

The Seminole Flyer



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Next Club Meeting

Thursday, November 20, 2025
The Wine House
1355 Market Street

Upcoming Events and Field Closures

This fall will be busy with both events and field closures.

November 1 - TAG training event 9:00-12:00 am

November 8 - Veterans Day Fun Fly - see poster below

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, October 24 & 25, **The flying field is closed all day.** The events are the NJCAA/FSU/PRE-STATE. 5,000 people expected.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, November 21 & 22, **The flying field is closed all day.** The events are the NAIA Nationals and the FHSAA State Championships. 8,000 people expected.

TUESDAY through SUNDAY, January 6 - 11, 2026, **The flying field is closed every day.** The event is the World Cross Country Championships.

Several other track events are scheduled at the cross country area on other dates. These are smaller events which *theoretically* should not interfere with your flying. But, more people will be in the park than usual. As always, the carelessness or obliviousness of others does not justify or excuse unsafe flying.



SEMINOLE
RC CLUB
TALLAHASSEE, FL

Seminole RC Club
Veteran's Day Observance
Fun Fly Nov. 8, 2025



Flying from 8:00am until dusk
Public Invited. Flight Training 10:00am-1:00pm
Lunch served from 11:30am- 1:00pm while supplies last
\$10 per adult, \$5 per child 10 and under.
Apalachee Regional Park, Tallahassee, FL
Directions and map can be found at www.seminolerc.com



All fliers must have current AMA membership
Normal AMA and SRCC safety rules apply

Aerobatics Primer

Jeff Owens

Some of you may have seen the link in our website menu entitled **Pattern Talk**. I started writing some short articles about various types of pattern competition back in 2009. After a few months this project fell by the wayside. In the August issue of the newsletter I wrote a piece about becoming a better pilot. In there I discussed the benefits of learning to fly examples of precision aerobatics. The emphasis in the article was on precision - getting the plane to do what you want it to do rather than simply reacting to what it does. Writing about this reminded me of my earlier project, so I decided to go back to it and start adding some comments on how to learn to fly various simple maneuvers. I had already covered loops, so I have added pieces about learning to do rolls. From there one can put loops and rolls together to get the Immelmann turn, the Split S, the Cuban 8 and Reverse Cuban 8, and more. I have described each maneuver and given tips on how to learn to do them. In time I intend to add snap rolls and spins as well as variations like square loops, horizontal 8s, and more. The idea is to have a progression of maneuvers from simple to complex. If you master even a few of these your command of your model is destined to improve. Check out the Pattern Talk link on our website. Questions and feedback are welcomed and I will do my best to respond to every one.

Tallahassee Navy Sea Cadets TAG Event Briefing

On Sunday October 19, Steve Warmath and Dr. Mike Atkinson met with the Tallahassee Sea Cadets for a presentation and briefing for their upcoming TAG event from 9:00am to 12:00pm on November 1, 2025. The briefing included information about the club, general information about the program and the event. Two rc airplanes were on display and Dr. Mike gave a briefing on different types of aircraft and general aerodynamics. Our "Real Flight" simulator was on hand and connected to a large screen tv for cadets to try their hand at flying. The cadets were very enthusiastic about the event and having the chance to fly.

Steve and Dr. Mike were also appointed judges for the chili cook-off planned for dinner.

Leslie Phillips, the director, noted the students and parents would like to hang around after the event and watch our club members fly their aircraft. Please come out and fly. Support the cadets and show them what it's all about.



Learning **about** Flying- Steve Warmath

“Learning **to** Fly” rc aircraft could be considered Phase 1 of your quest to becoming a safe, proficient rc pilot. You learn about the planes, their components and functions, using the radio, taking off, flying around and landing. I won't go into all of the particulars of **Phase 1**, but it's important to note that **what** you learn and apply beyond Phase 1 will be the foundation for all of your rc flying in the future. (Tip: An 80mm ducted fan jet should not be your second airplane.) As you gain more experience and start to venture into more complex aircraft and flight maneuvers, you will discover there is a lot more to learn about flying rc aircraft.



One thing you can expect to hear in this hobby, as a beginner, is that at some point “**Your going to crash- get over it.**” Really? Well I don't want to do that. Crashing is not something limited to only beginners. Pilots with years of experience also crash. So why is that? At first, one would assume that crashing is always the pilots fault. It can be, but not always. RC aircraft are fairly complex things as are the radios that control them. Things can go wrong that may not be the pilots direct fault. Control linkages can fail, electronics can fail, engines can fail, structural components can fail and unfriendly environmental conditions at the field not conducive to flying, may be at fault.

Phase 2: “Learning **about** Flying”

Whether you expect to or not, as long as you fly, you will learn more about this hobby as you gain experience. (The good and the bad). It could also be known as the “**Lessons Learned**” phase.

For starters, don't assume that your new, out of the box aircraft you just bought, or a second hand one, is in perfect condition. Don't set yourself up for failure. Thoroughly inspect every component, head to tail, before you fly. Below are some basic Phase 2 things **you** can control to to increase your chances of a safe, successful flight and not waste your money:

Well, that's not good....



- Preflight inspect your aircraft before every flight. Always.
- Don't forget to charge your transmitter and don't leave it at home.
- Use “Throttle Cut” if your transmitter supports it.
- Do a control check before every flight. Always.
- Turn on your transmitter before connecting the battery. Only do so in the staging area , not under the pavilion.
- Taxi **out** to the runway before taking off.
- Get a Flight Simulator and use it often.
- Fly your aircraft in close and avoid getting “**way out there**”. Losing aircraft orientation can be very un-nerving and possibly result in a lost aircraft.
- Do not let the aircraft get directly above you. Disorientation is possible while looking straight up and can be disastrous and dangerous.
- Watch other pilots fly. Learn from their successes and mistakes. Take notes.
- Never get slow and stall your aircraft in a turn at low altitude. The low wing will stall first and before you know it, the plane will flip inverted and head for the deck with little or no time to recover.
- Don't try to salvage a bad approach to landing (go around) or roll on takeoff. (abort the takeoff).
- Take notes about your flying experiences. What did I do right and what did I do wrong? Learn from your mistakes. Review your notes periodically.

Club Meeting News - Jeff Owens

The October meeting was called to order by President Jay Wiggins at 7:00 PM on October 16, 2025 with 8 members present.

Member Recognition - Steve Warmath for his TAG (Takeoff and Grow) flight training work and for coordinating with various groups; Ken Kushner for garbage detail; Jeff Owens for the Newsletter; Sam Varn and Kevin Parsons for grill maintenance; Steve Warmath - event flyers; Sam Varn - November event prep; David Coury - money collection at the CMN event; Benita Wiggins for her cookies; Mike Atkinson - weed trimming; Sandy Jaffe and Troy Emmett for demos during the Workers Appreciation event; Steve, Jeff, and Mike for training events; Kevin, Chris, and Claudia for cooking and food prep; Frank and David for donating three FMS airplanes for the CMN event; Mike Atkinson and Jim Ogorek for cleaning the container after the painting was completed; Mike Atkinson for finding replacement pop-ups at a good price.

President's Report - Please DO NOT ask County Workers to retrieve lost model aircraft. Also, please DO NOT drive vehicles on the runway. The county workers and club members have worked hard to get a smooth runway surface, Ruts left by vehicle tires cause many problems for our models! Steve Warmath is now a member of the Board of Directors as Training Officer. Officer elections are held in December. Please forward any nominations to Jeff Owens before the December meeting. Please also check first with anyone you are nominating! Check your email for field closure notices. See the list at the beginning of this issue. Note the length of the closure during the World Championship track meet. Steve Warmath is the new Facebook group administrator while Jeff Owens and Mike Atkinson are assistant administrators. Jim Ogorek did many things for the club and will be hard to replace. These included event PR and poster creation, windsock maintenance, training, starting hold downs, Facebook group administrator, to mention just a few. His funeral is on October 18 at 11:00 AM.

VP Report - Sam Varn - everything is ready for the November events. The grill repairs are working well.

Treasurer's Report - the August report was approved as posted into the the September Newsletter. The CMN fundraiser and an earlier May donation raised \$998. It was voted to round this up to \$1500. The auction of Theo's equipment raised \$958 for the Club. Some Board members received emails as part of a phishing scam - beware!

Secretary's Report - the minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the September Newsletter. A condolence card was sent to Carol Ogorek. A thank you card was sent to Russ Titus.

Field Marshall Report - Jay for Gordie - cutting will proceed as needed since the grass is not growing much this time of year, especially with the little rain we have received.

Training Report - Steve Warmath - a briefing for the Sea Cadets will be held by Steve Warmath and Mike Atkinson on Sunday October 19 (see article in this issue.) The next TAG event is for the Sea Cadets on Saturday November 1, 2025. In September two TAG events were held - 6 flyers at the Workers Appreciation Lunch and 4 flyers on September 27. The Sea Cadet event plus one held earlier this year will bring the total to four events for 2025 as proposed in the AMA grant application.

Safety Report - Mike Atkinson - as always, remember to respect the flight line and stay north of it. Also, DO NOT take off directly from one of the pilot stations. Instead, taxi out to the center of the runway. This gives a buffer in case something goes wrong during the takeoff.

Old Business - no items.

New Business - Sandy Jaffe mentioned that one should not reuse a shipping box that has a lipo warning on it. Even if you cover it up, the post office may not accept it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 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:

Geoff Lawrence 850-591-6879	Steve Warmath 850- 509-0672
Jeff Owens 850-545-7482	Mike Atkinson (Thursday only) 850-251-2694
Gordie Meade (helicopter) 850-528-8063	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.
