
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

January 19, 2023

The Wine House
1355 Market Street

Christmas Dinner Meeting

Jeff Owens

Our annual Christmas Dinner was held on December 15, 2022 at The Wine House. 43 members and guests were in attendance. A wonderful authentic German-style dinner had been prepared by Claudia while Friedrich served as our host. A very brief business meeting was held after the social hour and before dinner was served. A wonderful time was had by all who attended. Some pictures are included below.

New Officers

The previously announced slate of officers was approved : President - Jay Wiggins, Vice President - David Coury, Treasurer - Marcy Driscoll, Secretary - Jeff Owens.

CMN Check Presentation

Jeff Owens

The Club raised \$2000 for the Children's Miracle Network at our annual fund raiser last fall. A check in this amount was presented to CMN representative Olivia Baum by Geoff Lawrence at the Christmas Dinner Meeting. A picture of the presentation is shown below.



Friedrich overseeing the buffet food line.



Claudia and Friedrich Marsh - our hostess and host for this wonderful evening.

Here are some candid shots of club members and guests enjoying the Christmas Dinner Meeting.



Club Meeting News - Jeff Owens, Secretary

As noted above, there was a very brief business meeting prior to the opening of the buffet line. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, the previous month's financial report was approved, and the new slate of officers was approved.

CBO, FRIA, and all that Jazz

Jeff Owens

It is time for some alphabet soup! Some of you are no doubt aware that the Federal Aviation Administration has a plan that will require some Unmanned Aerial Systems to have an electronic means of identifying their location, *i.e.*, a transponder. Fortunately, there is a way for most of us to avoid this requirement. Key to this are two items - Community Based Organizations and FAA Recognized Identification Areas. The first CBO to be recognized by the FAA is our very own Academy of Model Aeronautics. The importance of achieving a FRIA designation is that UAS flown in that area do not need a means of identification. So, once a club, for example, achieves FRIA status then operations can proceed just as we have always done. Only a CBO can apply for FRIA status, so the AMA has started soliciting information from clubs as to their flight area location and size. I am the designated contact person for our club and I have submitted the required information. The next step is for AMA to apply for FRIA status on our behalf. This may take awhile since there are 2500 AMA clubs in the country. Fear not, though, as the transponder requirement has not yet been implemented and, indeed, the required transponders do not yet exist. So, operations can continue as usual while the FRIA process continues in the background.

Board of Directors Meeting

Jeff Owens

There was a Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday January 4, 2023 to discuss club activities for the forthcoming year. A provisional calendar was discussed and will be presented at the next club meeting. The future of the Pylon Racing Series was discussed and a number of options are being considered to generate more participation this year. Stay tuned for more information from Marcy and Troy who are our Pylon Racing organizers. A draft budget was discussed and will be presented to the membership at the next meeting.

The Seminole R/C Club Tallahassee, FL

Officers

President	Jay Wiggins (moonangelb@gmail.com)
Vice-President	David Coury (ddcoury@gmail.com)
Secretary	Jeff Owens (jfolso@comcast.net)
Treasurer	Marcy Driscoll (mdriscoll@fsu.edu)
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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.
