# The Seminole Flyer



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# February 2022

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## **Next Club Meeting**

March 17, 2022

Location to be determined

# 2022 Southeastern Model Show

Mark your calendars for March 4 and 5 - the Southeastern Model Show (aka Perry Swap Meet) is coming soon! Doors are open 11:00-7:00 PM on Friday and 8:00 - 5:00 PM on Saturday. Tickets are \$12 and are good for both days. More information is available on the web site at

https://www.gamarc.com/smsshow

## **Breaking News**

We will no longer be meeting at the CasaGrande Midtown restaurant. A search is underway for a new meeting location. Details will be posted on the web as they become available.

# **Pylon Racing Resumes**

After a successful 2021 season, the 2022 season is set to resume. Practice sessions will be held prior to the official start which will be held during the Opening Day Event. Please see the new Club Calendar below for dates. There will be a few changes equipment changes this year, most notably to a new motor that looks to be more dependable and consistent in meeting the stated specifications. Extensive testing of a variety of motors was done by Gordie Meade before deciding on this new one. also, the pylon poles will be moved somewhat closer to the flight line in order to aid the spotters and pilots in judging their location when making turns. The new equipment requirements are listed below.

## 2022 Equipment Requirements for Seminole RC Pylon Racing

#### Airplane (the planes below have the same listed wingspan, length, and weight)

Available from Value Hobby:

39-inch Red Eagle Hummer (15mm EPP), \$48

39-inch Red Eagle Sbach 342 (15mm EPP), \$48

Towerpro SG92 Micro servos, \$3.50 ea.

#### Power System (all available from Value Hobby)

\*GFORCE E400 Brushless Outrunner Motor, 2830-1200KV, \$13.00 (NOTE: this is a change from the motor previously required. Also note that a 30A ESC is suggested to pair with this motor)

GFORCE 30A Brushless ESC, \$8.50

#### Propeller – APC 9x7.5 electric only

\*E.g., available from several sources (Esprit Model, \$3; AMain Hobby, \$3.09; MotionRC, \$2.18)

#### Battery- 3S

\*The GForce E400 (2830-1200KV) motor and the APC 9x7.5 prop are mandatory by brand and model, no substitutions. Other brands of 30A ESC are acceptable. 3S battery, capacity at the discretion of the flyer.

Spot checks will be conducted by the ad hoc committee to assure compliance.

Respectfully submitted, Marcy Driscoll and Troy Emmett Ad Hoc Committee on Pylon Racing

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# SEMINOLE RADIO CONTROL CLUB 2022 CLUB CALENDAR- Rev. 2/18/2022

Pylon Racing Practice: Saturday, February 19th, 10 AM Pylon Racing Practice: Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM \*Spring Field Opening Fun Fly: Saturday, March 19th Pylon Racing: Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 AM \*April Fun Fly: Saturday, April 23rd Pylon Racing: Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM \*Memorial Day Warbird Meet: Saturday, May 28th Pylon Racing: Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM \*4<sup>th</sup> of July Firecracker Fun Fly: Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> July Meeting with Barbeque and Night Fly, Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> Pylon Racing: Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10 AM Pylon Racing: Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM \*Children's Miracle Network Fly In: Saturday, October 1st Pylon Racing: Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM Pylon Racing: Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM \*Veteran's Fun Fly: Saturday, November 12th

\*Pylon racing, 1:30 PM, one round only.

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### Club Meeting News - Jeff Owens, Secretary

The February meeting was called to order on Thursday February 17, 2022 at 7:00 PM by President Jay Wiggins at the Casa Grande Midtown restaurant. There were 14 members, 3 guests, and 5 members connecting via Zoom.

Member Recognition: Dan Ouelett for assisting the FSU flight team with 3D printing; Bonita Wiggins for helping Jay lay out the new fence line; Gordie Meade for pylon racing motor research and for painting the table tops; Geoff Lawrence and Gordie Meade for getting the mower serviced; Marcy Driscoll and Troy Emmett for setting up the 2022 Pylon Racing season; Jim Ogorek for taking over the advertising duties for Club events; Mike Atkinson for his continuing efforts with safety and training; Robert Tilden for assisting the FSU flight team.

Field Update - Jay Wiggins: when the county crews or contractors are servicing the field please be patient, yield, and stand down until they have completed their work.

Draft Calendar - several dates were modified. The current calendar is listed in this issue of the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report - Marcy Driscoll: The December Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Secretary's Report - Jeff Owens: The minutes of the January meeting were approved as posted.

Pylon Racing - Marcy Driscoll: the new equipment list and the current schedule were discussed. Both are listed in this issue of the newsletter.

Safety Report - Mike Atkinson: no new issues were noted.

Training - Mike Atkinson: additional Teach and Grow training events are being scheduled.

Field Report - Gordie Meade: the mower is being serviced, table painting is underway, and depressions are being filled with sand.

FSU Flight Team Report - Sofia, Tristan, and David: examples of 3D printed parts were shown and finishing techniques were discussed. Landing gear design was also discussed. The final presentation is due to be held on April 7. No details as to time are yet available.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

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# The Seminole R/C Club Tallahassee, FL

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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 Bill Ashbaker 850-656-5932 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.