
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, February 15, 2024
The Wine House
1355 Market Street

FAA Registration

Jeff Owens

At this month's meeting there was a discussion about FAA registration and remote aircraft ID. These are actually two separate items and it seems that now would be a good time to review them both for the benefit of new members, as well as those of us who have been around a while.

First, anyone operating an rc model that weighs more than 0.55 lbs (250 grams) - be it an airplane, helicopter, or multicopter - needs to have an FAA registration number displayed on the model. You can register for an ID number at faadronezone-access.faa.gov.

Second is the issue of what is referred to as Remote ID. This is basically having a transponder onboard the model so that it can be tracked by an FAA facility. But here is the important part for us. If you are flying at an FAA Recognized Identification Area (a FRIA) you do not need Remote ID. The good news here is that our club field is an approved FRIA. So, if you are flying at our field you will need to have your FAA registration number displayed on your model, but you do not need Remote ID. Again, models under 0.55 lbs (250 grams) are exempt from the remote ID requirement.

Another important point involves The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST). If asked by law enforcement you need to be able to show your TRUST certificate and your FAA Registration

certificate. You can take the TRUST test at trust.modelaircraft.org. It is a very simple test that covers the appropriate regulations as well as some safety information.

The FAA drone zone site contains more detailed explanations of the points described above. It may seem like a lot of red tape and hoops to jump through, but the process is very straightforward and rather simple. In recent years there have been incidents involving collisions of full scale aircraft with drones. These regulations were designed to help reduce the possibilities of such collisions and were created as a result of Congressional requirements placed on the FAA. AMA played a strong role in seeing that the impact of these regulations would be minimal for clubs such as ours.

It may seem like a bit of overkill for our site since we are pretty far out in the country and not too near any airports. But I think that we have all seen examples of medevac or law enforcement helicopters flying over our field, so an encounter with a full scale aircraft is a possibility even at our field.

FMS Orders

Jeff Owens

Club member Frank Bastos has a warehouse on Capital Circle Southwest. He handles the shipping of FMS models from that site. If you place an order on the FMS website, Frank will get the order and will ship it out. If it is a local order made by a club member, then it is quicker to just pick up the order at Frank's warehouse! If you want to order from FMS, instead call Frank directly at 850-960-7844 and arrange to pick up the order at his warehouse. Frank gets returns from time to time and many have nothing wrong with them. They may be available at a reduced price because they can not be sold as new. Again, check with Frank.

Dues are Due!

Jeff Owens

Dues for the calendar year 2024 are now past due. In order to maintain uninterrupted flying privileges they must have been paid by the end of the January meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024. The new dues amounts are \$80 for an individual and \$100 for a family. See our web site for more details. Dues may be paid via PayPal, cash, or check. See the membership form on the web site for appropriate addresses (click the membership link at the bottom of the Home page.) If you haven't paid your dues yet, now would be a good time to do so!

Seminole RC Club

Financial Statement for
December 1 through December 31, 2023

Accounts

Centennial Bank Checking	\$5,460.11
Centennial Bank Savings	\$7,145.05
PayPal	\$543.27
Cash on Hand	\$1,074
Total Available Funds at End of Month	\$14,222.43

Income		Expenses	
Membership Dues	\$1,365.00	Event Expenses: Food & Drinks	
Merchandise Sales		Merchandise Purchase	
Event Sales: Food & Drinks		Donations – CMN	
Event Sales: Auction		Awards	
Interest: Savings	\$5.46	Field: Improvements	
Contributions		Field: Maintenance	
Other Income –		Field: Lease	
		Equipment	
		Mower: Maintenance	
		Mower: Fuel	
		Fees: AMA	
		Fees: State of Florida	
		Fees: Bank	
		Fees: PayPal	\$26.29
		Business Expenses	
		Insurance: AMA	
		Miscellaneous	
		Utilities: Electric*	101.48
		TAG Event: Food & Drinks	
Total Income	\$1,370.46	Total Expenses	\$127.77
This Month's Net Cash Flow	\$1,242.69		

*Electric bill was paid 12/1 for November and 12/18 for December

We had 88 flying members and 24 associate members at the end of December.

Club Meeting News — Jeff Owens

The January meeting was called to order by President Jay Wiggins at 7:00 PM on Thursday January 18, 2024. Thirteen members were present. New members included John Court and Duane Woods (a former member.)

Member Recognition — Jay Wiggins: Ken Kushner for handling the trash detail; Marcy Driscoll for her work as Treasurer; Jim Ogorek for donating and installing a new windsock; Patrick Lanfri for taking care of the flag after it blew down in a storm.

New Club Calendar - the preliminary club calendar was emailed to the membership and also discussed at the meeting. It will be put on the website. It is subject to some change as we do not yet have the County Cross Country schedule.

Treasurer's Report — the November financial report was approved as published in the newsletter.

Secretary's Report — Jeff Owens: The minutes of the December meeting were approved as posted in the newsletter.

Training and Safety Report - Mike Atkinson: Two trainers are ready while the TX for the third is out for repair. A larger trainer is in the works for those who have trouble seeing the smaller trainers. Safety: a reminder to respect the Flightline. Also, FPV drone pilots must use a spotter that has the drone in visual line of sight and the spotter must stand by the drone pilot.

Field Report - Gordie Meade: the mower is being serviced. Fertilizer will be applied as needed after the mower is back. Container painting will continue once the weather warms up. A ladder will be needed to reach the upper parts of the container. The signage on the container needs cleaning - need a volunteer.

There were no items for Old or New Business. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

The Seminole R/C Club Tallahassee, FL

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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.
