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# *The Seminole Flyer*

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AMA Chartered Club 216, Founded in 1969



A Gold Leader Club for over ten years

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## **Next Club Meeting**

Thursday, August 21, 2025  
The Wine House  
1355 Market Street

## **No July Meeting**

Jeff Owens

Summer has arrived with a vengeance - we are in the midst of our first heat wave of the season. The field is in great shape and is ready to host those who venture out - perhaps in the cooler morning temps. There appear to be no pressing issues that need immediate attention. Some projects such as the container repainting and starting table reconstruction and repair are in process. Therefore, in accordance with past tradition, there will be no July meeting, leaving time for vacation trips, family visits, and more. As always, if you see something that needs attention, please tell one of the Board of Directors.

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# Independence Day Fun Fly



## Saturday July 5th

*Air Show hours from 8 Am till 1 Pm*

*Come watch and enjoy many different styles of Radio-Controlled Aircraft.*

*Our club instructors will be available from 10am till 1pm if you want to try your hands on the controls.*

*Open flying after 1 Pm till dusk*

*Lunch served 11:30 AM – 1 PM*

*While food items are available*

*Enjoy burgers, dogs, and more, plus drinks and the fixins'. All you care to eat or drink*

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

*Seminole RC field, Apalachee Regional Park*

*7550 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee Fl.*

*For directions, visit [www.seminolrc.com](http://www.seminolrc.com)*

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

### Wheel Chocks- Steve Warmath

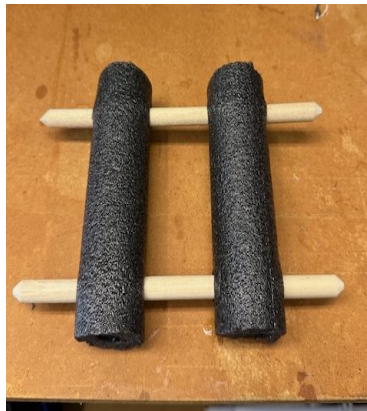
Do you have a plane that just fits into the back of your vehicle without removing the wings or have multiple planes to transport without them rolling around and bumping into the interior or your other planes? I scratched my head on this to come up with an inexpensive rc airplane wheel chock solution. I looked back to my days on the USS Independence as a Catapult and Arresting Gear Officer to study the types of chocks the Navy used on board to keep the aircraft stationary while it was being chained to the deck. Hey, if its good enough for the Navy, I'll start with that. One end of the chock was stationary and the other end would slide along the rail to fit different tire sizes. The other chock was movable with a spring loaded release/locking pull pin.



What could be the cheapest most simplistic version of this concept I could come up with that would accommodate both large and small wheels? Turns out the solution I opted for was to use 1/2" pipe insulation and 1/4" dowels. I cut the insulation into 5" lengths and the dowels 8" long. I sanded a point onto the dowels so they would not drag too much on the foam when inserting them. I then used an awl to punch a hole through the insulation to help the dowel to go through. Note: Pipe insulation has a slit in it to open for wrapping around a pipe. You'll want to punch your holes 90 degrees to that slit.

The foam insulation slides back and forth on the dowels to adjust for different wheel sizes. The wood to foam friction is perfect using the awl to punch the holes. For extra holding power, add two crossing rubber bands and attach to the dowels. For the price, I think I'll have to make two or three more sets.

If you want to accommodate even smaller wheels, cut the tubing in half and use small dowels or large wooden skewers. Use with flat side down with rubber band hold downs.



## Club Meeting News - Jeff Owens

The June meeting was called to order by President Jay Wiggins at 7:00 PM on Thursday June 19, 2025 with 12 members present.

**Member Recognition** - Steve Warmath for Ground School articles for the newsletter; Linda Warmath for repairs to our flag; Dennis McCurdy for providing flags for the pilot stations at our Memorial Day Fun Fly; Frank Bartos for his continuing support of the club raffles and auctions; Jim Ogorek for his publicity work and the flyers for our events; Geoff Lawrence and Jim Ogorek for their work as trainers; Mike Atkinson for getting another TAG grant from AMA; Sam Varn for his work coordinating the food preparation for our events; Marcy Driscoll for collecting money for the lunch and raffle tickets. Kevin Parsons, Chris Mason, and Troy Emmitt for helping with set-up and tear-down at the Memorial Day Fun Fly; Ed Budzyna for providing donuts and for weed trimming; Gordie Meade for mowing; Sandy Jaffe for weed trimming; Jeff Owens for the newsletter, web, and meeting minutes.

**Vice-President:** Jay Wiggins for Sam Varn - everything is ready for the Independence Day Fun Fly.

**Treasurer:** the April report was approved as published in the newsletter. Marcy put forth the idea of assigning a club member as a mentor to each new member. She also presented a table showing membership retention (year joined and number still active) for past years and decades.

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

**Training and Safety:** Mike Atkinson - no safety issues. Steve Warmath is the new TAG event coordinator. He hopes to have a total of four events for the year and has been contacting local groups (Boy Scouts, Civil Air Patrol, and more) in order to generate event attendance. A new TAG grant from AMA has been received in the amount of \$754.47. This will be used to support our continuing training endeavors.

**Field Report:** Jay Wiggins for Gordie Meade - the field and pit areas are looking great.

**Old Business** - none.

**New business** - Individuals from the Florida State Guard have approached the club with a request to use the field for drone training events. This has been approved provided that the individual pilots follow the club rules and procedures (AMA and club membership, FPV rules, etc.)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

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## The Seminole R/C Club Tallahassee, FL

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### Officers

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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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