
The Seminole Flyer



AMA Chartered Club 216, Founded in 1969



A Gold Leader Club for over ten years

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Thursday, June 20, 2024
The Wine House
1355 Market Street

Memorial Day Fly-in

Jeff Owens

Saturday May 25, 2024 dawned sunny and clear with moderate temperatures and low winds. In short, a perfect day for a fly-in. We had a good turnout from club members and the signs by the park entrance pulled in some spectators. A wide variety of aircraft showed up including Friedrich's huge turbine - see the picture below. Perhaps the highlight of the day was the Ultimate Combat that Jay created as a way of recycling the foamy "pancakes" used in a previous iteration of pylon racing. Four intrepid volunteers wowed the crowd with crazy antics as they attempted to hit each other. In the end, Gordie and Ed had the only midair and Jay was the sole survivor at the 4 minute mark. So, Jay got to take his pancake home and it lives to "fly" another day! See the pictures below. In addition to the pictures I took, both Jim Ogorek and Robert Keeney took many pictures which they subsequently posted on our Facebook group page. Another successful event is in the books. Our next event is the Firecracker Independence Day Fly In on Saturday July 6, 2024.



Friedrich and his turbine jet. It flew beautifully!



Our four intrepid Ultimate Combat pilots!



The midair remains!



The Ultimate Combat victor!



Sandy and his helicopters, Geoff's P-38, and a selection of the models that took part in the fly-in.

A Kit From the Past

Jeff Owens

Back in the mid 1990s I purchased an Ultimate Kaos kit made by a company called Direct Connection. I framed it up and intended to put in retracts and a piped YS .60. But by that time I had stopped flying pattern planes and did not anticipate competing again. And AMA pattern designs had moved into larger - and more expensive - designs. So, I sold the plane to a club member (who shall remain nameless.) He completed the plane and took it to the field for its maiden flight. He reported that the initial flight went well and that the plane flew beautifully - right up to the point that he flew through the sun, lost sight of the model, and crashed. Fast forward fifteen years or so and I found myself once again flying pattern only this time it was with the Senior Pattern Association and we were flying vintage designs - like the Ultimate Kaos. I often thought about that plane and wished I had kept it. It would have made a good practice plane and a backup for my other pattern planes. Fast forward another fifteen years or so to this year's Perry Swap Meet. One of my colleagues in SPA had a Direct Connection Ultimate Kaos kit for sale! I snapped it up in a heartbeat! I have been working on it and it is getting close to the 90% stage. As many of us know, it is the last 10% that takes 90% of the time. At any rate, this time around it will be an electric version with fixed trike gear. And it will be a backup for my other planes as well as a good practice plane. So now I am almost to the point with it that I was at some thirty years ago. How time flies!



Club Meeting News - Jeff Owens

The meeting was called to order by President Jay Wiggins at 7:00 PM on Thursday May 16, 2024 with 8 members in attendance.

Member Recognition: Gordie and Ed for mowing and trimming; Ed for supplying donuts; Dr. Mike, Jim, and Geoff for training activities; Jim for flyers and publicity; Marcy for running the landing contest; Jim and Jeff for pictures; Jeff for the Newsletter; Frank for FMS aircraft.

VP Report - David Coury - everything is ready for the May 25 Memorial Day Fly-In.

Treasurer's Report - Marcy Driscoll - March report approved as posted in the April Newsletter.

Secretary's Report - Jeff Owens - minutes of the last meeting were approved as posted in the Newsletter.

Training and Safety - Dr. Mike - We are slated to receive \$620 from AMA for the Take-off and Grow (TAG) events. There were no safety issues to report.

Field Report - Jay for Gordie - No field issues were reported. The field is said to be in great shape.

There were no items for Old or New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM

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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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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.
