
The Seminole Flyer



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Next Club Meeting

Thursday, December 19, 2024
The Wine House
1355 Market Street

Veterans Day Fun Fly

Jeff Owens

This year's Veterans Day Fun Fly was held on Saturday November 9, 2024. The weather for the event was good. No rain and a slight overcast, although it was a bit breezy. While the breezes may have kept some on the ground, a good number chose to participate in the festivities. Dr. Mike was kept busy with the club trainer as spectators chose to give it a try. David Coury and crew did their usual great preparation and lunch was served starting around 11:30. At this event veterans eat free - and there were many takers! The food was gone by 1:30 or so, but every one appeared to have a good time!



Above: Some candid shots of the pavilion and Dr. Mike with some appreciative students.

Left: David Coury (teal shirt) is ending his stint as Vice President with another successful event!



Top: the flag and wind sock both showed that it was breezy!

Middle and bottom: Friedrich and Claudia with Friedrich's F-86. I managed to catch the landing flare - notice the nose high attitude as it touches down on the mains. Nice!



Ed Budzyna with his T-28 and his helper Eli. Notice the rope on the ground in the left picture. That is for Eli to pull the plane back to the pits!



Jay Seago put American flags on the wing and pulled (barely) a red, white, and blue streamer. A bit tricky in the wind. He got a standing ovation!

Friedrich's Jet Aerobatics

Jeff Owens

This fall, club member Friedrich Mursch flew in two jet events. In September he participated in Jets over Georgia flying his Cougar and Voyager models. There is a Facebook page for this event at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/752734796968317/> Friedrich won Best Military Jet with his Cougar. There are you tube videos of both the Cougar and Voyager at the following links

Cougar: <https://youtu.be/YsFZzCC4suA>

Voyager: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stI2H6h5FCU>

In October Friedrich competed in the 2024 Jet Aerobatics Nationals. He took first place in the Basic class flying his Voyager. He also took 4th place in scale flying his Cougar and 5th place in EDF flying his Viper. See <https://www.jetaerobatics.org> (click on More... in the menu)

Congratulations Friedrich! And thanks for the links and the pictures!



Refurbishing a Damaged Foam Aircraft

Steve Warmath

I recently acquired a slightly damaged Arrows Husky Aircraft that had a few dings, paint chips, and missing parts. The first step was to repair the dings. Using light weight spackle, the dings were filled, sanded and repainted. To match the colors, I took the tail section to Lowes paint department and had them match the orange and black paints. The match was almost perfect.

After all the ding repairs and painting were completed, I gave all of the colored surfaces a coat of Minwax Polycrylic semigloss paint to protect it. You can see the difference in the tail surfaces and fuselage. It makes the colors pop and gives it a refined finish. Use a soft bristle brush and apply evenly. It will flow to a smooth finish. The results will make it look like new.





A Useful Tip

Robert Tilden

Apple AirTags don't have a long range on their own. They primarily rely on Bluetooth signals, which have a limited range of around 30-40 feet. However, AirTags utilize a clever system called the "Find My" network to extend their range significantly.

Here's how it works:

- * Bluetooth Beacon: The AirTag periodically transmits a Bluetooth signal containing its unique identifier.
- * Find My Network: Millions of Apple devices (iPhones, iPads, Macs) participate in the Find My network. When one of these devices comes within range of the AirTag's Bluetooth signal, it anonymously receives the AirTag's location data.
- * Location Relay: The device then securely relays the AirTag's location to Apple's servers over the internet.
- * Location Update: Your iPhone or other Apple device connected to your iCloud account receives the updated location of the AirTag and displays it on a map in the Find My app. This collaborative approach allows AirTags to be located over much greater distances than their Bluetooth range would otherwise permit. However, it's important to note that the accuracy and frequency of location updates depend on the density of the Find My network in the area where the AirTag is located.

Wish FAA Remote ID Was just an AirTag

Club. Meeting News - Jeff Owens

The November meeting was called to order by President Jay Wiggins at 7:00 PM on Thursday November 21, 2024 with 12 members present. There were no new members or visitors.

Member Recognition - Jay Wiggins: David Coury for his service as Vice President and for his work preparing for the Veterans Day Fun Fly; Gordie for mowing; Ed for weed whacking and bringing donuts; Dr. Mike for training; Jeff for newsletter, website, and secretary service; Ken for garbage detail; Marcy for collecting money at the Veterans Day Fun Fly.

Vice President's Report - David Coury: the Veterans Day Fun Fly was a success. Plans are in place to help the new Vice President handle events for next year.

Treasurer's Report - Jay for Marcy: the September report was approved as published in the newsletter.

Secretary's Report - Jeff Owens: the minutes of the October meeting were approved as published. The slate of officers to be voted on at the December meeting include Jay Wiggins for President, Sam Varn for Vice President, Marcy Driscoll for Treasurer, and Jeff Owens for Secretary. Jeff reported on an AMA Town Hall meeting he attended via computer. AMA is working on a new marketing strategy to increase membership. Jim Ogorek reported on his efforts to keep videos of illegal and/or unsafe flying off of our Facebook group.

Training and Safety - Jay for Dr. Mike: Training is going well and all equipment is in satisfactory condition. The runway end markers (safety cones) keep getting moved - often by buzzards fighting over them - and efforts will be made to keep them in the correct locations.

Field Report - Gordie Meade: the field is looking good after the recent rain. The tractor will need some worn parts replaced and Gordie will research sources for good prices. Some starting tables need work replacing rotten wood and that work will be done in December.

There were no items for old or new business. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 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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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.
