

# *The Seminole Flyer*



AMA Chartered Club 216, Founded in 1969



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## **CMN Check Presentation**

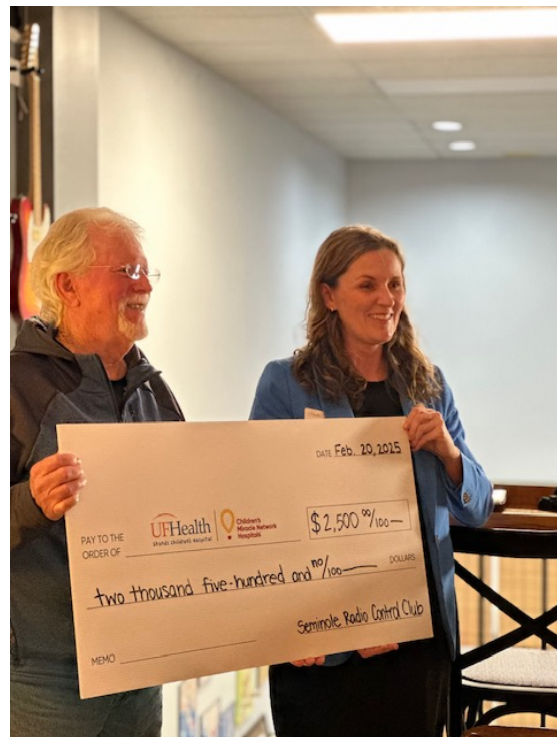
Pictured here is Geoff Lawrence presenting a check for \$2500 to Kaley Krick from the Children's Miracle Network. This represents the proceeds from our fall 2024 fund raiser. Kaley gave a presentation showing recent upgrades to the CMN facility at Shands Hospital. Our fund raising has helped in their upgrades. To date SRCC has contributed approximately \$12,500 to CMN.

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### **Next Club Meeting**

Thursday, March 20, 2025  
The Wine House  
1355 Market Street



## Perry Swap Meet

Jeff Owens

This year's Southeastern Model Show, aka Perry Swap Meet, was held on February 28 - March 1, 2025. As in past years, tables were populated in three large buildings and there was a lot to peruse - and buy! Many club members were there with Jim Ogorek helping sell FMS products. There was a stack of FMS kits covering 3 tables and standing about 6 feet high with more on the floor! When that was gone, the tables were refilled from their truck! Steve Warmath had several tables full of items - he commented that he couldn't believe that he got all of the loot into his car. Presumably there was more room in the car on the way back. I was there with the Senior Pattern Association signage along with kits and motors that members were selling. It was a good event and I scored some good deals - always enjoyable. The best was a NIB World Models Intruder 90R ARF pattern plane for \$100. They are no longer being produced, but they used to go for \$250 or so. Some pictures are shown below.

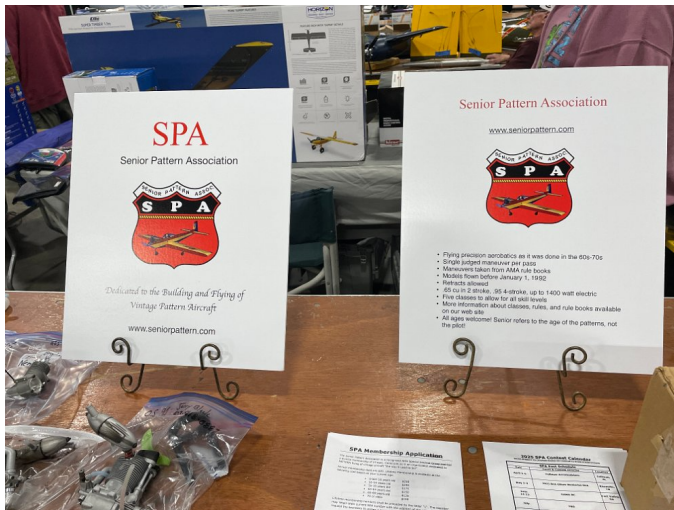


Steve Warmath with some of the loot he brought to sell



A sampling of the merchandise for sale at the swap meet.





You can see some of the SPA kits and other items that members brought to sell.



These are pictures taken in the McGill Building. You can get a sense of the size of this one building - and there are two more buildings just as large! If you have never been to this show, you owe it to yourself to visit it next year, And if you run out of cash there is an ATM just outside the building!

## Of Mice & Men (and their RC Aircraft)- Steve Warmath

I would guess that most of us have more than one RC plane or helicopter. If you have more than one (even many), storage can be an issue. You may have some ready to fly planes (readily accessible) and those that didn't quite make it to completion. Then there are those you haven't flown in a while that end up sitting on the shelf or hanging from the ceiling until you manage to get around to putting them into service (long term storage). That would be me. Some of my planes are stored in my office while others in my garage on shelving.

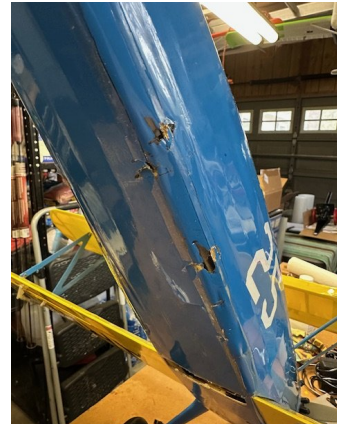
To ease my storage situation, I decided to thin the herd this year to make room for newer models. I'm going through all my "stuff" in preparation for hauling it off to the Perry show this year. At this point, you may be wondering what this has to do with mice.

Well, about a year ago, I discovered we had a mouse problem in our garage. I first noted they were getting into food stuff on shelves and later discovered they were getting into other things as well. I found shredded paper and droppings in a few places and at the behest of my very understanding wife, I began to track them down and get rid of them, which I did.



Sitting high above the floor on a top shelf in the garage was, what appeared to be, my pristine E-Flite Stearman. I decided this would be a good candidate for Perry. I had installed the radio equipment, servos and had a LiPo battery in it but had never flown it. As I started to dust it off and clean it up, I noticed a few little things about the monocoque covering. The blue fuselage covering had some clear areas where the color had separated from the film. There were also what appeared to be "chew" marks on exposed stringers along the bottom. OK. So far not so bad. I can fix that. It gets worse. Along the left side of the fuselage, the film was separating and exposed structural damage to the wood substructure below. Uh oh. I removed the upper battery and radio compartment hatch to discover there was substantial internal damage on the left side. The radio system and the main wood structure were shredded. There is a fairly large ESC air vent opening on the bottom of the fuselage. A mouse was able to squeeze into the plane and do significant damage from within.

The wires from the servos to the receiver and other internal wiring were chewed up. Even the balance plug wiring to the battery was chewed off. There were also chew marks on the battery as well. Lucky for the mouse, it didn't get fried or worse cause a fire. I checked around and could not find a replacement for the fuselage which was really the only damage. The rest of the model is in great shape. For now, I guess it will go back on the shelf until I decide what to do with it. It would take a good bit of work to fix the damage done. It probably would not have fit in my car anyway with all the other stuff I'm taking. I'm happy to report we presently have no mice but the damage has been done. **Check your stash.** Mice will apparently eat anything.





# Seminole Radio Control Club

2025 Spring Opening Day

Fun Fly

Saturday March 15th

*Lunch prepared by our excellent Grill Masters, will be available from:*

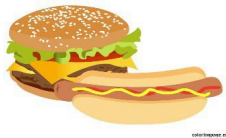
**11:30 am to 1 pm**

While supplies last

**All you care to eat or drink.**

Enjoy burgers, dogs, plus other delicious choices. Drinks and the fixins' are included.

**\$10.00 per adult,**  
**children under 10,**  
**\$5.00**



**Flying from 8 am till Dusk**

**Current SRCC and AMA Safety Rules are in effect.**



**General Public**

All are welcome to come out and enjoy some great Radio Control Aircraft flying.

***Want to try your flying skills?***  
**Club instructors and trainer planes will be available, 10 till 1.**

**Club Members**

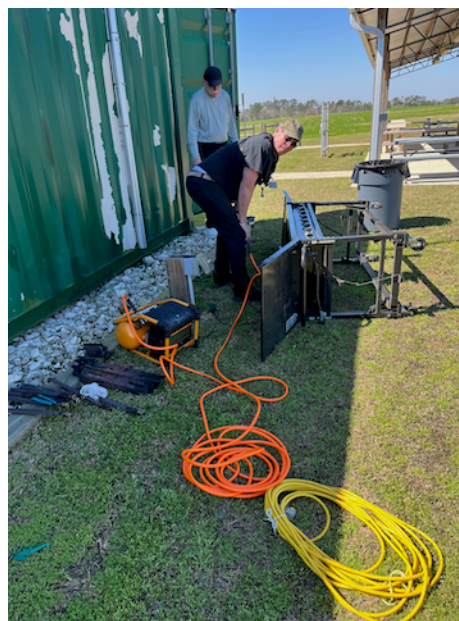
**Spring cleaning the shop? Have something to sell? Bring it out and offer it to fellow fliers. 10% of sales go to the club up to a maximum \$15 per individual**



Apalachee Regional Park, 7550 Apalachee Parkway  
Directions and map can be found at [www.seminolerc.com](http://www.seminolerc.com)  
All fliers must have current AMA membership.

## Spring Cleaning

It is springtime and we all know what that means! There are lots of cleaning and maintenance projects to get ready for the flying season. Below you can see Gordie Meade working on the container paint and Kevin Parsons and Dennis McCurdy working on grill maintenance. Picture courtesy of Jay Wiggins.



A bit of history - the picture below from Jim Ogorek shows moving day five years ago as we left the old site for our new one.





## **Club Meeting News - Jeff Owens**

The February meeting was called to order by President Jay Wiggins at 7:00 PM on Thursday February 20, 2025 with 15 members and one guest present. There were no new members or visitors.

**Member Recognition** - Jay Wiggins thanked Jim Ogorek for repairing the weed eater and for making the flyer for the Spring Opener; Ed Budzyna for his years of weed trimming; Gordie Meade for paint scraping and touch-up; Kevin Parsons for cooking and grill maintenance.

**Vice-President:** Sam Varn - preparations are underway for the March Spring Opener.

**Treasurer:** Marcy Driscoll - the December report was approved as published in the newsletter. 76 members have renewed so far.

**Secretary:** Jeff Owens - the minutes of the January meeting were approved as published.

**Training and Safety:** Mike Atkinson - no safety issues. There is a TAG event scheduled for the end of March. The next TAG grant application is in progress.

**Field Report: Gordie** - mower maintenance is scheduled. Sandy Jaffe will take over the weed eating from Ed Budzyna. Container painting and scraping is in progress. Fertilizing will take place after the mower maintenance.

There were no items for old or new business. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 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

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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