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Next Club Meeting

Thursday, October 15, 2026
The Wine House
1355 Market Street

Annual CMN Fundraiser

Jeff Owens

Our annual fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network was held on Saturday, September 19, 2026. This is the only SRCC event where a landing fee is charged as part of our donation. Also, the gross proceeds from food sales were donated and a raffle of FMS items donated by Frank Bastos was held. We had 18 registered pilots, 11 TAG trainees, and 42 guests overall. The weather was beautiful and the field and pavilion area were in great shape. We raised over \$1200 from the registration fees and proceeds from the raffle and lunch. Some pictures of the event are shown on the next few pages. Pictures of the raffle winners were sent to Frank Bastos in recognition of his contributions.







Upcoming Events

Checking our calendar on the Events page on the website shows that we have a TAG event for the Navy Sea Cadets on Saturday October 17 followed by the Park Workers Appreciation Lunch on Friday October 30. Note that this event will also be a TAG event. The final event for this year will be the Veterans Day Fly-in on Saturday November 14.

Benefits of Using an RC Flight Simulator- Steve Warmath

Last month's article about training briefly mentioned using a flight simulator to develop your flying skills. This month's article dives a little deeper into using simulators and their benefits. A couple of "at the field" training sessions will not necessarily prepare you to solo. It takes practice to reach a level of skill and confidence to take off, fly around and land without having a nervous breakdown due to fear of crashing. Investing in an RC flight simulator can speed up the learning process and build the skills necessary to fly with confidence. In the early days of my desire to fly rc, there wasn't much in the way of training available. One could get help from fellow club members, but there was no structured program for training back then. I hear of stories about people teaching themselves to fly and being able to safely solo after time invested on a flight simulator. That's how I was able to do it. To this day, I still fly my simulator on a regular basis. If I haven't been out to the field lately, I'll fly my simulator for a day or two before I go fly to brush up on my reflexes and practice controlled, precision flying plus do a number of touch and go's. Fly with a purpose. Don't just fly around yanking and banking until you crash. Can you do figure 8's without gaining or losing altitude? Practice use of the rudder, throttle and trim for level flight at cruising speed. Don't fly around at full throttle. Practice approaches to the runway without landing. The benefits of using a simulator include:



- **Learn basic controls** — Practice throttle, elevator, rudder, and aileron control before flying a real rc aircraft.
- **Avoid expensive crashes** — Mistakes in the simulator cost nothing, unlike crashes that can damage or destroy your model.
- **Build muscle memory** — Repeated practice helps you develop automatic responses to aircraft movements.
- **Practice difficult maneuvers** — You can safely work on loops, rolls, inverted flight, takeoffs, and landings.
- **Improve orientation skills** — Learn how the controls feel when the aircraft is flying toward or away from you.
- **Practice in different conditions** — Many simulators allow wind, turbulence, different aircraft, and various flying locations.
- **Learn emergency recovery** — Practice recovering from stalls, loss of orientation, and other situations without real-world consequences.
- **Try different aircraft** — Experiment with trainers, aerobatic planes, gliders, helicopters, and other models before buying one.
- **Save time and money** — Simulator practice can shorten the learning curve and reduce the number of crashes and need for replacement parts.

Do yourself a favor and fly on a simulator. Most full scale pilots learn and stay proficient on simulators. Crashing a real airplane can be very expensive and unfortunately, at times deadly.

Club Meeting News - Jeff Owens

The September meeting was called to order by President Jay Wiggins at 7:00 PM on Thursday September 17, 2026 with 13 members and 1 guest present.

Member Recognition - Frank Bastos for contributing items for the CMN Raffle; Joe Satterwhite for picking up the raffle items and for collecting funds at the CMN Fundraiser; Ray Murtha for assisting with the lunch preparation at the Fundraiser; Sam Vern and Joel Nelson for cooking at the Fundraiser; Ken Kushner for the garbage detail; Sandy Jaffe and Gordie Meade for the field and pavilion prep; Ed Budzyna for supplying donuts; Steve Warmath for TAG and trainer organization; David Coury for restocking dry goods; Frederick and Claudia Mursch for hosting our meetings.

Vice President's Report - Sam Varn - preparations for the CMN Fundraiser are set; Will be out of town and David Coury will substitute food prep for the Country Workers Appreciation Lunch.

Treasurer's Report - Jay for Marcy - Treasurer's report approved.

Secretary's Report - Jeff Owens - minutes of the previous meeting approved as posted.

Training - Steve Warmath - For the CMN Fundraiser and TAG event - ads posted in various media. 5 TAG events are scheduled for the year.

Safety - Jay for Mike - no items to report.

Field Report - Gordie Meade - mowed today and Sandy edged the area. The runway will be mowed before the CMN Fundraiser. Top dressing will occur soon, but after the CMN event.

There were no items for new or old business.

Show and Tell - Duane Woods demonstrated his new Radiometer Tx16s. It will bind to many different receivers. It is a good looking and capable Tx that uses open source software.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

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Flight Training

Primary flight training is available by appointment 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.
