
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

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

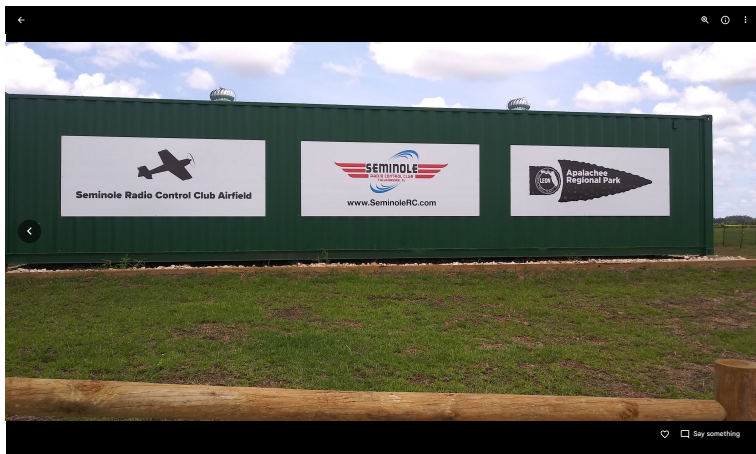
A pictorial history of our new field

Jeff Owens

It was only a few short years ago that some of us were offered a ride to the top of the landfill to view the proposed site for our new field. I vividly recall the feeling of wide openness at the top of the landfill. As we rode back down to the old field it was a bit of surprise to see how small the old location was in comparison. The proposed site was pretty rough - it took over 300 dump truck loads of soil to level it out. But the potential was immediately visible. Work progressed in stages and eventually we had a rough but flyable field. The county park personnel have worked diligently to improve the surface and it is really getting there. Rolling, sanding, fertilizing, and mowing have all gradually transformed our site. The pavilion provides welcome shade in the summer and the facilities really are now first class. Jim Ogorek has documented the transformation in pictures and I have included a few below to show the progression from where we were to where we are now. Enjoy!



In these pictures you can see the gradual transformation from a rough field to a smoothed out surface - complete with rocks and some debris. The last picture above shows some of us picking up the rocks and and debris as the surface was being prepared.



In these photos you can see the field taking shape. Some of us drove to Jacksonville to pick out our container. You can see the parking lot being prepared south of the pavilion. The last two show (part of) the finished product. A long time coming for some of us, but well worth the wait!



Back to the Future- Steve Warmath

I built my first radio control system while in college. It was a Heathkit product that required assembly. By that I mean, every nut, screw, spring, capacitor, transistor, resistor, motor and gear parts for both the transmitter and servos had to be assembled. To my surprise, it actually worked, except for one servo that I messed up with wrong circuit board wiring. I got another one and it worked as advertised. (Remember linear servos?) The assembly manual was about 1/2" thick and took a while to complete.

I did fly a bit with it then. College, military service and my professional career, as well as other interests took over until early 2004 when I got back into flying, I became a club member and recognized the need to upgrade my radio system to then-current technologies. When I was the club newsletter editor, I wrote a blurb on the new Spektrum technology (Nov. 2006 DX7) which I bought and kept over the years. (Learning curve #1). Wow, things had changed. No longer were the transmitter impound area and frequency pins required, although to my surprise, they are still being used today. (Ed. note: they have now been retired!) I kept my 72Mhz Futaba system. I flew with the DX7 for a few years and once again, other interests consumed my time and I stopped flying until recently.

I realized when I retired, I missed flying. One day, I took inventory and condition of my old equipment and airplanes. After years of storage in a case, I took out my DX7 and turned it on. I couldn't believe it showed 10.2 volts! I contacted Spektrum about compatibility with newer receivers and was told the AR620 was compatible. I replaced the battery in the transmitter and my old T-28 came back to life with the original AR7000 receiver. Due to its age, I decided to upgrade to the newer Spektrum NX8. (Learning curve #2). It talks to you? Really? The programming options are amazing and I'm still learning how it all works, at least enough to get into the air again. I rejoined the club in July and have come to realize I'm "Back to the Future" and it's good to see old friends again.

What have you flown lately?

Jeff Owens

It is no secret that newsletter editors are always looking for something to write about. You may be the key to the next article! What new model have you flown that you really liked? What new kit or ARF appeals to you? What new tool have you discovered that really makes a job easier? Why not send me an email with a short description? It doesn't have to be a full blown article - just a few sentences and maybe a web address. I can take it from there. These kinds of things can help out other club members when they are making purchase decisions. Please think about it.



September 21st fun-fly.



Pilot landing fee \$20.00**.

Flight line opens at 8 am closes at dusk.

No restrictions on any type of Aircraft flown. So, bring what you want and fly what you bring.

Flight training will be available. 10 till 1:30



There will be an Auction immediately following lunch.

If you have items to donate for this, please contact President Jay.

Lunch served 11:30 AM – 1 PM

Enjoy all you care to eat, burgers, dogs, and more, plus drinks and the fixins'. \$10.00 per adult, children under 10, \$5



***** Proceeds from this Fun Fly will be donated to Childrens Miracle Network.***

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Apalachee Regional Park, 7550 Apalachee Parkway (Hwy 27)

Directions and map can be found at www.seminolrc.com

*** All fliers must have current AMA membership.
Normal AMA and SRCC safety rules are in effect**

Club Meeting News - Jeff Owens

The August meeting was called to order by President Jay Wiggins at 7:00 PM on Thursday August 15, 2024 with 17 members and 1 guest attending.

Member Recognition - Gordie Meade for winning the Expert helicopter class at the 2024 Nationals for the fourth year in a row and also winning helicopter Team Scale!; Dr. Mike, Jim Ogorek, and Geoff Lawrence for training activities - these helped secure another TAG (Take Off and Grow) grant from AMA; David Coury for organizing the Independence Day Fl-in; Chris, Claudia, and Dennis for cooking; Gordie and Ed for mowing and trimming; Nicholas Jackson for his rocketry demo and helping with the event tear down; Marcy for money collection at the event and for her work as treasurer; Jeff for his his work with the newsletter, website, and secretarial duties; Ken Kushner for handing the garbage detail; Sandy Jaffe for giving a helicopter demo at the last IRCHA event.

President's Comments - the lease renewal is in progress. Discussions with County personnel have clarified mowing responsibilities for both the Club and the County. **Members may not make alterations to the field or contact the County with work requests without prior authorization from the Club Board of Directors.** Gordie needs volunteers to help with the container painting once the weather cools down. The Cross Country schedule is being updated and will be posted on the web once it is finalized. The County workers appreciation lunch will be scheduled by the BoD. The Memorial Plaque is being updated. The FDLE Counter Terrorism Office has contacted the Club in order to better understand our activities and capabilities. The Fly List has been taken down and also removed from the web site.

Vice President's Report - David Coury: Preparations for the CMN Fundraiser on September 21, 2024 will be started soon.

Treasurer's Report - Marcy Driscoll: The June and July reports were approved. We now have 95 members.

Secretary's Report - Jeff Owens: the July meeting was cancelled so there were no minutes to report. The June minutes were approved as posted.

Training and Safety Report - Mike Atkinson: Three training setups are ready to go. No safety issues were reported.

Field Report - Gordie Meade: the field is in great shape. It was mowed on 8/15.

There were no items of old or new business. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 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

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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.
