

# *The Seminole Flyer*

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Charter member of the  
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AMA Charter Club 216



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## **Next Club Meeting**

January 20, 2022  
Casa Grande Midtown  
Eat at 6:00, Meet at 7:00

## **Pylon Racing Season Results**

Ten veteran racers battled throughout the 2021 racing season. The races featured thrills, spills, and general mayhem with weather conditions that ranged from a pleasant zephyr to a (relatively) raging hurricane! One thing was common to all the events - the contestants had a good time (as did the spectators!) An innovation late in the season was the use of "clickers" to act as lap counters. This made scoring and recording MUCH easier for all involved. The season results are shown in the table on the following page. While studying the results, remember that fewer points represents a better result. The overall season championship this year belongs to Friedrich Mursch. Congratulations! These results were provided by Marcy Driscoll. Thanks go to Marcy and to Troy Emmett for organizing the races this season.

|   |           | Order of Finish for Each Race Day |        |        |        |        |              |              |              | Season Results |
|---|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Pilot   | Last Name | 21-Aug                            | 11-Sep | 30-Oct | 21-Nov | 11-Dec | Total Points | Worst Finish | Final Points |                |
| Rhett   | Boudreaux | 4                                 | 8      | 8      | 5      | 7      | 32           | (8)          | 24           | 8th (tie)      |
| Marcy   | Driscoll  | 2                                 | 3      | 4      | 4      | 4      | 17           | (4)          | 13           | 3rd            |
| Troy  | Emmett    | 3                                 | 5      | 2      | 6      | 10     | 26           | (10)         | 16           | 5th            |
| Richard   | Feezel    | 1                                 | 2      | 7      | 2      | 7      | 19           | (7)          | 12           | 2nd            |
| Geoff   | Lawrence  | 5                                 | 6      | 5      | 8      | 8      | 32           | (8)          | 24           | 8th (tie)      |
| Jim   | McKinnell | 7                                 | 1      | 8      | 3      | 3      | 22           | (8)          | 14           | 4th            |
| Gordie  | Meade     | 7                                 | 8      | 8      | 7      | 6      | 36           | (8)          | 28           | 9th            |
| Friedrich   | Mursch    | 7                                 | 7      | 1      | 1      | 1      | 17           | (7)          | 10           | 1st            |
| Chris   | Starnes   | 6                                 | 4      | 3      | 10     | 5      | 28           | (10)         | 18           | 6th            |
| Jay   | Wiggins   | 7                                 | 8      | 6      | 4      | 2      | 27           | (8)          | 19           | 7th            |
|   |           |                                   |        |        |        |        |              |              |              |                |
| Flyers who do not race in a given day are ranked as: #racers +1 |           |                                   |        |        |        |        |              |              |              |                |

## Take-off and Grow Event

The Academy of Aeronautics created a new program called “Take-off and Grow” whereby local clubs could apply for funds for training new members. Our Training Coordinator and Safety Officer, Mike Atkinson, applied for and received \$1000 as part of this program. He used a portion of the funds to refit our training fleet of models and support equipment. More of the funds were used to host a training event on Saturday December 11, 2021 following the conclusion of the pylon Racing discussed above. The event drew 65 training students, family members, and club members. Of this number 14 were students! A cookout was provided and a good time was had by all. The goal of the event was to recruit and train potential new club members. Judging by the crowd that was present, we should get a number of new members from this very successful event. A selection of pictures is shown below.

After the training was completed, one of the spectators mentioned that he had a professional drone that he was willing to demonstrate for us. The drone is valued at \$150,000 and is capable of some pretty amazing autonomous flying. He could program in a course for the drone to track and it would then take-off, fly the prescribed route, and land by itself. He then proceeded to give a demonstration of some of the drone’s capabilities. The range is on the order of 18 miles and the maximum height is around 20,000 feet! These are pretty darned amazing numbers! The last picture shows our Prez holding the drone at the completion of its mission. One of the pictures shows the antenna system used to communicate with the drone. The transmitter is connected by wi-fi to the base transmitter. Quite a system!









## Christmas Meeting

Our annual Christmas Meeting was held at Casa Grande on Thursday December 16, 2021. Thirty-six members and guests were in attendance. As is the usual practice, the Club picked up the tab for all non-alcoholic menu items. Judging from the crowd, everyone had a good time. The highlight of the meeting was when Benita presented her husband, Jay, a beautifully done book of pictures showing the evolution of our field from a bare field to its present striking condition. This book represents a tangible record of all the effort our President has put into making our new facility a reality! A selection of pictures is presented below.

There was a very brief business meeting in the midst of the festivities. The record of the meeting is described in the Minutes below.



## Club Meeting News - the minutes of the December meeting

The December meeting was called to order on Thursday December 16, 2021 by President Jay Wiggins at approximately 6:40 PM with 36 members and guests present. The meeting was held at Casa Grande Midtown in the same location as the old Beef O'Brady's. This was our annual Christmas meeting, so the business portion was purposefully kept short.

**Member Recognition** - Mike Picou and Troy Emmett for first aid administered to Mike McCarty; J.T. Burnette for replacing the first aid supplies; Gordie Meade and Rick Sunderland for replacing some of the table tops that had warped; Marcy Driscoll and Troy Emmett for organizing the pylon racing season; Mike Atkinson for organizing the TAG event; Geoff Lawrence and Jim Ogorek for assisting with the training at the TAG event; Rhett Boudreaux, Steve McFadden, and Ray Humphries for cooking at the TAG event; Sandy Jaffee appeared in an article in Model Aviation; Andrew Griffiths (VP for AMA District 5) described our Childrens Miracle Network fund raiser in his column; Gordie Meade also appeared in an article in Model Aviation.

**Treasurer's Report** - Marcy Driscoll - the November report was approved as published in the newsletter.

**Secretary's Report** - Jeff Owens - the minutes of the November meeting were approved as posted in the newsletter. The current officers have all agreed to continue for next year. Their "election" was approved by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM, after which Benita presented Jay with a book of pictures documenting the progression of the construction of our new flying site.

# Seminole Radio Control Club

## Tallahassee, FL

### Officers

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| <b>President</b>            | Jay Wiggins ( <a href="mailto:moonangelb@gmail.com">moonangelb@gmail.com</a> )   |
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| <b>Secretary</b>            | Jeff Owens ( <a href="mailto:jfolso@comcast.net">jfolso@comcast.net</a> )        |
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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

Jim Ogorek 850-766-2477

Jeff Owens 850-545-7482

Mike Atkinson (Tuesday only) 850-251-2694

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](mailto:jfolso@comcast.net) in Word format. Thank you.

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