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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**

June 16, 2022

The Wine House  
1355 Market Street  
Eat at 6:00, Meet at 7:00

## **TAG Event News**

Jeff Owens

The Take Off and Grow (TAG) Program is sponsored by AMA as an effort to increase the number of RC pilots and thereby increase membership in AMA affiliated clubs. Mike Atkinson has been successfully running TAG events over the past year. And the Club has recently received news from AMA that it has been awarded another TAG Grant in the amount of \$900! Dr. Mike's hard work has paid off again.

The most recent TAG event was held on Saturday May 7, 2022 with cadets from the Tallahassee Civil Air Patrol chapter participating in the training activities. A computer and TV monitor were set up to give the cadets the opportunity to try their hands on a flight simulator while waiting to fly one of the Club's trainers. The weather was blustery with winds gusting to over 15 miles per hour, making the training environment rather challenging. One trainer was lost when it went out of control and landed in some tall trees east of the runway. Intrepid President Jay Wiggins claimed it was not lost since he trekked into the woods and located the trainer near the top of a tall tree, but it was too tall for a successful retrieval. Meanwhile Dr. Mike carried on and flew quite a few cadets on the remaining trainer. Some pictures from Jim Ogorek are shown below.



Our next event! Be there!

# MEMORIAL DAY

Saturday, MAY 28, 2022  
8AM to Dusk

Open to all types of aircraft  
No pilot landing fee.  
Bring what you like -- Fly what you bring\*\*



## Food

Lunch served 11:30 AM – 1 PM  
Enjoy burgers, dogs, drinks and the fixins'.  
\$10.00 per adult, children under 10, \$5.00,  
All you care to eat or drink.



**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

Directions and map can be found at  
[www.seminolrc.com](http://www.seminolrc.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



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## **The Challenge of Precision**

Jeff Owens

Think back to the time of your first experience flying an RC airplane. Most of us will recall those first few flights as being a time when we wondered if we would ever figure out how to tame this trainer that seemed to have a mind of its own - going here, there, and everywhere despite our best attempts to fly straight and level with a smooth turn before the airplane flew out of sight. But gradually a sense of control seemed to emerge, or at least seemed to be a possible goal. And then came that memorable day when we made the first landing where the airplane actually survived in a condition where it could be flown again! In time we have all managed to get to a stage where we could execute a reasonable takeoff, fly a few laps around the field, and then make a passable, *i.e.*, survivable, landing. Perhaps we even could throw in something resembling a loop or a roll if we felt daring enough. For many RC pilots it seems that this stage is where they stop. Different airplanes are built or purchased, but the basic flight plan remains the same. Indeed, it is at this point that some leave the field, as if they have accomplished what they set out to do and now it is time for some other pursuit. But is this really the end of the challenge? For many the answer is no. These RC pilots have a desire to learn how to make their airplanes perform to the maximum that they are capable of. But what does this mean? Perhaps performing new types of maneuvers or learning to fly close to the ground. But for some it means learning to make the airplane fly precisely where and how the pilot intends, to demonstrate true control of the airplane in all phases of flight, to make it do what the pilot wants it to do. As an example, early on one usually learns how to do a loop. But then the challenges come when you try to put the loop in a designated position in front of you, then learn to make the loop truly round, then learn to do several identical loops in a row, and finally do this in any wind condition. That is an example of precise aircraft control.

When one makes a commitment to learning precise aircraft control there is then a never ending series of challenges that keep interest alive while building new skills. As a case in point - learning to handle a crosswind in all phases of flight - takeoff, landing, and maneuver placement. With the predominant wind from the south and our runway's east-west orientation, crosswind flying skills must be developed if one wants to fly most days at our field.

Developing precision is aided by the rules and maneuver description provided by many types of competition events - helicopters, AMA pattern, IMAC, and SPA pattern to name a few. Precise descriptions and lists of downgrades are provided and the challenge - as always - is to learn to fly the maneuvers as they are described. Having precise definitions and description is helpful and provides new goals for precise flying.

Some members have no doubt wondered how Gordie, Mike, Nicholas and his son, and I can fly the same sequences of maneuvers over and over. The answer is the never ending pursuit of precision. Each flight has different conditions and one must concentrate on striving for that elusive goal of the perfect maneuver! For more information about the various types of pattern competition check out the articles under the Pattern Talk link on the club's website.

### **Seminole RC Club Facebook Group**

The club web site used to have a link to the SRCC Forum where members could post things for sale, make comments on topics relevant to the club, etc. This year the renewal cost of \$420 seemed excessive for the small amount of usage that the Forum received and so the Forum subscription was discontinued.

The club has had a Facebook Group for several years, but few members seemed to know about it. Jim Ogorek is the manager of the group. At this time there are 16 members of the group, but it would be great to see this number grow. Simply login to Facebook and search for Seminole Radio Control Club. Ask to join the group and Jim will approve this quickly.

We can use this group page for all the things that the Forum was used for. You can post things for sale, things you want to buy, make comments relevant to the club, have discussions, see upcoming events, and so on.

Why not give it a try? You might like it!

## Club Meeting News - Jeff Owens, Secretary

The May meeting was called to order by President Jay Wiggins at 7:00 PM on Thursday May 19, 2022 at the Wine House. 11 members and one guest were in attendance.

**Member Recognition** - Dan Ouillet for his 3D printing work and Youtube videos; Chris Mason, his friend Claudia, and Steve McFadden for cooking at the April Fun Fly; Ed Budzyna, Dr. Mike, and Pat Gagnon for setup for the April event; Robin and Marcy Driscoll for drinks for the April event; Ken Kushner for handling trash duties at the field (but we need a volunteer to cover the next few months.)

**Vice President's report** - Jay for Rhett Boudreaux - everything is ready for the Memorial Day Warbird Fun Fly.

**Treasurer's Report** - Jay for Marcy Driscoll - the April report was approved as read.

**Secretary's Report** - Jeff Owens - the minutes of the April meeting were approved as posted in the Newsletter. The Gold Leader Club submission was received by AMA.

**Safety and Training** - Mike Atkinson - the TAG event was successful even with the strong winds. Eight CAP cadets each had two flights and did quite well. The TAG grant of \$900 has been approved and received from AMA. The next TAG event will be on June 11 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. There have been no safety issues other than everyone should be careful not to fly behind the flight line.

**Field Marshall's Report** - Gordie Meade - the grass was not mowed this week as the dry weather has slowed the growth of the grass. The area around the pavilion has been fertilized.

**Old Business** - Sam Varn will investigate possibilities for new club shirts.

## **New Business**

Frederick Mursch and Ed Budzyna went to the Joe Nall event in South Carolina at the Triple Tree Aerodrome. The attendance was down compared to previous years and the only major business represented there was Horizon Hobby. But a good time was had by all (except the jet pilot whose crash has been all over the internet.)

Gordie Meade wants to put pavers along the north side of the pavilion where the grass has died and also at each pilot station. Jay will seek permission from the County and Gordie will do a trial test at one pilot station and along part of the pavilion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 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.