

# *The Seminole Flyer*



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## **Next Club Meeting**

July 21, 2022

Thursday BBQ and Night Fly!  
At the Club Field! Details will be distributed via email and on the web site.

For many club members, typical RC flying activities center around our home flying site. For others, however, there are contests and fun fly events that often require lengthy drives. Here is an update on Gordie's latest travels

## **Gordie's Travels**

Gordie Meade

It has been a very busy season so far this year. The AMPS Club in Homestead/Miami hosted their first heli funfly/contest. My friend, Nob Muraki, a member of the USA F3C Team, was the CD so several of us planned to make the trip. I had planned on going down on Thursday and returning Sunday. I started checking hotels and the least expensive I could find was \$259 a night, which would be a REALLY expensive weekend. Mike Goza from Texas, also a USA Team member, suggested we look at an Air BNB. Four of us ,me, Nob, Mike and Nick Maxwell, got together and rented one, Thursday to Sunday for \$1200, so \$300 a piece. Good Deal. 48 registered pilots.

I had not been to Miami in many years and had forgotten how flat it is. The AMPS field is big and has two runways in an L shape with shelters and electricity on both. The funfly flew off one and the contest off the other. This was my first contest with the new Reference fuselages and I was not very well prepared as the weather was awful for two weeks before I left. I finished

behind the guys on the world team and in front of the rest.

A little while later I was invited to a funfly in Nashville, or Nashvegas as they are calling it now. 34 registered pilots and a lot of fun. After doing this for 30 years, I know most of the guys that come to these so it's like a reunion. Flying was amazing and the BBQ was awesome. If you have never seen Nick Maxwell fly, go on Youtube and search for Nick. You've never seen anything like it. Nick and I have done 5 World Championships together and I have been his caller for the last three.

A couple of weeks after that was the Steve Helms Memorial fun fly in Huntsville Alabama. For those of you that did not know Steve, he was a founding member of Southern RC which kitted a lot of great pattern airplanes in the 70s. He founded Radio South but left to become the Hobby Manager for Futaba USA in California. I usually saw him at the NATS every year. He was also a really good helicopter pilot. Futaba moved their operation to Huntsville and Steve moved with it. He passed away several years ago but certainly has not been forgotten.

There were 38 registered pilots and the weather was great. Many of the guys off the World Team were there and we flew a lot. With that kind of talent there, it was easy to get helpful feedback to help get ready for the next contest which is in Nashville the end of June.

I will be leaving for Indiana and the US Nationals at the end of July, not to compete but to Judge. It is also the Team Trials for the next USA World Team, and is where the World Championships will be in Muncie in 2023. I will not be on the Team this time as I have been selected to be the US F3C judge. I have judged a lot but this will be my first World Championship. If you are interested in RC helicopters, plan to make the Worlds as the best of the best in both F3C (precision) and F3N (freestyle) will be represented.

After the NATS there is the IRCHA Jamboree which is the largest helicopter event in the United States, having as many as 1000 registered pilots. I would imagine attendance will be down some as gas prices are up and vacation time down. You will see everything new and exciting there including some awesome scale models like our own Sandy. Worth the trip if you have the time.

## **Independence Day Fun Fly**

The Independence Day Fun Fly is scheduled for Saturday July 2, 2022. This event will follow our usual Fun Fly format. Watch your email, the web site, and our Facebook Group page for additional details as they become available! Check out the flyer on the next page.



## **Independence Day Fun Fly**

**Saturday, July 2nd**

**9am to 3pm**

**Open to all types of aircraft.**

**No pilot landing fee.**

**Bring what you like -- Fly what you bring. \*\***

**Lunch served 11:30 AM - 1 PM.**

**Enjoy burgers, dogs, and more, plus drinks and the fixins'.**

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

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

**Flight instruction will be available.**

Apalachee Regional Park 7550 Apalachee Parkway  
Directions and map can be found at [www.seminolerc.com](http://www.seminolerc.com) For additional information, contact Jim Ogorek 850-766-2477

\* All fliers must have current AMA membership. Normal AMA and SRCC safety rules are in effect

## **Memorial Day Fly In**

Jeff Owens

This year's Memorial Day Fly In was held on Saturday May 28, 2022 and the weather and attendance were both excellent. There was an abundance of models on display as you can see in the pictures below. Great food was available as well as copious amounts of water! A somewhat tired trainer was auctioned off with Troy Emmett being the proud new owner! I was pleased that my shimmying forward of the Corsair landing gear helped the nose over problem I have been having - 4 out of 5 landings were nominal with only one having a nose over. Now I have to get to to taxi! More high rate elevator may do the trick. Fredrick Mursch put on a great demo with his turbine powered jet model. Check out the pictures Jim Ogorek posted on our Facebook group page. Mike Atkinson also posted two videos of Fredrick's jet there. Judging from what I saw, everyone seemed to have a great time. Shown below are some pictures from Bill Ashbaker.







## The “Cancelled” TAG Event

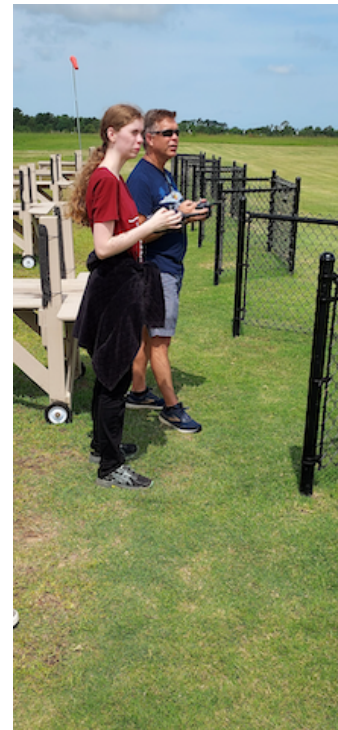
Jim Ogorek

Well the weather guessers blew it and so did we!

Friday afternoon I sent an email to Dr. Mike where I thought someone should be at the field around 9 in case anyone showed up. I canceled on our Facebook site and sent emails to Kids Happening and the Democrat we had canceled the event due to severe weather forecast. Around 9:45 Saturday morning I got a text from Dr. Mike, six plus people showed up and he was training and could use some help. I arrived around 10:30 and there were people lined up to try their flying skills. Dr. Mike had the New Ranger with the reflex system from FMS and he loved it. Have to agree, while I did not take the sticks from him, it is one smooth flying trainer. Maybe we need to sell off one of the Super EZs and get a new one with the reflex system. By my count we had 22 people show up and Dr. Mike flew 11, some a couple of times. Perfect weather for flying 3 to 5 mph straight down the runway west to east. Fredrick came out (not knowing we had a few to train) with his speed racer and wowed the crowd with 150 MPH passes. Very impressive indeed! Rick Sunderland was there for a while and like myself, answered a lot of questions about club activities and what is required to fly with us. I flew my PC6 Porter between training flights to give Dr. Mike a short break, as did Fredrick.

All in all for the "heavy rain" we had a great time and hopefully gained some new potential members.

Here are few pictures for the News Letter. Check out the rainy sky!



## Club Meeting News - Jeff Owens, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Jay Wiggins at 7:00 PM on June 16, 2022. Eleven members were in attendance with another six joining via Zoom at various points throughout the meeting. There were no visitors or new members.

**Member Recognition** - For assistance with the Memorial Day Fly In - Jim Ogorek (photos, set-up), Bill Ashbaker (photos), Ed Budzyna and Troy Emmitt (set-up), Marcy Driscoll and Troy (pylon racing), Dr. Mike (training), Steve McFadden (cooking and clean-up, donating a cooler and cutting board), Gordie Meade (field prep), Sam Varn (signs), Jim Ogorek (Facebook and other PR activities). TAG Activities - Dr. Mike and Jim Ogorek.

**Vice President's Report** - none

**Treasurer's Report** - Marcy Driscoll - approved

**Secretary's Report** - Jeff Owens - approved

**Safety and Training** - Dr. Mike - no safety issues. The TAG event took place as scheduled although it had been cancelled due to predicted bad weather. For details see the story in this issue of the newsletter. 22 people showed up and there were 13 new pilots! Jay Wiggins donated a receiver for training, Mike Lassiter donated a new Ranger with the reflex system, and Sam Varn will donate another Ranger.

**Pylon Racing Report** - Marcy Driscoll - it was decided to postpone further racing events until September. Frederick Mursch has offered to run a setup and racing clinic which will be held later in the summer.

**Field Marshall Report** - Gordie Meade - the grass will be mowed on an as needed basis as it is not growing too much. Be careful not to kick gravel onto the grass when backing into the loading area.

**Miscellaneous Field Information** - Jay Wiggins - no news on the gate. The peeling paint on the storage building will be fixed by Jay. Jay will also install weather stripping on the door to the container. Sandy Jaffe volunteered to clean the various signs. The fence installation will be done in July (maybe) and a post hole for the flag will be dug then. A discussion of when and how the new parking area will be used was held. The option for a WeatherStem system is dead - it is way too expensive for the club to purchase. Various web sites exist (including one on our web page) which can be used to find out weather conditions at or near the field.

**Old Business** - Sam Varn discussed various options for new club shirts. The Board of Directors will recommend options. A web site for ordering will be set up and members notified - probably in July.

**New Business** - none

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 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.