

Flyin' High

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GTRCC Club Meetings

Club Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of every Month at 7:00 PM at

SPRING CREEK BARBEQUE - MANSFIELD

1724 Highway 287 North, Mansfield, TX 76063

(Corner of Hwy 287 and Debbie Ln.)

Participation in club meetings are encouraged for all members, family and 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. You are encouraged to bring your latest project for Show and Tell.



Ben Bergman -President

AMA Contest Director

From the President's Desk

Flying season is coming quickly upon us, so it's time to get our field and equipment ready for a great flying season. At our January meeting, we agreed to a Field-day on 3/7, with a back-up date of 3/14. That will give us plenty of time to get everything in-order for our first sanctioned event of the year, the "E-Jet Fun-Fly/Tailgate Swap Meet" on 3/28. This should be a lot of fun, and a good opportunity to see just how far electric jets have come, and pick-up some new stuff, or clear out some of the old! Please mark your calendars for both the Field day and Fun-Fly.

As most of you know, the FAA has proposed "Remote Identification" rules for UAS, which could adversely impact our hobby. Our AMA District VIII V.P, Lawrence Harville, recently sent an E-mail out, requesting all

AMA members to submit our comments and concerns to the FAA, before the March 2nd. Deadline. I encourage each of us to go to the AMA website and submit comments and concerns. Three of the major concerns are as follows:

1. The proposed Remote ID rules does not give community based organizations, such as the AMA, enough flexibility and control over fixed flying sites, such as ours.
2. Requires registration of , "each" UAS.(Every plane, copter, quad-copter, etc. that meet the registration requirements)
3. Could limit flying at places without internet connectivity. (Like many remote flying sites)

Currently, only 9,000 of the 180,000 AMA members have submitted letters of concern, which is only 5%, so let's do our part.

At our January meeting, and in my previous 2 articles, I suggested we establish a "New Member" Safety Training program, which would include going over our Flying Field rules, as well as ensuring our new members have the skills to fly their aircraft safely. I believe I understood those in attendance agreed to the basic idea, but voiced concerns that this could be a road-block to new memberships, who could perceive this as a way to overly control our memberships, and discourage those who are new to the hobby, and still developing their skills. That certainly was not my intent, but I understand and agree! So, I believe for the time being, we will continue business as usual, offering flight training for those who request it, or for those who we see could use a little help. I ask all of us to be friendly to guests and new members, and to provide assistance to anyone who asks, or offer it if we see someone who could use it.

Thank you in advance for your help in making our club one of the best in the area, and a great place to enjoy or chosen hobby.

"See you at the field"

Ben Bergman

President GTRCC

If you are interested in purchasing a Club shirt contact:

**Logo Factory Company
116 NW 15th St.
Grand Prairie, TX 75050
Phone 972-642-4222**



Joe Anderson - Vice-President

Welcome to RC Modeling, the Winter Version. This is the season for building (at least in the old days) or preparing new models for the upcoming spring time windy weather flying. And it's also a great time for making those repairs and upgrades to both models and support equipment that are long overdue, and overlooked during the regular flying season.

Spring time will also mark the beginning of field maintenance, and keeping the field in good shape. Volunteers are welcomed, and much needed.

One of the business items discussed in our monthly meetings is "long range planning". Items like runway recovering or mower replacement are costly and require long range budgeting to assure adequate funding is available when the need arises. Several items have been discussed such as entry road maintenance, additional picnic tables, extending the permanent awnings, adding a helicopter pad and/or a drone area. If you have any thoughts or suggestions on any of these, or other long-range needs, please either attend the monthly meetings or contact any of the club officers or any member who regularly attends the monthly meeting, and provide your thoughts and ideas. Remember, it is your club, your opinion is valuable.

Happy Flying!

CLUB MEETING NEXT TUESDAY



Micheal Roznick – Secretary

GTRCC Club Meeting 21 January 2020

President Ben opened the meeting at 7pm sharp

Eight (8) members were in attendance.

Ben thanked Fred for once again opening his home for the annual GTRCC Christmas Party, and general discussion ensued.

Side Note from Christmas Party: Ben reminded me that he still owed me several hundred thousand dollars from our little card game, so I thoughtfully reminded him that it's actually \$33,554,432. But who is counting.

Ben Noted that the Newsletter has been distributed containing the minutes from the November meeting. The minutes were all approved as written.

The new website was discussed. All agreed it was a wonderful job, and many thanks to Michael Roznick for his work in creating the new site.

Frank Cox give the treasurers report, citing that two new members were added this month. There are currently 55 members in the club.

Old Business:

Future events were discussed:

Fun Fly, 28 March

SPA, 18 April

E-Jet Fly, May,...maybe

Warbird Fly In 24 October

General discussion on a field maintenance day, with a proposed date of 7 March with backup dates of 14 and 21 March to have the field ready for the 28 March Fun Fly

Ben added that he needs to contact the city about possible help in maintaining the roads to the field.

Frank reminded the members about some of the “long range planning” ideas that were briefly discussed at the October 2019(?) meeting.

Adding extension to the existing Pavilion

Adding picnic tables to the area

Extending the runway

Need for a new member acquisition and training plan

Items discussed were use of a Flight Simulator. This idea was later dropped as most said the simulators are fine for learning new aerobatic maneuvers, but are very difficult for beginning pilots to learn by using them.

Frank suggested having a “club trainer airplane” available to allow new prospective members a chance for actual hands on experience. Both Frank and Ben said they personally had nice trainer aircraft available.

The training/orientation would also familiarize new members to the field, field rules, AMA rules, and by providing flight training, enhancing safety at the field.

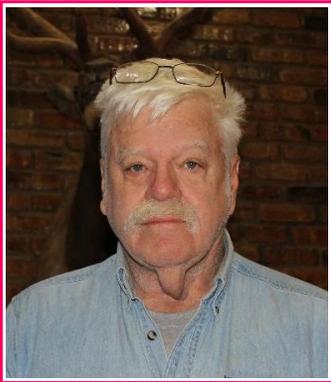
Ben said he’d research what information is available that we might use as a model.

Ben also reminded the members that he has several 2-way radios available if we have a need at the field. These would surely come in handy during the maintenance days and field events.

New Business:

There was a long, and expectedly not fruitful, discussion on the FAA proposed regulations regarding UAVs.

The meeting ended on a very good note. Frank graciously provided a Plug and Play Fiesler Storch Fi-156 model for the meeting raffle. As attendance was low, Frank gave out free tickets for the raffle.



Robert Wilson - Safety Coordinator

I left some used shingles at the field to be used as a base for the white rock foundations for the bleachers and port-a-potties. We are still in need of more material. I am sure this will be brought up during the next business meeting.



Franklyne Cox - Treasurer

AMA Contest Director

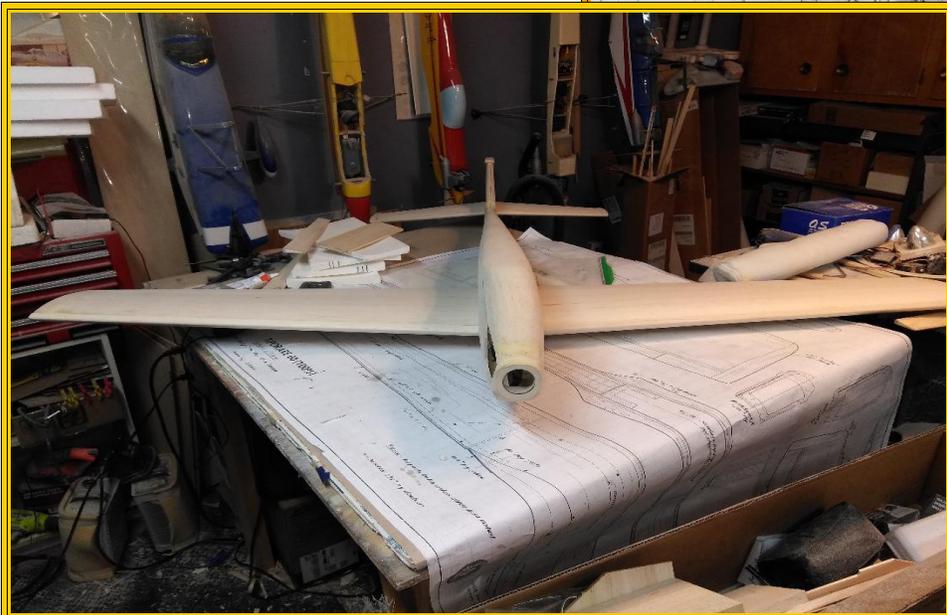
AMA Leader Member

Vice-President Senior Pattern Association

How is the building season going for everyone? I am in the process of building two pattern planes, and have a vintage plane lined up. I was lucky enough to secure a Johnny Casburne Super Lucky fly last year and I've decided to build it this spring. I am looking forward to this years SPA events. All of the West Regions will allow retract gear during the competition. Now that doesn't mean that you must use them. It just means that if you want to you can. Our Golden Triangle SPA will lead off the season which is April 18th. I would really like to see more of our members get involved with sport competition. It's not hard, it's fun and it's rewarding.



My Tiporarie 720 is really taking shape



*This plane has been a joy to build.
I am looking forward to getting
it into the air.*

*Powered by O.S. Max .65 AX,
Rhom Aire Retracts, Taranis
Radio.*



**If you are in need of a Club Shirt, See Frank Cox during the
Monthly business meeting.**

We have club stickers available. You can dress up your tool box or sport them on the back of your aircraft carrier. They are \$1.00 for the large and \$0.60 for the small.



AND NOW THE LEADER MEMBER MINUTE

You *all* are needed *now* to save our hobby. If you don't help *now*, we could lose our privilege to fly!

I'm sure you are aware of the FAA notice that was released at the end of December proposing to regulate and severely handicap our ability to fly our model airplanes. The AMA is doing everything in its power to direct and help create those rules to protect us from government overreach.

The FAA has to hear the views, opinions, and comments of the public before the rules are implemented and everyone's voice does count. Dispelling misinformation and unique comments are preferred, but the opinions expressed through a form letter is important in letting the FAA know how many people think there is a problem and the proposal needs to be changed.

You certainly can write your own unique letter with information and data the FAA needs such as explaining how the proposed regulations would be cost prohibitive. Suppose you have 100 airplanes and each model has to be registered individually at a cost of \$5 each, totaling \$500. You would likely have to give up the hobby.

The comment period will be closing soon so time is of the essence. Don't wait! Act now and get everyone you know to submit a comment. Don't just sit back and think the other guy will do it. If you don't act, model aviation will be changed forever.

AMA has created templates for you to easily submit comments, alter the templates with your own information, or inspire you to write your own response.

Go to the website listed below and choose one of the template letters. Copy the text of the letter and at the bottom of the letter is the link to the Federal Register comment form. Paste the letter in the comment box, fill in your name and answer several other required questions, and click on Submit. You can return to the AMA page and choose another template to submit another comment.

<http://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2020/01/20/submit-a-formal-comment>

DON'T WAIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO DO THIS. DON'T EVEN THINK THAT SOMEONE ELSE WILL DO IT. PLEASE GO TO THE WEB SITE, COPY AND PASTE. AND SUBMIT.

UNTIL NEXT MONTH

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