
The Seminole Flyer



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Next Club Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2026
The Wine House
1355 Market Street

Annual CMN Fundraiser

Jeff Owens

Our annual fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026. This is the only SRCC event where a landing fee is charged as part of our donation. Also, the gross proceeds from food sales also will be donated. Each year our club makes a substantial donation to CMN with the majority coming from this event. So please plan on attending and supporting this important opportunity for our club to make a difference for these children and their families during a very trying time. A flyer for the event is shown on the next page.



Children's Miracle Network®

The gross proceeds from the pilot fees and lunch will be donated to our local Children's Miracle Network.



Seminole RC Club Children's Miracle Network Fundraiser September 19, 2026

★ Pilot Fee/ Donation \$20 ★

Flying from 8:00am until dusk

Public Invited. Flight Training 10:00am-1:00pm

This is an AMA TAG (Take Off and Grow) event. Club instructors will be on hand to provide flight training to all interested new pilots.

**Lunch served from 11:30am- 1:00pm while supplies last
\$10 per adult, \$5 per child 10 and under.**

Apalachee Regional Park Tallahassee, FL

Directions and map can be found at www.seminolerc.com

All fliers must have current AMA membership
Normal AMA and SRCC safety rules apply

Seminole RC Flight Training- Steve Warmath

In case you haven't noticed, our club has a very active training program. Whether you are a beginner or a veteran pilot who has not flown for some time, help is available. Our club has five dedicated pilots, with years of experience to lead our program. I have to believe we are one of few clubs that offer "on call" training arrangements to get help. Our web site (www.seminolerc.com) has a "Training" tab and "Ground School" link with contact information for our instructors and videos to help get you started. The Club has three trainers with separate master and slave transmitters, one for each aircraft, (The "Buddy Box" system). This set up allows the instructor to fly the aircraft and take control from the trainee if the flight begins to exceed acceptable limits. The best way to take advantage of our training is to attend one of our major, scheduled club events. At these events, we host our "TAG" events ("Takeoff and Grow"), a program for new pilots. Just check in with a club member and we will get you on the "fly" list. Depending on the number of new pilots that sign up, you may experience more than one flight.



Club members always like to talk about our hobby. If you have questions, need advice or just want to gather information, just chime in with one of the guys. Flying RC aircraft can be a bit intimidating at first, even for full scale pilots. Your best training to get that muscle memory going and to fly instinctively, is to use a simulator, and use it often. Pick the right aircraft for your experience level. If you try to solo with an EDF jet or warbird, you may be disappointed with the results. Work your way up from a beginner trainer to a higher performance aircraft. It will save you money and speed up your learning curve. It's no fun picking up the pieces of your prized aircraft or seeing it in the top of a tree. Eventually, every one has a mishap. It's just part of the hobby. It's nature's way of justifying getting a new aircraft.

So, come out and take advantage of our training resources. Get started in flying RC and be a part of AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) and Seminole RC.

Good luck and be safe.



Minutes of Club Meeting (submitted by Marcy Driscoll)
August 20, 2026

President Jay Wiggins called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM with 9 members in attendance.

President's Report – Jay Wiggins

New members and visitors: Don Reeder introduced himself as a new member.

Recognitions:

- Steve Warmath and Jeff Owens, for their articles in the June newsletter
- Ray Murtha for his story about the T-28 on the club's Facebook page
- Joe and Debby Satterwhite, Justin Placilla, Jeff Owens, and David Coury for their help in moving Rick Sunderland's equipment in preparation for the auction
- Rhett Boudreaux for mower repair
- Mike Atkinson, Jeff Owens, and Geoff Lawrence for mowing in Gordie's absence
- Sandy Jaffe for weed eating
- Gordie Meade for mowing, fertilizer
- Steve Warmath for organizing the TAG portion of the Independence Day event, training, and fleet maintenance; Mike Atkinson for training, batteries, and fleet maintenance; Geoff Lawrence for training and plane replacement
- Joe Satterwhite for recovering a trainer plane
- At the Independence Day event – Sam Varn for cooking, Ray Murtha for serving, David and Deborah Coury for the dry goods, lots of club members for set up and take down, Jay Wiggins for serving as auctioneer, Steve Warmath for serving as auction scribe, Marcy Driscoll for handling auction and lunch proceeds
- Ken Kushner for the garbage
- Friedrich and Claudia for their hospitality at the Wine House

Friedrich Mursch, Gordie Meade, and Sandy Jaffe all reported on their experiences at recent RC events across the country.

Jay reminded club members that he has sent via email an updated club calendar and the fall dates when the airfield will be closed for cross country events. These are also available on the Events page on our web site. Any unexpected changes to closure dates will be sent via email as soon as Jay is made aware of them.

Vice-President's Report – Jay for Sam Varn It was noted in Sam Varn's absence that the Independence Day event was well attended despite the summer heat and that the auction of Rick

Sunderland's equipment was a great success. Jay also noted that Sam needs help for the CMN fly-in on September 19, especially cooks.

Treasurer's Report – Marcy Driscoll

The May and June financial statements as reported in the June and July newsletters were approved.

Secretary's Report – Marcy for Jeff Owens

The minutes for the June meeting were approved as printed in the last newsletter.

Training Officer Report – Steve Warmath

Steve announced the cancellation of the August 29 TAG event. Without a specific group of people invited to TAG events, they do not attract enough people to make a go of it. He indicated the next TAG event outside of a regular club function will be October 17 for the Navy Sea Cadets.

Safety Officer Report – Jay for Mike Atkinson

No known safety concerns were reported.

Field Marshal Report – Gordie Meade

The club mower has had to be serviced a couple of times recently but is now in good running order, and the field looks good. Some painting of the starting tables is needed but it can wait until the weather cools off.

There were no items for old or new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

The Seminole R/C Club Tallahassee, FL

Officers

President	Jay Wiggins (moonangelb@gmail.com)
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Flight Training

Primary flight training is available by appointment 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	Steve Warmath 850- 509-0672
Jeff Owens 850-545-7482	Mike Atkinson (Thursday only) 850-251-2694
Gordie Meade (helicopter) 850-528-8063	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.
