

The Seminole Flyer



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Next Club Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2024
The Wine House
1355 Market Street

Southeastern Model Show (aka Perry)

Jeff Owens

Another version of the SMS is now in the books. Greg Hoke from the host GAMA club serves as the organizer and he said that judging from the table and ticket sales that this was the largest event yet. The crowd on Friday seemed to confirm this. I was there with the Senior Pattern Association tables (see the picture to the right) and I saw a number of Seminole RC Club members there. As in other recent shows the number of individual vendors was far larger than the number of hobby shops or other organizations. There were quite few classic kits available as well as completed airframes - some old, some new. In other words, it was a typical Perry Swap Meet. By Saturday morning there were a lot of empty tables and the crowd size was down from the previous day. But judging from the number of people taking new-found treasures to their cars throughout both days it would seem that it was another successful show.



Spring Opening Day Fun Fly

Jeff Owens

Our Spring Opening Day Fun Fly was held on Saturday March 16, 2024. The weather forecast was a bit iffy, but by 10:00 AM the weather was beautiful with clear blue sky and good sun. As would be expected, there were many types of aircraft being flown from mini drones to 40% sized 3D craft and everything in between. The raffle included five FMS models which represented quite an investment in our club by FMS. An auction was also held with proceeds going towards the Children's Miracle Network. Lunch was great and there were plenty of folks signing up. See the Treasurer's report in the minutes for more details. All in all the event was just what was hoped for - a celebration of the facility as we enter another season of flying.

The publicity done by Jim Ogorek combined with the signage Dr. Mike placed on Apalachee Parkway led to quite a few spectators showing up. Many of these were interested in trying out the club trainers and Dr. Mike and Geoff Lawrence were kept quite busy!

The day was not without its dramatic moments. Try Emmett caught a wing tip during a low knife edge pass. Most of the right wing was removed, but the plane kept flying. Troy was able to line it up with the runway and keep it under control; almost to the touch down. At the last minute as the airspeed slowed the plane hit hard and did a fair amount of damage. Later in the day I was flying my Avanti EDF and was nearing the end of the fourth flight when the right wing folded while I was turning around in preparation for a landing. The result was a high speed disassembly of the remaining parts of the airframe. The NTSB accident investigation showed a lack of glue on the wing spar tubes that hold the carbon fiber spar. Frank Bastos replaced the airplane under warranty (thanks Frank!) and the new Avanti has already been flown. Jim Ogorek took many pictures throughout the event and he has posted a link to them on the Seminole Radio Control Club group Facebook page - Thanks Jim! I am including below a few photos I shot at the event.





Frank's New Warehouse

Jeff Owens

Frank Bastos is our local contact for FMS models. In fact, he ships out orders entered on the FMS website, as well as to FMS dealers throughout the US. This leads to an interesting opportunity for local flyers to save some money. If you order from the FMS website, your order will go to Frank who will then ship out your model. But this costs FMS the amount for shipping. Instead, contact Frank directly at 850-960-7844 (this is his work phone number) and then arrange to pick up your order at his warehouse. Since this saves shipping costs he can offer a discount not available on the website. His new warehouse is located at 3373 Garber Drive, unit B. You can get directions from your GPS, but to give you an idea of its location you would turn on to West Tharpe Street from Capital Circle SW, go 0.4 miles, turn left on Max Drive, then turn right on Garber Drive. You will see the warehouse on the right. Frank also has some "open box" items that have been returned and which he can offer at a discount.

New First-Aid Box

Sandy Jaffe

For those that have been to the flying field recently, you may have noticed that the small white, rusting, First-Aid kit is gone, and has been replaced with a new, much larger First-Aid kit mounted on the east end of the table under the pavilion. This large plastic case should have much better sealing and protection from insects and mold/mildew getting into the contents. You may also have observed that there is a small tamper resistant tie-wrap on one of the two latches. This will not prevent the First-Aid kit from being opened by someone **NEEDING** to get to its contents, but it will show if the kit has been opened, so that it can be inspected and replenished as needed.

This new First-Aid kit is at the flying site to be able to help in the event of a serious burn, or a large / deep laceration. It is not there for “hang nails”, scrapes, or that small X-acto knife finger prick. For those types of minor injuries there is currently a small Rubbermaid container on the north side of the table with small and medium bandages in it. There are **NO** small or medium bandages in the large First-Aid kit.

The First-Aid kit is there if you **NEED** it. It even has a First-Aid handbook inside. If you take items from the kit, please inform a club officer, so we can quickly get any missing items replaced.

Thank you.



You can see the new First-Aid box in the picture above along with the small box of bandaids on the table below it.

Club Meeting News - Jeff Owens

The meeting was called to order by President Jay Wiggins at 7:00 PM on Thursday March 21, 2024 with 11 members in attendance and 1 on Zoom.

Member Recognition - Jim Ogorek - event publicity, help with raffle items and donation of an FMS Integral EDF; Mike Atkinson - training at the event, planning for the TAG event, signs for the event; Ken Kushner - trash detail; Jeff Owens - web site, Newsletter, and Secretary tasks; Bill Ashbaker - helping a new member with his drone; Gordie and Ed - site prep for the Opening Day event; Rhett, David, Ken, and Dennis for helping move stuff out of the way for Gordie; Marcy - Treasurer duties and handling the money for the event; David Coury - food prep for the event with Dennis and Kevin cooking; Set up and tear down - David, Nicholas and his Dad, Dale, Rhett, Dr. Mike, and Kevin and probably more; Frank Bastos, FMS, and Firefox Toys for raffle items and training planes; Jim Ogorek - donation of an FMS Integral EDF; Geoff Lawrence - assisting training; Gordie - fertilizer and paint; Joe Kennedy - auction donations; Ed - Krispy Kreme donuts; Randy Reese - team physician; Friedrich, Claudia, and Sandra for the use of the Wine House for our meetings.

First aid kit and fire extinguisher - if you have used either of these for some emergency, please tell a club officer so that the supplies can be restocked for the next use.

Vice President's Report - Jay for David Coury - everything is on track for the April Fun Fly.

Treasurer's Report - Marcy Driscoll - the January report was approved as published in the February newsletter. We took in over \$2000 during the Opening Day event. This included \$530 for the auction items (this will go to the Children's Miracle Network) and over \$900 for the Club from the raffle items.

Secretary's Report - Jeff Owens - the minutes of the February meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. The Gold Leader Club update form has been received and will be submitted to AMA.

Training and Safety Report - Jay for Mike Atkinson - The next TAG event is March 30, 2024. Help is needed with training and with battery charging as about 30 flyers are expected. No safety items were noted during the recent event.

Field Report - Gordie Meade - grass has been mowed around the pavilion and the field will be mowed on Monday. More pavers have been set. Container is mostly painted - could use some help in the lower edges of the container.

There were no items for old or new business (but see the article above about Frank Bastos's new warehouse.). The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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:

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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.
