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# *The Seminole Flyer*

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AMA Chartered Club 216, Founded in 1969



A **Gold Leader Club** for over ten years

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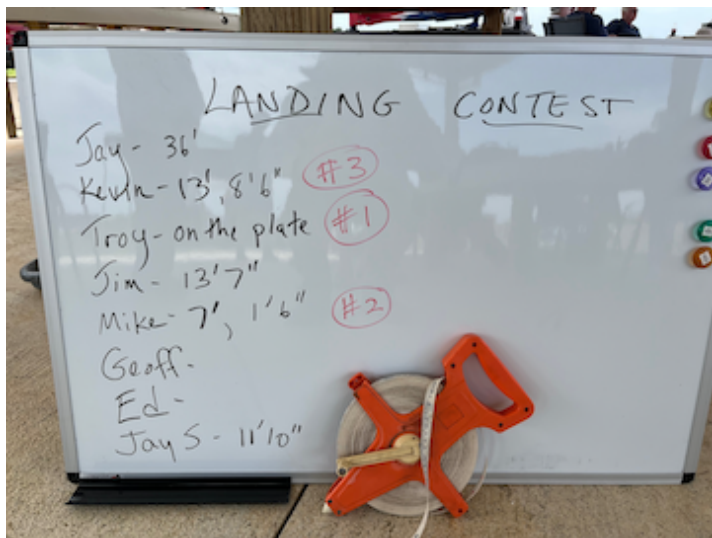
Thursday, May 16, 2024  
The Wine House  
1355 Market Street

## **April Fun Fly**

Jeff Owens

The weather was beautiful, the flying was great, the food was abundant, and everyone had a good time! What more need be said? Well, there are a few things to add. New signs from Sam Varn invited members of the public to learn to fly RC and there were some takers. Having signs by the road leading to our site does attract passersby. The training program was in full swing and the new batteries and charger were working well. Marcy Driscoll added a new twist with a spot landing contest. Shut the power down when you first touch down and then measure the distance from a spot marked with a plate to where the plane finally stops. The shortest three distances earned free lunches for the pilots. See the results in the photo below. Troy stopped on the plate! Up next is our Memorial Day Warbird event on Saturday May 25, 2024.

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## Gold Leader Club Renewal

Jeff Owens

I recently received confirmation from AMA that our Gold Leader status has been approved for another year. For those not familiar with the program, clubs can earn bronze, silver, or gold status by accomplishing various objectives throughout the year. The gold status requires 19 items relating to safety, outreach, community involvement, and growth of the hobby. Our club has had gold status since my original application back around 2010 and I complete an update/renewal form each year in the spring. Maintaining this status shows that we are an active club that encourages increased community participation and that we have a focus on safety and growing the hobby. This is something all members should be proud of.

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**Club Meeting News - Jeff Owens**

The meeting was called to order by President Jay Wiggins at 7:00 PM on Thursday April 18, 2024 with 14 members in attendance.

**Member Recognition:** Ken Kushner - trash detail; Theo Titus- starting table upgrades; Dr.Mike, Geoff, and Jim - TAG event; Jim Ogorek - Maule donation for the training program; Frank Bastos - donation of another Maule; Sandy Jaffe - donation of Spectrum receivers; Joe Satterwhite - donation of Spectrum receivers; Jeff Owens - renewal of Gold Leader Club status; Marcy Driscoll - continued work as treasurer including updating AMA records and filing taxes(!); Gordie Meade and Ed Budzyna - field prep and maintenance; Gordie Meade appeared in the April issue of Model Aviation on page 84.

**VP Report** - David Coury - everything is ready for the April 20 Fly-In this weekend.

**Treasurer's Report** - Marcy Driscoll - February report approved as posted in the March Newsletter.

**Secretary's Report** - Jeff Owens - minutes of the last meeting were approved as posted in the Newsletter. The Gold Leader update was approved and we have that status for another year.

**Training and Safety** - Dr. Mike - if you use 72 MHz or one of the Ham frequencies remember to put your AMA card in the appropriate slot on our frequency board. The TAG event on 3/30 was successful and we flew 15 new students. The club has approved a new charger and 6 new nbatteries. 3 planes are ready with 3 backups. Sam Varn has made new signs for our events.

**April Fly-In** - there will be a "landing event" from 9:00-10:30 on Saturday with the three pilots having the closest landing to a designated spot receiving free lunch for themselves and a guest.

**Field Report** - Jay for Gordie - Jay talked to the county workers mowing our field and requested that the grass be mowed lower - and they agreed . The field is reported to be in great shape.

There were no items for Old or New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM

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## The Seminole R/C Club Tallahassee, FL

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### Officers

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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:

Geoff Lawrence 850-591-6879

Jeff Owens 850-545-7482

Jim Ogorek 850-766-2477

Mike Atkinson (Tuesday only) 850-251-2694

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.

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