

The Seminole Flyer



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Next Club Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2024
The Wine House
1355 Market Street

County Park workers Appreciation Lunch

Jeff Owens

This year's event was held on Friday October 18, 2024 and it provided a way of thanking all the workers who make our flying site one of the best in the southeast! The day dawned a bit on the cool side with a brisk breeze out of the northeast, providing some tricky flying conditions, especially for landings. Nevertheless, the clear blue sky enticed a number of members to try their hand at a brief foray into the beautiful sky with successful results being had for most. About 25 workers showed up at 11:30 and were greeted with a long table of offerings - hamburgs, hot dogs, baked beans, mac and cheese, cole slaw, all the fixin's, and - to top it off - Benita Wiggins' wonderful cookies. Jay allowed as to how he was in the proverbial doghouse since he arrived home after the previous night's club meeting when all the cleanup had been completed by Benita! Better calendar control has been promised for next year. A number of workers took up Dr. Mike's offer of flying the club trainer and they all fared well while having a good time. From my observations it appeared that everyone - workers and club members alike - had a good time. The final word is that no one went away hungry!



Top to bottom, left to right: The cooking crew; Benita supervising handing out her cookies; the serving line; folks having a good time eating, conversing, and observing.



Top to bottom, left to right: Sandy demonstrating his turbine helicopter; Troy with smoke on; Gordy with his Soxos helicopter; Dr. Mike doing some training.

Finding a lost Aircraft Using Remote ID

Steve Warmath



I'm pretty sure there are a number of fliers out there that don't like the idea of the FAA mandating the use of a remote ID unit on our model aircraft unless you are flying within a FRIA (FAA Recognized Identification Area) which we have at our SRCC field. Outside of any other FRIA zone you fly in, it is required. I won't go into the politics of this issue or how it is to be enforced.

There is, however, a useful benefit of using a RID module no matter where you fly, especially in areas with tree obstructions, corn fields, etc. The picture (right) is our FRIA area as defined by the FAA. As you can see, it is a rather confined area around the field. You will also notice the tree and swamp areas on the North and East side of the field.



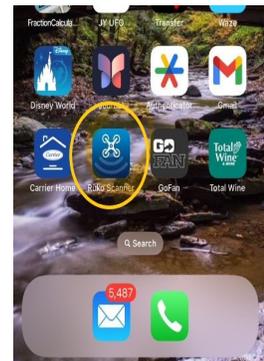
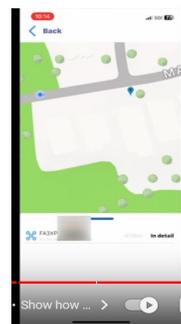
Having lost my "Bigfoot" airplane recently in the Eastern tree/swamp area, my finding it was to no avail. (Caution) It is also easy to get disoriented when searching for your prized possession in heavy growth. As the remote ID issue was new to me, I did the usual searching for the ins and outs of this requirement and happened upon a YouTube video I could relate to in finding a lost aircraft.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cgr29RpHz3U> Tim McCay does a good job of explaining how to use this module to find your aircraft using the Ruko R111 unit with the corresponding downloadable App.

Here is a picture of my Ruko unit attached to my Super Cub with velcro. I have the app on my iphone. The picture depicts your location as well as the aircraft location and has a pointer and range readout you can use to navigate to your aircraft. Pretty cool. The range is somewhere around 500-800 meters. Unfortunately, if you find your aircraft in the top of a 60' tree, that is another problem to deal with on how to get it down.

You will have to go through the process of registering your module with the FAA and provide your information to get it working properly. Is it worth it? Maybe, maybe not, but it will give you the freedom to fly outside of a FRIA (except for controlled or restricted airspace) and just might help you locate your wayward aircraft.

I am not endorsing the Ruko unit. It just happens to be the one I chose. It costs about \$35-\$40 and has a battery life of about 5 hours. You could use other methods to find your aircraft such as Apple Airtag, but it will not give you the compliance requirements mandated by the FAA.



Senior Pattern Association season finale

Jeff Owens

The Senior Pattern Association is devoted to flying precision aerobatics using maneuvers chosen from AMA rulebooks from the 60s, 70s, and 80s. The planes are designs from the same time period. It is often said that the term Senior refers to the age of the planes although it is also true that most of the participants flew R/C back in that same time frame. I have served as the Vice President (2011-2014) and President (2015-present). The competition is divided into five classes - Basic, Sportsman, Advanced, Expert, and Masters. In each class the maneuvers become progressively more difficult. The current schedule is dominated by contests in Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee. There is also a group in the Dallas- Fort Worth area but contest activity has been reduced by fires and heat in that area.

We had six contests this year and I flew in five of them in the Expert class, placing first in all five. That earned me the Annual Point Championship in the Expert class. For more information, visit our web site at www.seniorpattern.com where you can see lots of pictures of our events, and a more detailed description of our activities.

What have you flown lately?

Jeff Owens

It is no secret that newsletter editors are always looking for something to write about. You may be the key to the next article! What new model have you flown that you really liked? What new kit or ARF appeals to you? What new tool have you discovered that really makes a job easier? Why not send me an email with a short description? It doesn't have to be a full blown article - just a few sentences and maybe a web address. I can take it from there. These kinds of things can help out other club members when they are making purchase decisions. Please think about it.

Club Meeting News - Jeff Owens

The meeting was called to order by President Jay Wiggins at 7:00 PM on Thursday October 17, 2024 with 10 members present. Here were no visitors or new members to introduce.

Member Recognition - Jay Wiggins: Gordie Meade for field mowing; Ed Budzyna for weed eating and bringing donuts to the CMN event; David Coury, and Chris, Deborah, Claudia, and Dennis for preparation and cooking at the CMN event; Ray Humphreys for selling tickets and taking money; Joe Satterwhite for selling raffle tickets; Rhett Boudreaux for handling the garbage and take down; Troy and Nicholas for also helping with the take down; Jeff Owens for event photos and the newsletter; Geoff Lawrence for handling the training duties; Donations of the raffle from Tristan Seally (Spectrum Tx and battery), Ray Humphries (airplane stand), Steve McFadden (airplane), and Frank Bastos (many FMS models); Benita for making her famous cookies of the Workers Lunch; Marcy Driscoll, Noble Carter, and Ken Kushner for post-Helene clean-up; Mike Atkinson for TAG event set-up and outreach to Cub Scouts.

Vice President's Report - Jay for David Coury: everything is ready to go for the Park Workers Appreciation Lunch.

Treasurer's Report - Jay for Marcy Driscoll: the August report was approved as published. A motion was made, seconded and approved to round up the CMN proceeds to \$2500 (\$1705 CMN event + about \$500 from previous events + round up amount)

Secretary's Report - Jeff Owens: the minutes of the September meeting were approved as posted.

Training and Safety - Mike Atkinson (via email): There will be an aviation introduction for a local Cub Scout Den on November 21 followed by a session at the field on December 7 to build Delta Dart rubber powered airplanes. There will be training available at the Park Workers Appreciation Lunch. There are no safety issues at this time.

There were no items for new or old business. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

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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:

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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.
