

The Seminole Flyer



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Next Club Meeting

December 16, 2021
Casa Grande Midtown
Eat at 6:00, Meet at 7:00

Time to Renew SRCC Membership

It's that time of year again...time to renew your SRCC membership.

Annual membership dues are:

\$60 Adult

\$75 Family

\$20 Junior (16 years old and younger)

Payment of dues may be made through PayPal at
seminoleradiocontrolclub@gmail.com or by check (payable to SRCC)
sent to:

Marcy Driscoll, SRCC Treasurer
1305 Woodgate Way
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Don't forget to renew your AMA while you are at it!

Veterans Day Fly-in

This year's Fly-in was held on Sunday November 7 - postponed one day due to a poor weather forecast. Sunday's weather was clear and a bit breezy while being on the cool side. But everyone had a great time and the only casualties were some bruised egos when the wind caused planes to nose over. The rather strong direct crosswind made landing smoothly a challenge and taxiing back to the pit area even more so! Lunch was available and appreciated. The accompanying pictures show some of the activity.



- On this page
- Fly-in banner
 - Lunch is served!
 - Under the pavilion
 - Geoff giving a preflight to Sofia Rodriguez
 - Sofia at the controls!



On this page

- Jim Ogorek measuring the wind speed with an app on his phone. Ed seems unaware of what is happening.
- Yes Virginia - there was a strong crosswind!
- The peanut gallery ready to judge another landing attempt!
- Geoff looking on as I fuel my Tower Super Kaos. He was trying to decide if he should buy one when Tower gets them in stock in January, so I put on a flight demo.



Geoff Lawrence titled this picture as "New Kit." This is the aftermath of one of the Pylon Race flights reported on in the previous issue.

"The best thing for me about the pylon races is that I get a new airplane kit after each race day"



This is a Southern 60 built by Mac Harper from a Vintage RC kit. It features electric power and a transparent yellow covering so that you can see all the internal structure. This was shown at the November Club meeting.

Competition Corner

As I mentioned in the last issue, I plan to feature some of the various competition activities of some of our members from time to time in this section. This month's focus is on Mike Picou. Mike told me that he remembered watching me practice pattern sequences back in the 80s and he set a goal to one day fly pattern himself. Fast forward about 30 years and Mike is now competing in both AMA pattern, aka "turnaround", and IMAC - International Miniature Aerobatic Club - events.

AMA pattern is governed by the National Society of Radio Control Aerobatics (www.nsrca.us) and sponsors five levels of competition. In order of increasing difficulty these are Club Class, Sportsman, Intermediate, Advanced, and Masters. (There is a sixth class called F3A which is for international competition by teams from individual countries.) Mike was flying in the Intermediate Class until this year when he moved up to Advanced. There is a tendency for competitors to "move up" to a higher class in order to try more challenging maneuvers. For this reason one might actually find more competitors when moving up to a higher class. Mike reported that by October he had competed in four contests at the Advanced level and, as one might expect, his results showed the effects of the increased level of difficulty in the maneuvers. There are two more contests in November and December so he may well get more practice.

Mike also has an IMAC plane and, as he put it, he dabbles in the Sportsman class. He has flown in one IMAC contest this year with one more on the schedule.

In both IMAC and AMA pattern the goal is to perform a sequence of maneuvers in front of a set of judges. The two types of events have different rules and different maneuvers, but the goal is the same for each - basically, fly each maneuver as described in the rule book in the proper order. Criteria include maneuver placement, symmetry, size, smoothness, and more. That is why pattern flying requires practice - lots of practice - always searching for the perfect maneuver. One rarely gets there and if one does, it is usually when you are alone at the field with no witnesses - and certainly no judges!

If you are interested in the differences between the various types of pattern competition, please checkout the Pattern Talk articles I have written for our web site.

Christmas Meeting

The Christmas meeting will be held on December 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM. As in past years each member may bring a guest. Food items and non-alcoholic drinks will be purchased by the Club. Alcoholic drinks will be the member's responsibility. Watch for email notices for updates on this meeting. Also, Jay will send out a request for RSVPs about a week before the meeting. PLEASE RESPOND as he will need an approximate headcount for the restaurant.

Club Meeting News - the minutes of the November meeting

The November meeting was called to order on Thursday November 18, 2021 by President Jay Wiggins at approximately 7:00 PM with 12 members and five guests present. The meeting was held at Casa Grande Midtown in the same location as the old Beef O'Brady's.

Member Recognition - Sandy Jaffee and some of his helicopters will be featured in the next issue of Model Aviation (his son was in the October issue.); Jeff Owens for taking over as newsletter editor while also serving as Secretary and Web Master; Rhett Boudreaux for getting all the food prepped for the Veterans Day Fly-in; Ray Humphries for cooking at the Fly-in; Marcy for the smooth transition as she took over the reigns of the Treasury and for her service with the Pylon Racing events; Ken Kushner for his continued good work with the pavilion trash barrel; Ed Budzyna for providing donuts on the day of the Fly-in; Theo Titus for serving as Sergeant at arms during the November meeting; Bonita Wiggins for baking cookies for the County's staff appreciation luncheon on November 17.

Vice-President's Report - Rhett Boudreaux - The Fly-in lunch was a success with thanks going to Ray Humphries for filling in as Chief Cook while Rhett attended to other family duties.

Treasurer's Report - Marcy Driscoll - the September report was approved as published in the newsletter. Dues are now due and Marcy has set up a PayPal account (see the notice at the beginning of this issue of the newsletter).

Secretary's Report - Jeff Owens - the minutes of the October meeting were approved as posted in the newsletter. The current officers have all agreed to continue for next year. Nominations from the floor will be accepted up to the December meeting. None were received at the November meeting.

President Jay Wiggins recited his goals for next year:

1. Finish 2022 "in the black" regarding receipts and expenditures.
2. Build and maintain the good relationship with the County personnel.
3. Build attendance at meetings and Club events.

Safety Officer and Pilot Training Report - Jay (for Dr. Mike) - The TAG event (training) is scheduled for December 11. The time may have to be adjusted depending on when the USATF event is completed. Park Pilot AMA members (there are three) are limited to electric planes weighing less than two pounds and traveling less than 60 mph. If these parameters are exceeded, then they need to upgrade to regular AMA status.

Field Marshall's Report - Jay (for Gordie) - the table tops will be replaced, probably before Christmas.

Old Business - Marcy Driscoll - "clickers" will be used to help scorers keep track of laps without having to look down while writing. The final race event of the year is scheduled for December 11 with the time dependent upon the USATF track event.

Famu-FSU College of Engineering students Bridget Andrews, Sofia Rodriguez, David Jay, Michael Navolic, and Tristan Wahl gave an update on their aircraft design project.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

For "Show and Tell" Mac Harper showed his latest build - see the picture included in this issue.

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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

Jim Ogorek 850-766-2477

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Bill Ashbaker 850-656-5932

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.

The Seminole Flyer is a publication of the Seminole Radio Control Club of Tallahassee, FL. We welcome and encourage items for publishing in The Seminole Flyer. Please submit your suggestions to jfolso@comcast.net in Word format. Thank you.

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