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## Flyin' High - Jim Fulton Field

The official newsletter of the Golden Triangle RC Club

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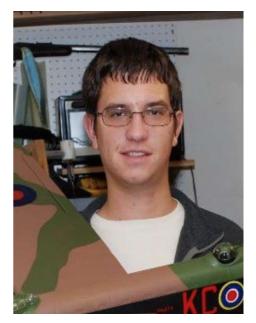
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## **Meeting Information / Minutes**

Club Meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every Month at 1900 Location – Spring Creek BBQ – Mansfield 1724 Highway 287 North Mansfield, TX 76063

Participation in club meetings is encouraged for all members, their families, and any visitors. The meetings are presided over by club officers in an orderly and cooperative manner to facilitate members' input. This is the time to help guide our club's future and vote on current issues. Members are encouraged to bring their latest project for Show and Tell.

March 2024 Business Meeting -Michael Roznick, GTRCC Secretary

Bob started the meeting to order at 7:12. 14 members were present.

President's Report - Jason was unable to attend

**Vice-President's Report** – Bob opened the meeting with an update on our IRS nonprofit status. The IRS has no updates so far, however from phone conversations, Jason is expecting an update from them soon. He thanked members for their efforts several weeks ago in clearing about the floatplane area. Members should be aware that Bee hives are in 2 locations in that area, one underneath the shed, and one underneath an overturned bathtub close to the shore. Efforts are being made to contact a beekeeper to relocate them, but this has not been successful so far.

**Treasure's Report -** Mike presented the Beginning Bank Balance, listed Monthly Income, Expenses, and earmarks. After all income and expenses, he gave the available cash which showed that the club remains in good financial shape. Additional expenses were logged this month in purchasing banners and raffle prizes for the heli event.

Secretary's Report – Minutes from the February meeting were published in the newsletter.

#### Safety Officer's Report - No Safety issues noted

Bob brought up the recent implementation of Remote ID. No remote ID will be required at our field since our status was approved as a FRIA. Model aircraft operations outside of the field in areas such as parks will require a remote ID module to comply with this policy.

Bob also gave an update on efforts to mitigate littering from smoking at the field. Jason investigated options for butt cans, one by the parking lot, and one by the bleachers. Members allocated \$120 towards purchase of these butt cans.

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Michael gave an update on options for online membership renewal and checkout. He has built a prototype version of the website using a checkout/ add-to-cart system to allow members to renew or add a membership at any time. One of the options presented was to do away with the pro-rating for new members and make each membership last one year from the date of purchase. This could also eliminate the early bird special. Frank mentioned that the special existed to encourage club income prior to the time that the lease would be due and suggested that spreading income out over the course of the year would be less beneficial.

In coordination with this effort, Bob also proposed considering switching to a combination lock. This would alleviate the need to mail out keys. Frank expressed concern that this would result in the code being shared, and that this had been attempted previously. Michael mentioned that it has been used without issue at Greater Southwest for the last several years. The code could also be changed multiple times per year if this becomes a problem. Members are advised to consider their opinions on these proposals.

Another online membership system was proposed by a member, of having a user submit a form through the website. An officer could then send an invoice for payment. This would allow for the pro-rating and membership renewal discounts to be kept as-is.

Michael reminded members to be ready for the April 6<sup>th</sup> helicopter event. Members had previously authorized up to \$800 for event. Jason is working to coordinate two full scale helicopters to arrive during the event. Raffle prizes will include a Goosky RS4 Venom, a custom painted UH-1N fuselage, and a beginner helicopter (150 size MD500E). In addition, Horizon Hobby, BARC Hobbies, BK Hobbies, Helidirect, and RCJetWerx have signed on as event sponsors, donating more raffle items. A Buddy box setup to train interested new heli pilots will also be available. Members also discussed providing a sim as well. Michael will investigate bringing a laptop with Phoenix RC or Realflight.

Frank expressed concern about officer meetings. He said that notice of any meetings must be provided to all members with at least 3 days notice.

Frank Flores talked about the generator. He asked members to use the fuel shutoff to turn off the generator to protect the carb. Members should not just turn it off by shutting off the ignition.

Randy discussed the extra mowers. He proposed getting rid of the red riding mower, which was purchased by the club many years ago. No objections were raised.

A raffle was conducted for a 66" Hawker Sea Fury ARF from Will Hobby, featuring fixed gear and a fiberglass fuselage. Bernhard was the winner of the raffle

The meeting adjourned at 8:02.

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# \*\*\*Announcements\*\*\*

From the Prez – Well, to say the Heli Event was a success would be a huge understatement! A very special acknowledgement to club member, Michael Roznick, is in order. Michael's vision for the event and his hard work was on point. Mike and I had several conversations about what he needed to make the event a success. We funded that, made it happen, and the results speak for themselves. If you see Mike, be sure to give him the attaboy he deserves. Of course, other club members chipped in and those individuals know who they are. A very big "Thank You" for all of the time and energy you donated to the event as well. I also want to take this opportunity to recognize Randy Mays and the time/energy he has put into organizing the Lawn Team and taking care of our field. I had many people at the Heli Event make it a point to tell me how beautiful and well-manicured our field is. That is directly correlated to Randy and his efforts in organizing a team. Also, "thank you" to all of you on the team who help Randy keep our field looking great. People are noticing and it is **very** appreciated. Below are just a few pics of the event. 28 registered pilots, an excellent raffle, and flying pretty much from dawn to dusk. More are available on our Facebook page if you have one.

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## **!Upcoming Events!!**

We will be having a field work day soon to continue to clean up some old things, brush/debris around the field. Date TBD.

We are also planning on hosting a SPA Contest in the Fall. Date TBD. Volume 70 – Edition 4

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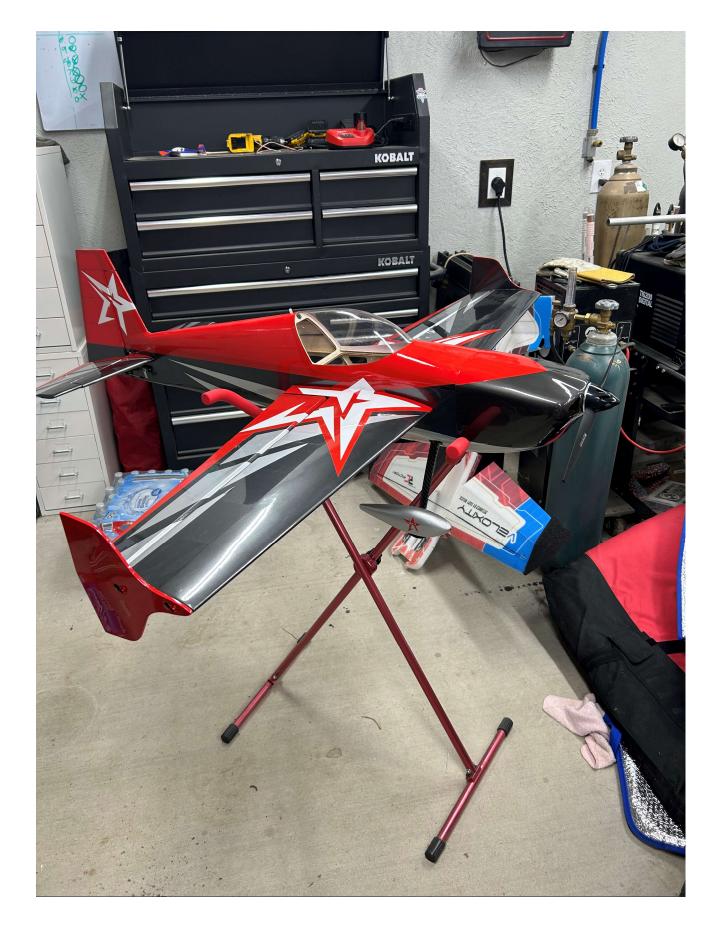
## **Member's Projects**

Be sure and email pics/commentary of your projects to Jason Mitchell – <u>motomazzo@yahoo.com</u> So we can all see what you're working on!

Member Jason Mitchell recently completed a 51" AJ Aircraft Slick, 104" Skywing Slick, and a 110" Extreme Flight Yak-54.
The AJ Slick is equipped with a 6S T-Motor and Theta 921 servos.
These little servos are amazing for their size. The 104" Skywing Slick is equipped with Savox 1270/2290 servos and a DA-120
engine. The 110" Yak is Equipped with a GP-123 engine and full – house Savox 2290 servos. All three planes are guided by Spektrum radio systems and have been a lot of fun.

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# **Club Merchandise**

For Club Shirts, please contact The Logo Factory in Grand Prairie, TX: <u>www.logofactoryco.com</u> / 972-642-4222. For club stickers (limited sized and quantities available), please contact Frank Cox – Club Treasurer – <u>countilaw@yahoo.com</u> Volume 70 – Edition 4

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## **<u><b>!!Club Classifieds!!**</u>

We all like to buy and sell! Here is the place to advertise what you've got! If you have anything to sell in this section, send pics and info to Jason Mitchell – <u>motomazzo@yahoo.com</u> or text to 972-259-7033 (ads begin below)

1) – Pilot R/C 107" Extra 330SC Contact: Jason Mitchell – (972)-259-7033 / <u>motomazzo@yahoo.com</u> Price - \$1,000

I am thinning a couple airplanes from my fleet. This is a very solid and awesome-flying plane. It would make an ideal IMAC starter plane or first giant scale aerobatic plane. Out of all the planes I am currently flying, this one is probably the least aggressive and I just have too many.

It's a beautiful plane and it presents very well on the ground and in the air. It has very vivid "Breitling" decals on the bottom of the wing and "Lycoming" on the bottom of one elevator.

I am selling airframe, batteries, and servos only - receiver, IBEC, and engine are NOT included. There are 9 Savox 1231 servos installed and rigged with aluminum arms. I will leave the servo leads / MPX connectors installed. I will also leave the fuel tank, fuel dot and plumbing. I have two Spektrum 4000 mah LiFe packs that are fitted in the plane that I will include. Standard foil wing bags included.

This is an 8/10 plane. Shoot me a message if you're interested. This really needs to go to a good home.

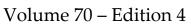
\*\*Note - all pics showing the engine / propeller, etc are for reference only. These were taken when I was flying the plane. This is an airframe, batteries, servos-only offering.

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Any comments / complaints / suggestions, do not hesitate to contact me at: <u>motomazzo@yahoo.com</u> c-972-259-7033

#### Editor's Note:

Well, the eclipse was incredible, wasn't it? I was completely unprepared for how awesome that was going to be. And afterward, I couldn't help but think of how lucky we were to be in the path of totality. Had I known it was going to be that amazing, I would have probably gone out to the field to view it. I think the only thing that would have made it better would to be in a more wide-open space than my backyard! The eclipse came right on the heels of an awesome flyin where we received so much praise for our club and the field. That was such a good feeling and validation that we are heading in the right direction. To top it all off, after the last of the visitors left (almost 1930), I shared the flight line with two families who were flying electrics with their kids. It was calm, cool, and about as perfect as it gets. Seeing the fathers fly with their kiddos, I thought....."This is what 's all about and why we do the things we do". I want you to know that I really appreciate the enthusiasm and proactivity I am seeing in our club. We are really going to build something great – I can see it happening real-time and it's awesome. Maybe not "Totality Eclipse" awesome. But pretty darn cool, nonetheless! © Y'all get out there fly, and have fun!

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