
The Seminole Flyer



AMA Chartered Club 216, Founded in 1969



A Gold Leader Club for over ten years

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Next Club Meeting

November 17, 2022

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

Park Workers Appreciation Lunch

Jeff Owens

On Friday October 14, 2022 the club hosted a lunch for all the park workers who have made our field what it has become today. The weather was perfect and there was a great turnout. Flight demonstrations were held and the workers were offered the chance to get some stick time with Dr. Mike on one of the club trainers. The food was great and, judging by the expressions of the workers, much appreciated. Especially Benita Wiggins' great cookies. They went fast! The club received feedback that we are the only organization using the park facilities that hosts an event such as this. We have a great site and we like to show our appreciation to all those who have made it possible. Some shots of the event follow on the next page.



Children's Miracle Network Fundraiser

Jeff Owens

Our annual fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network was held on Saturday October 15, 2022. The weather was perfect and ensured a great turnout. In addition to sport flying by club members there were flight demos by Troy, Gordie, and Sandy as well as flight training. There were some nice kits for a raffle (Thank you to Frank Bastos) and there were various items that were auctioned off, as well. The pilot registration fees were matched by Troy Emmett which really helped raise the total. The raffle generated a lot of interest with Ben Fox buying the most tickets - again helping raise the total. There was plenty of food being prepared and consumed and everyone seemed to be having a great time. In the end the club raised \$1987 which set a new record. At the next meeting the club voted to raise that to an even \$2000. Some photos from the event are shown below. The minutes from the last meeting list some of the volunteers for the event. In reality, the success of the event was due to everyone pitching in to help in one way or another.





Safety Update

Michael Atkinson

The new “Air Show Today” signs provided by Sam Varn and Awards4U have facilitated quite a bit of traffic at the new field during our special events. The increased visitor attendance has, however, brought about some safety concerns. All visitors should remain well off the flight line and away from the designated pilot stations. Ideally, visitors should not venture north of an extended line from the northern border of the pavilion. We are in the process of preparing signs for better management during events. These signs will help us assure only pilots and escorted guests will be near the flight line.

Additionally, during special demonstration events, **ALL** spectators – including club members – should stay off the flight line unless specifically assisting in the ongoing demonstration. Club safety rules, as well as flight line observance is still required. We have some of the best pilots in the world as fellow club members, but mechanical failure is still a possibility. Some of the flying is performed very close to the pilot stations. Let’s all be pro-active to promote a safe spectator environment while these world-class pilots continue to amaze us with their talents!

As a requirement for remaining an AMA designated Gold Leader Club, we are required to hold an annual safety update. During our Veteran’s Day event, we will take a very short break to conduct our safety update.

Happy (and safe!) Flying,

Michael Atkinson, Safety coordinator



Parking Etiquette

Jeff Owens

Seen at the recent CMN Fundraiser... The picture at the left shows a view of the **EXIT** gateway at the lower end of the parking area. The proper parking procedure is to drive up the gravel roadway to the unloading area and then proceed **DOWN** the hill to the chosen parking spot. Due to the possibility of damaging the sod, members are requested to never back their vehicles up the hill. Similarly, one should not enter the **EXIT** gateway and drive up the hill.

Members arriving at the CMN event early parked in a line completely closing off the entry to the parking area from the unloading zone. Essentially, after the first 5 or 6 cars arrived, no one else could access the parking area. Sandy Jaffe suggested the simplest solution - leave a path near the center of the access area to the parking lot. Moving two vehicles resulted in the picture on the right where one can see the access lane to the parking area. That enabled several more rows of cars to be parked down the hill.

Nitro Clinic?

Jeff Owens

These days more and more flyers are using electric power systems. But if you have been around this hobby for any length of time you will have encountered nitro powered planes, as well. For many decades nitro engines were the only choice we had to power our models. So, what if you have some nitro planes or acquired one or more at an auction or private sale? A newcomer probably wouldn't know the techniques for choosing the right prop, glow fuel nitro content, glow plug, and adjusting the carb for optimal performance. Some years ago we had a nitro clinic where these topics were discussed and then various models were adjusted for optimal flying performance. Club member Randy Yarborough asked at the last meeting if there would be any interest in another such clinic. So, **please email me if you would like to see the club arrange such a clinic.** If there is sufficient interest then we may choose to hold one at some point. If there are only a few members who are interested, then we can arrange one-on-one sessions to help with any problems that may have been encountered.

Club Meeting News - Jeff Owens, Secretary

The October meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on Thursday October 20 by President Jay Wiggins with 10 members, 1 guest, and 5 Zoom attendees.

Member Recognition - Recovering and painting tables - Gordie Meade, Ed Budzyna, David Coury, Richard Feezel, Sandy Jaffe, Geoff Lawrence, Sam Barn, Jim Ogorek, Theo Titus, Ken Kuchner; **Park Employees Luncheon** - Theo Titus, Robin Driscoll, Jay Seago, Jim Bassone, Sandy Jaffe, Troy Emmett, Ben Fox, Mike Atkinson, Joe Satterwhite, Steve McFadden, Benita Wiggins; **CMN Fundraiser** - Theo Titus and Steve McFadden (cooks), Troy Emmett, Ben Fox, Frank Bastos (donations), Jeff Owens (put out and pick up signs), Jim Ogorek and Jeff Owens (flight training), many members (set up and tear down);
Painting the green container - Jay Wiggins.

President's field report - the field has been rolled and is looking good. The Veteran's Day Fly-in will be held on November 12. Night flying is an option when there is enough demand (and will be better without mosquitos.)

Vice-President's report - none

Secretary's report - the minutes were approved as posted in the newsletter. Thank you cards and a condolence card have been sent.

Treasurer's Report - the August report was approved as posted in the newsletter. The CMN Fundraiser pulled in \$1983 which the Club voted to round up to \$2000.

Pylon Racing - Marcy Driscoll - the level of participation has been disrupted by the hurricane preparation and other activities that drew participants away. There will be an event on Saturday October 29 just before the TAG event.

TAG Event - Dr. Mike will be making two TAG presentations the week of October 24 culminating with a full training event on Saturday October 29 at noon. He will try to get the hot dog cooker set up for lunch.

Old Business - none

New Business - the new lease agreement with the County was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 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:

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.
