

# The Seminole Flyer



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**Holiday Edition**

**December 2020**



Sunny skies, light winds, comfortable temperatures, time off from work (or time away from holiday preparations)...all these make for good flying days and SRCC members are taking advantage of them. I've counted 10 or more flyers the past several times I've been out. It's great to see all the activity as we look forward to completion of what is turning out to be a grand new flying space. Many thanks to all who sent pictures documenting progress on site preparation and construction of the pavilion. Pictures tell the story in this last issue of the newsletter for 2020.

I hope you all have a happy, healthy, and safe holiday. And if you should happen to get a new plane for Christmas, don't forget to send pictures of the build and first flight!

--Marcy Driscoll



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## Next Club Meeting

January 21, 2021, 7 PM via Zoom

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# “The Night Before Christmas” (RC style)

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*From Jim Ogorek: For all my fellow pilots, Merry Christmas!*

Twas the night before Christmas, and out on the ramp,  
Not an airplane was stirring, not even a Champ.  
The aircraft were fastened to tiedowns with care,  
In hopes that come morning, they all would be there.  
The fuel trucks were nestled, all snug in their spots,  
With gusts from two-forty at 39 knots.

I slumped at the fuel desk, now finally caught up,  
And settled down comfortably, resting my butt.  
When the radio lit up with noise and with chatter,  
I turned up the scanner to see what was the matter.  
A voice clearly heard over static and snow,  
Called for clearance to land at the airport below.

He barked his transmission so lively and quick,  
I'd have sworn that the call sign he used was "St. Nick".  
I ran to the panel to turn up the lights,  
The better to welcome this magical flight.  
He called his position, no room for denial,  
"St. Nicholas One, turnin' left onto final."

And what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a red homebuilt sleigh, with eight Rotax Reindeer!  
With vectors to final, down the glideslope he came,  
As he passed all fixes, he called them by name:  
"Now Ringo! Now Tolga! Now Trini and Bacun!  
On Comet! On Cupid!" What pills was he takin'?

While controllers were sittin', and scratchin' their head,  
They phoned to my office, and I heard it with dread,  
The message they left was both urgent and dour:  
"When Santa pulls in, have him please call the tower."  
He landed like silk, with the sled runners sparking,  
Then I heard "Left at Charlie," and "Taxi to parking."

He slowed to a taxi, turned off of three-oh  
And stopped on the ramp with a "Ho, ho-ho-ho..."  
He stepped out of the sleigh, but before he could talk,  
I ran out to meet him with my best set of chocks.  
His red helmet and goggles were covered with frost  
And his beard was all blackened from Reindeer exhaust.

His breath smelled like peppermint, gone slightly stale,  
And he puffed on a pipe, but he didn't inhale.  
His cheeks were all rosy and jiggled like jelly,  
His boots were as black as a cropduster's belly.  
He was chubby and plump, in his suit of bright red,  
And he asked me to "fill it, with hundred low-lead."

He came dashing in from the snow-covered pump,  
I knew he was anxious for drainin' the sump.  
I spoke not a word, but went straight to my work,  
And I filled up the sleigh, but I spilled like a jerk.  
He came out of the restroom, and sighed in relief,  
Then he picked up a phone for a Flight Service brief.

And I thought as he silently scribed in his log,  
These reindeer could land in an eighth-mile fog.  
He completed his pre-flight, from the front to the rear,  
Then he put on his headset, and I heard him yell, "Clear!"  
And laying a finger on his push-to-talk,  
He called up the tower for clearance and squawk.

"Take taxiway Charlie, the southbound direction,  
Turn right three-two-zero at pilot's discretion"  
He sped down the runway, the best of the best,  
"Your traffic's a Grumman, inbound from the west."  
Then I heard him proclaim, as he climbed thru the night,  
"Merry Christmas to all! I have traffic in sight."





**Day 1  
Setting the Poles**



**Day 2  
Assembling  
the trusses  
Putting on  
the roof**



# Continuing site work, getting ready to pour the concrete slab



## Aerial Views

**SEMINOLE RADIO CONTROL CLUB**  
**2021 CLUB CALENDAR DRAFT**  
REVISED 12/16/2020

New Field Opening Fun Fly: Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

Fun Fly: Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

Memorial Day Warbird Meet: Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>

July Firecracker Fun Fly: Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

July Meeting with Barbeque and Night Fly: Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

Labor Day / Fly for a cure: Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

Veteran's Day Fun Fly: Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>



**ELECTION RESULTS**

Election of club officers took place via email during December with the slate consisting of the current officers. Re-elected are:

President – Jay Wiggins  
Vice-president – Rhett Boudreaux  
Secretary – Jeff Owens  
Treasurer – Bill Ashbaker

Appointed officers also continuing in their positions are:

Safety Officer – Jim Ogorek  
Training Officer – Mike Atkinson (replacing Geoff Lawrence)  
Field Marshal – Gordie Meade  
Newsletter Editor – Marcy Driscoll

Thanks to all who have served this past year and a special thanks to Geoff Lawrence for his many years as Training Officer.

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# Seminole Radio Control Club

## Tallahassee, FL

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### Officers

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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  
Bill Ashbaker 850-656-5932

Jim Ogorek 850-766-2477  
Mike Atkinson (Tuesday only) 850-251-2694  
Troy Emmett (Large Aircraft) 770-546-6199

### Field Hours

<b>Electrics/Sailplanes</b>	30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset 7 days/week
<b>Gassers/Nitros</b>	10 AM until 30 minutes after sunset except Sunday
	Sunday gasser/nitro flying begins at 12:00 PM
	All gassers and nitros must have a suitable muffler.

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