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# The Seminole Flyer

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AMA Chartered Club 216, Founded in 1969



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## Next Club Meeting

Thursday, January 16, 2024  
The Wine House  
1355 Market Street

## Happy New Year!

It is about time to turn the page and start on a new year. That means I have to remind myself to write 2025 instead of 2024... Looking ahead, there will be familiar activities at the field starting with the Opening Day event on March 15. This is timed so that one can try to sell the items that you picked up at the Perry Swap Meet (2/28/25-3/1/25) that you no longer want or need! Check the Club Calendar on our website ([seminolerc.com](http://seminolerc.com)) for other scheduled events. Meanwhile, Happy New Year to everyone!

## Dues are due

Club dues are due. See the website Home page for the amounts for different categories and instructions on how to pay. Dues must be paid by the January meeting in order to maintain flying status. While you are at it, don't forget to pay your AMA dues!

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## **Take Off and Grow (TAG) Event**

Michael Atkinson  
SRCC Training Coordinator

December 7, 2024, was our last TAG event for the year. The event was part 2 of our involvement with a local Cub Scout group. Fellow club member, Dr. John Katopodis, initiated the contact and we thank him for his efforts. Part 1 involved a short teach and learn session at their monthly Den meeting, followed by opportunity to fly on the RealFlight flight simulator cast to a big screen television. While some of the scouts were flying on the simulator, others were making paper airplanes and assembling balsa gliders provided by the AMA.

During our December 7<sup>th</sup> event, the scouts again had the opportunity to use the flight simulator while waiting for their opportunity to fly the FMS EZ Trainer with one of our club instructors. Following the flights, the scouts and their families were treated to chili dogs and chips. The weather was perfect and everyone had a great time. Including siblings and a couple parents, we were able to introduce introductory flights to about 12-15 individuals.

Thanks again to Dr. John for the connection and Geoff Lawrence for assistance with the training flights. We'd be happy to work with other groups if any of our club members want to make the introduction.



## **Club. Meeting News - Jeff Owens**

The December meeting was called to order by President Jay Wiggins at 7:00 PM on Thursday December 19, 2024 with 10 members present. There were no new members or visitors.

**Member Recognition** - Jay Wiggins thanked the officers and holders of appointed positions for all of their efforts throughout the year.

**Treasurer's Report** - Marcy: the October report was approved as published in the newsletter. Dues are now due and collections have been steady over the past few weeks. About 40% of the current members have paid for 2025.

**Secretary's Report** - Jeff Owens: the minutes of the November meeting were approved as published. The slate of officers consists of Jay Wiggins for President, Sam Varn for Vice President, Marcy Driscoll for Treasurer, and Jeff Owens for Secretary. No additional nominations were received. The slate was approved by acclamation. All appointed officers have agreed to continue in their respective positions.

**Training and Safety** - Jay for Dr. Mike: Training is going well and all equipment is in satisfactory condition. The TAG on December 7 was a success ( see the associated story in this issue.)

**Field Report** - Gordie Meade: the field is looking good. The tractor will need some worn parts replaced and Gordie will research sources for good prices. Some starting tables need work replacing rotten wood and that work will be done in January

There were no items for old or new business. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

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## The Seminole R/C Club Tallahassee, FL

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### Officers

<b>President</b>	Jay Wiggins ( <a href="mailto:moonangelb@gmail.com">moonangelb@gmail.com</a> )
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<b>Treasurer</b>	Marcy Driscoll ( <a href="mailto:mdriscoll@fsu.edu">mdriscoll@fsu.edu</a> )
<b>Field Safety Officer</b>	Mike Atkinson ( <a href="mailto:nexnbax1@comcast.net">nexnbax1@comcast.net</a> )
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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.

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