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The Tail Spinner

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The Greater Southwest Radio Control Club is a nonprofit organization. Membership is nondiscriminatory and open to anyone who agrees to abide by Club rules. A condition of membership for insurance purposes is current affiliation with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). Our flying field is located on the North side of Randol Mill Road, 0.4 miles East of Highway 820 at N 32°46.895' W 97° 12.361'. Visitors are welcome whenever the gate is unlocked. Free flight training instruction is available to members from 6:00 PM to dusk on Tuesday and Thursday while Daylight Savings Time is in effect. Regular Club meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the North Richland Hills Parks and Recreation Building, 6720 Northeast Loop 820, North Richland Hills, TX 76180 (on the corner of Rufe Snow and NE820).

Next Meeting:

**No
Meeting
This Month**

President's Corner

B-R-R-R, I repeat BR-R-R winter has arrived, so we will be doing much more building than flying.

We need someone with a talent for research and writing, to create an article on the past few years of field improvement to submit to the AMA and other publications. Our story needs to be told about how a club membership's participation can build an A-1 facility and stay on budget. On my visiting and communication with other clubs, some spending over \$50,000 and not having the facility that we have, with our expenditure being less than a forth that amount. I am very proud of all our members for their hard work and dedication. The modeling world needs to know what a super membership and facility that we have. Please contact me if you can help with this writing project.

There will be no December meeting. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday see Ya' at the January meeting, the formulation of the 2002 event schedule will be the main topic, please bring ideas.

George Clark
trex1@flash.net

Welcome

We would like to welcome our new members for November:

**Matt Weitrich
Joseph Bratlow
Brain Wilson
Ben Wilson
Robert Oliveira
Aaron Necessary
Lawrence Harville
Ronald Allums
Patrick Thomas McCarty
Adam Richman**

We look forward to meeting each of you at the next meeting, which will be on January 8th at the North Richland Hills Rec. Center.

We would like to congratulate Jim Ryan for his first solo flight on November 30th.

Way to go guys, keep up the good work.

As always, if there is anything you need, please feel free to contact me, or any of the club officers.

Again, Welcome, and Happy Flying.

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DEC 8--Waco, TX(UnSanc) Fourth Annual Swap Meet. Site: Knox Hall, Fort Fisher Complex, 100 S. Jack Kultgen Parkway (I-35) Waco, Texas. Contact: Max Blose - Waco Hobby Stop - 254-776-4991. See Flyer. Sponsor: HEART OF TEXAS MINIATURE AIRCRAFT CLUB, INC. #613

DEC 8--Lucas, TX (C) Bratonia RCCA Scale and "B" Open R/C Combat Site: Bratonia Park, Branch, TX John Walker CD, 2701 Prairie Creek Dr. West, Richardson, TX 75080 Phone:972-235-1430(both) Sponsor: Richardson Radio Control Club #623 This is the second round of a three club round robin. (Total of six events) Top point accumulators will split entry monies at the end of the season. Alternate contacts: Cash Hargett - 972-562-5633; J.P. Morere - 972-272-7044

DEC 30, 2001--Amarillo, TX (A) Winter Retreat. Site: Thompson Park, Amarillo, TX. Events: 333 (JSO) CD: Gallen Killion, Box 31461, AMARILLO TX 79120-1461 Day Phone: (806) 352-0944 Eve Phone: (806)352-0944 Sponsor: Planesmen MAC #620.

JAN 13--Dallas, TX (A) Sailplane Pro-

Am T2 Thermal Duration Site: Eastfield College Campus, Dallas, TX Events: 444 (JSO) Henry Bostick CD, 5517 Hidalgo Court, Garland, TX 75043 Phone:972-279-8337(both) Sponsor: Soaring League of North Texas #1213

JAN 18-19,2002--Georgetown, TX (UnSanc) Fifth Annual Georgetown Aero Modelers Swap Meet. Site: San Gabriel Park Neighborhood Building, Georgetown, TX. Contact: Edwin Smith, 14707 Evans Oak Rd, Leander, Texas 78641, 512-259-2978 or edwinrsmith@juno.com. Web site: http://www.geocities.com/gama_rc. Sponsor: Georgetown Aero Modelers Association #1813. No table or selling fees, just \$5 admission each day (spouse or under 12 with adult are free). 3 PM to 9 PM on Friday and 9 AM to 4 PM on Saturday. Concessions, door prizes, auction on Saturday, and raffle. Dealers welcome.



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Tail Spinner Submissions

Items for the Tail Spinner are due by the 25th of the month. Remember that ads are free to members. Send them to:

Roy Baker
3303 Fox Glen
Colleyville, TX 76034
(817) 545-4031

(e-mail) rbaker19@attbi.com

November Secretary Notes

The meeting was brought to order by George Clark.

Attendance was 34. There were 2 visitors, Matt Wetrich and his father. Matt joined the club after the meeting.

The motion was made and passed to approve the minutes as posted in the last newsletter.

Frank Mobley gave the treasurers report.

Dave Arnold gave the field report. The field is starting to dry out, but all in all is looking good. Please be sure to police your pit area and clean up your mess. There are starting to be some control line flyers showing up. Welcome guys.

Rye grass was not planted this year. After doing some checking, it was found that rye needs to be planted every other year.

Everyone needs to be careful about following the pit wall rules.

There is a spare parts box on the impound shelf. Help yourself to anything you need, but please donate too. No broken parts please.

Bob Mueller gave the float fly report.

Old Business

Remember that ads in the newsletter are OK and FREE. If you have something that you want to sell or are looking to buy, etc. send an ad to Roy. Just be sure to get them to him by the 25th of the month.

We need feedback from members regarding allowing businesses to advertise in our newsletter. If we allow it, do we allow any business or only member owned businesses to advertise? How much do we charge for ads? How big should they be allowed to be? Please make your thoughts known.

We need to get our web site back up. Either we need to redesign a new site or we need someone to get in touch with Brandon Hale and get the needed info from him so we can get the old site back up. Get with Dave Arnold if you can help.

The Club Christmas party was discussed and plans finalized. The final plans were for a paintball vs. plane contest, a BBQ and a Toys For Tots toy donation.

The November Combat meet was discussed. The turnout was good especially for a first year event. There were a lot of spectators present and Jerry kept everyone well fed at the grill. See the article in the newsletter for the whole rundown.

New Business

Keith Sparks (Sparky) has brought up the idea for us to keep track of all students we have trained and send that number to the AMA as a challenge to other clubs. Hopefully we could get the AMA to make it in to a type of nationwide challenge where the club that trains the most new students would not be charged club charter renewal fees.

I would like to get member feedback regarding joining our club in the AMA Intro Pilot Program. If you would like info. regarding the program, visit AMA's web site at: www.Modelaircraft.org. It will be discussed in more detail at January's meeting.

A motion was made and passed to hold several sanctioned meets next year. Exact dates will be discussed at the next meeting, but the "tentatives" are:

June: Big Bird fly-in

July or August: Combat (RCCA sanctioned)

And a Scale fly-in at a date to be announced.

A motion was also made and passed to hold a Small Steps Fly-in on the last weekend in April, if we

can get the date.

There was a discussion on adding a permanent "rolled roof" type of runway to the area on the south end of the runway. It would be positioned so that the electricians could have a runway to use and the gas powered pylon planes could safely use it too (for take-offs only). As always, feedback is needed.

Bob Mueller and Bert Brown are looking into having a float-fly for the club. They will be checking with Trinity Waste and will get back to us with dates.

It was also decided to go back to the "letter of the law" when it comes to signing up new members and renewing members. What this means is that **if they can't show a current, valid AMA card, they must wait to join or renew. Temporary waivers (like the faxes that AMA sends out) are no longer valid to join.** We got in a little trouble with AMA because we didn't have current AMA numbers for all members, and this will solve that problem.

There was no Model of the Month. Dave Arnold gave a brief demo on how to get bolts started that are hard to reach. If you put fuel tubing over the wrench and use the tubing to hold the bolt, starting that difficult bolt is much easier.

He also showed that balsa shavings and balsa dust make great filler. Remember that next time your significant other comments on the mess in your work room. It's not messy, you are just storing the dust for later use.

James Rizzardi won the drawing for the gallon of fuel donated by Airport Pawn and Hobby.



November Combat Meet **a.k.a. Battle on the Trinity**

The November Combat meet was a success, with entrants from several other clubs and from quite a distance out of town. There were at any given time well over 50 spectators in attendance and many were people either new to the hobby or new to the field.

There were 15 contestants in 3 classes. The classes were "open B" (engines .25 or smaller), "2610" (war birds), and Sportsman (anything goes). The contest was held in 3 heats per class.

As usual the war of attrition was the number one enemy, with nicks and midairs fairly common. (in one case there was a midair which destroyed one plane and knocked the other planes wing about 30 deg. askew. The pilot that managed to stay in the air actually finished the round. Something to see for sure.)

The winners in the various classes were:

Bruce Long - Most Cuts - \$100 Gift certificate and a Norvell .25 BB engine



Tom Coe - Open B - \$25 gift certificate and a predator kit

Bruce Long - 2610 - \$25 gift certificate and a HS81 servo

Bob Leone - Sportsman - \$25 gift certificate and a HS81 servo

Second Place winners were:

Sam Tiner - Open B

Fitz Walker - 2610 - combat wing kit

Bruce Long - Sportsman - combat wing kit

Third place winners were:

Brian Gates - Open B - combat wing kit

Elan Allen - 2610

And the dubious honor of the pilot who lost the most was:

Sam Tiner

Special thanks to:

CD - **Jerry Kara**
Assistant CD - **George Clark**

And of course a very special thanks to **Jerry Stagner** and his crew for running the grill.



The Combatants

Christmas Party Notes:

December 1st was the annual club Christmas party. This year it was decided that it should be held at the field rather than hold it at a hall or restaurant.

The events as planned were an open fly, a free BBQ, a paintball "turkey shoot" and Toys for Tots donation drive.

The Turkey shoot was the hit of the day. For those that don't know what this is all about, here goes:

We take a plane and fly it down the near edge of the runway, where there is a person standing with a paintball gun. As the plane passes you take your best shot to attempt to bring the plane down. For those of you who think that a planes wing needs to be in good shape for it to fly, you have to see the amount of abuse that these planes can take. We had two planes this year and the carnage lasted for better than 4 hours. I think the award for bravery definitely goes to the other pilots that were willing to fly while we were shooting.

As always a very special thanks goes to Jerry Stagner and his crew who kept everyone fed with hotdogs and hamburgers throughout the day.

Thanks to Bob Leone for allowing us to use his paintball guns and getting us the paintballs.

Thanks also to Airport Pawn and Wayne Dinger for donating a plane and equipment for use to shoot at. He actually tried to donate a plane that could take the abuse and stay flying, but we showed that plane who was boss.

The Toys for Tots drive went well. I'm not sure how many toys were donated, but I saw a 16-foot table covered with donations. Thanks to everyone who gave.

Remember that there is no December club meeting. We'll see everyone next year.

Have a Happy and safe Holiday Season.

From the Instructor Coordinator:

Well, my first year as instructor coordinator is coming to an end.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took the time to teach a student this year. Thanks to you this club is growing rapidly and all of our new flyers are competent, safe flyers. You have each done a fantastic job.

I am currently working on both the 2002 Instructor list and on the 2002 recommended equipment list. Unless I hear from you, I will leave your listing on the instructor list as-is. Thanks in advance for next years work.

If you would like to be on next years list, please call me ASAP to be "tested".

Remember, just because you aren't on the instructor list doesn't mean you cant help out. If you see someone at the field and they need help (and you feel comfortable teaching them) feel free to pitch in. All and any help is always appreciated.

As to the equipment list, I plan to make the Avistar a recommended plane for next year. If there is anything you would like to see added or removed let me know as soon as you can.

I would also like to get feedback regarding the AMA Intro Pilot Program. This would allow 3 instructors from our club to give lessons to non club/ non AMA members for one month. As I understand it, this replaces the past rule from the AMA that allows you to fly a person as long as they are on a buddy box and your plane. I have proposed a fee for these lessons equal to the price of joining the AMA and our club, which would be used to sign the student up after the month has elapsed. This will be discussed in detail at the January meeting, so if you have any feedback, be sure to

be there.

Also read the minutes from the November meeting regarding Sparky's idea to challenge other clubs and the AMA with training numbers I think it's a great idea and would like to begin it as soon as possible. Again bring your thoughts and feedback to the next meeting.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season and I will see yall at the field.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at:

Cbevil@msn.com

Or

817-282-3340

Happy flying
Craig Bevil

E-Mail (And Other) Woes

As you have probably noticed, the Tail Spinner is a little late this month due to a few computer problems. Just as we were collecting everything for the newsletter, I lost connectivity to the Internet through my cable modem. The battle between the bankrupt Excite@home and AT&T came to a head last Friday when Excite pulled the plug on 850,000 AT&T customers. Major bummer, but by Monday we were back in business but everyone with an @home e-mail address had to change. My new e-mail address is rbaker19@attbi.com so make a note if you want to submit something for the newsletter.

We're also going to be changing the URL to the GSWRCC Web page. The new URL will be flygsw.org, but give it a little time before trying to use it as files are transferred from the previous web site.

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