. On Scale Flight Performance, our champion was John Clark. He flew his Hangar 9 AT-6, powered by a Saito 91 flawlessly, even down to the scale collapse of landing gear after touch down. Congratulations Joe and John.

An additional award was started this year. We decided to designate an Event Honoree. Ory Weil was the recipient of the award this year. Ory served in WW II as a left waist gunner on the B-17 "Delta Rebel". The Seminole RC Club acknowledges his service and thanks him for his contribution to all of our freedom.

Thanks to all who participated and others who visited. A great time was had by all. We look forward to next year's event.

- Michael Atkinson



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SRCC Officers

President - Richard Wynn
Vice President - Dr. Mike Atkinson
Secretary - John Clark
Treasurer - Sam Varn
Field Marshall - ?
Field Safety Officer - Gordy Meade

Field Hours

12 Noon till Dark

Training Notes

To schedule a training time contact Mike Atkinson.

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Bob Burke
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John Clark