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Flyin' High – Jim Fulton Field

The official newsletter of the Golden Triangle RC Club

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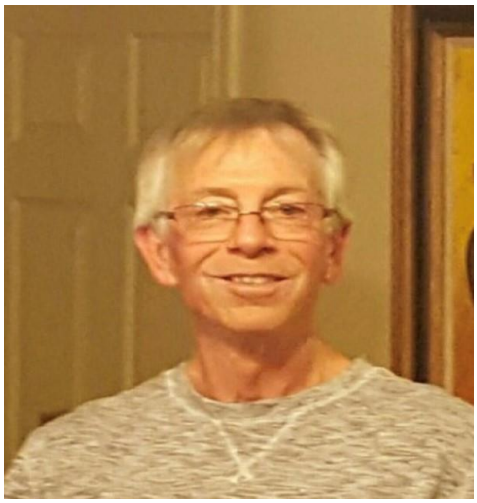

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Meeting Information / Minutes

Club Meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of every Month at 0900
Location – Golden Triangle RC Club Field
2820 E. Seeton Road
Grand Prairie, TX 75054
Or:
Market Street Grocery Store (Inclement Weather Location)
3145 E. Broad St.
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.

November 2025 Business Meeting

-**Michael Roznick, GTRCC Secretary**

Jason started the meeting to order at 9:00am. 19 members were present.

President's Report – Jason summarized the F5J glider contest last weekend. All rounds were completed on Saturday due to unfavorable weather forecasted for Sunday. The event was a success despite the time crunch, and brought in $300 for the cub

Vice-President's Report – No comments

Treasure's Report – This month had an extra income of $300 from hosting the F5J event. Club remains in good financial shape. A few expenses were incurred for gas for the mowers.

Secretary's Report – Previous minutes were not published

Safety Officer's Report – No comments

The meeting started off with Officer Elections. The only position contested was that of the Safety Officer. Eric Thompson and Tony Rusher were both running for the position. Votes were taken as the meeting progressed.

Jason provided an update on the runway. He and Eric have been calling paving companies and asked that they bid on the City's project. Four good companies with acceptable bids have been submitted. All came in around the same price. They have been graded and submitted to F&G subcommittee for selection. Once this passes through committee, we are good to go. A date for completion of March 2026 was submitted, but construction may start sooner. Stay tuned for updates!

Jason also mentioned that the city parks and rec department discussed assigning a budget to Low Branch Park (our current location). This could be used to help us out with operating expenses in the future. Unfortunately, Britain Park got the budget this year, however we will likely get one next year.

Members were reminded that the club has shifted to Jan-Jan Renewals for membership. On February 1st, the gate code will be changed.

Fill out the google form (linked from the website renewal page), with your renewal! It is the only way we can update your information!

Jason also bought 3 security cameras that are solar powered to watch over the field. He showcased them in a demo. The cameras will be installed by end of November. Club members Eric Thompson and Dante Floyd donated one each. They cost approximately $300-400 per year for the security camera plan for all 3 cameras.

Pilot cross fencing project is still in work.

Jason also mentioned that the production of the club newsletter has been delegated to Safety Officer position.

Jason provided an update on fixing the club's nonprofit status. We lost our 501C3 designation around 10 years ago. IRS said we were not eligible when we filled for a new 501C3 status. His wife found out we need to be a 501C7 social club instead. This is $600 filing cost. He is planning to file that in January 2026 to get us tax exempt. Members approved the expense.

He also mentioned that the city will provide us with a generator for the field in the future. They have also discussed a new pit area in same footprint, but maybe with a double decked pit.

Jason also questioned the membership to consider if we need a capped membership. Could be an issue when the club receives an influx of members after the runway project is completed. No decisions were made, but he asked members to consider thinking about it.

Jason talked about a program (TERP) where we might be able to turn in our old tractor. Based on horsepower, older tractors get more money. He said if we TERP our newer tractor, we might get a very substantial payment, up to $100k, (much more than invested). Will look into this further. Need to talk to a tax person first as we are cautious about taking in an influx of income from such a program.

Club member, Bill Brooks, talked about putting in another container for hangars for storing larger aircraft. The new container with build-out would be $6-10k cost. He would volunteer to plan the project and build out the interior. Cost for those interested would be $30 - $75 month for small / large hangar rental. Was asked who covers loss if broken into. Club has insurance. Such a unit would likely need surveillance as well. Also need to check with the Corps of Engineers to be sure another container/s could be added. Will look into it further before next meeting.

Flagpole - on project list. Between pit and parking lot. This has generated a lot of interest and club member seem ready to get it erected. Will look to source the ground pole (receptacle), get that set, then plan a date for erection.

Frank would like to schedule an SPA contest for June 6th. Approval was given to add it on the schedule.

Reminder: The full scale glider fly in is tomorrow at Midway Airport!

Jason also mentioned that the mowing team needs to be increased. Need 2 teams. Looking for 2-3 more retired guys who can mow every 2-3 weeks. Plan is to contact club member, Randy Mays, for more info / coordination. Randy remains the lead for the infield lawn maintenance team.

Eric Thompson was elected as our new Safety Officer.

Meeting was adjourned at 0950.

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Announcements

Hello Club members!! This last newsletter of the year is going to take a different format. Due to many things, I was not able to produce a newsletter in October and November. Several of you have sent me pics for the classifieds section. This is a very tedious task to pull all of the pics and descriptions into the newsletter and I just don't have time again this month, so my apologies again. We may/may not continue the classifieds section in the coming year – it is a LOT of upkeep in terms of knowing whether or not an item sold, determining if it should be relisted the following month, etc. Meantime, I will suggest downloading the WhatsApp app and there, anyone can post pics and pricing / descriptions of anything they wish to sell. And it can be handled in real-time, marked sold, etc.

At the last meeting, we elected club Member, Eric Thompson, as our new Safety Officer. As a part of his duties, Eric offered to take on the club newsletter. I have asked Eric to do with the newsletter what he sees fit – to include scrapping the current format and changing it completely. When I volunteered to take over the newsletter, I just really continued on with the original format. A complete change is probably due and welcome, honestly. Last meeting the question was asked and it was reflected that the majority of the membership present still appreciates the newsletter and wants to receive one every month – so we will continue on. But delegating this responsibility is critical. I was just trying to do too much. Thank you, Eric, in advance for taking on this duty.

We also voted last month to have a December meeting. In the past, we have not held a December meeting but it seems like a good idea. We have some very good news to discuss and I want to wrap up the finances for the year, recap our accomplishments, etc. The location is TBD depending on weather. Keep an eye on email, WhatsApp, and our club Facebook page for updates.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting!

Club Project Corner

Project	Description	Estimated Cost	Status
Flag pole installation	Pick location, prep area, dig hole, set pole, complete decorative surround / plague, flowers, etc.	$500-$1000	Not yet started
~~South bleacher seat repair~~	~~Needs long 2X12 (guess 20'), cut to size, and installed with mounting hardware~~	$100 Actual Cost -$72.12	Completed
New Tractor auxiliary pump installation / repair	New tractor needs auxiliary pump. Install pump. Go over tractor and make ready for work this spring (Jason Mitchell, Justin Moore, Frank Flores pinned for this task)	$500	In Process
Overhaul existing drag shredder	Install new parts on existing drag shredder. Cut / Weld skirt to size. Rework bearings/hubs for wheels (Jason Mitchell has taken this task).	$700* Parts already paid for	In Process
New signage on club entrance	New sign / gate logo, etc.	TBD	Not yet started

Finish Float Plane Area	Finish clearing, apply herbicide to eradicate briar growth, possible retractable floating dock to facilitate aircraft launch / retrieval. Possible Jon boat/equivalent for aircraft retrieval	$1500	**On-hold pending runway completion

!!Upcoming Events!!

No Upcoming Events!

Member's Projects

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

No projects this month!!

Club Merchandise

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

!!Club Classifieds!!

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 – motomazzo@yahoo.com or text to 972-259-7033
(ads begin below)

Nothing for sale this month!

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Any comments / complaints / suggestions, do not hesitate to contact me at:
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Editor's Note:

Well, that's my last newsletter for the foreseeable future. I have really enjoyed doing the newsletter, despite my failure in getting it distributed on time and at-all in a few cases this year. But, it's just been too much for one guy. My life is busier than ever with my littles, work, travel, and being a full-time husband. However, I have the upmost confidence in our new Safety Officer, Eric Thompson. Eric is a very motived, idea-guy, that has been a tremendous help to our club and me since he joined. Looking forward to his take on our monthly newsletter!

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