

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

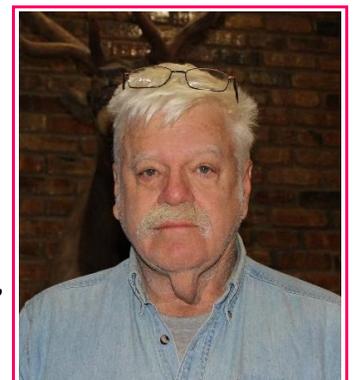
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AMA Contest Director

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The weather has finally turned HOT !!! So if you are going to the field, please carry plenty of water, sorry no Beer. Stay hydrated and REMEMBER, keep those airplanes 6 feet apart.

George Wilson sent us a little note:

All,

As you know, Allen Johnson has retired from being the VRCS South Central EC member. I'd been supplying some content for the newsletter and corresponding with him pretty routinely. He asked if I was interested but I declined because I'm not a real expert in this area and I'm still working. I haven't seen that anybody volunteered.

In perusing the AMA contest calendar, I found a listing for an event in the Houston area at the end of March, the 28th, **(Now July 11th)** that hits close to our interests. The "Throwback Fling", sponsored by the Space City RC Club in Katy, TX, will be for radio control airplanes from 1995 and earlier. It's an extra decade from our limit but it's at least compatible.

It struck me that this would be a good opportunity for a VRCS meet-up to discuss the future for the South Central Region. It would also be a good chance to show off some of our planes and a good turn out might persuade Space City to take the next step to making this a VRCS event. I'm planning on going and I hope you will consider joining me there. Be sure to get a VRCS shirt so we stand out.

And later this year, October 17th, look for the 5th edition of the San Antonio Prop Busters Build'n'Fly event. An event intended for modeler built aircraft. You may recall some pictures I've forwarded to Allen over the last few years. Not a VRCS event but certainly compatible.

George Wilson
San Antonio



Space City RC Presents
THROWBACK FLING
Join us for our very first Throwback Fling!

**MARCH
28TH
2020** **9AM-4PM**

Space City RC invites you to our first ever Throwback Fling! All planes that were available 1995 and prior. All sizes/power plants are welcome!!!

- 600'X200' Smooth grass runway
- \$20 Landing fee
- Awards
- Field open to public Friday April 3rd and night flying starting at dusk
- Free admission for spectators!!!



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**THERE WILL BE A MEETING NEXT
TUESDAY NIGHT
SPRINGCREEK BBQ**

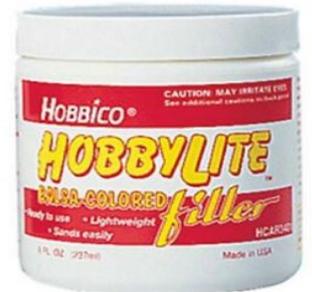
I suppose everyone has been busy in their shops working on planes or cleaning their shop or building a shop. I've been busy on all counts. Last year I bought a Tower Kaos 60 from another SPA member and it's been laying in wait in my storage building. I finally dragged it out and got started on removing that really ugly covering job that Tower had on it. It took me two evenings to get all

the covering off. I've read items in the forums about people asking questions on how to get the covering off without leaving lots of glue behind. Well, I have found that if you heat the covering material with a covering heat gun the film will just lift off taking the colored glue with it.



As you see, there is no covering residue left on the wood. After getting all the covering off, I checked for any damage. All scars were repaired with balsa colored filler.

Hobbico HobbyLite filler has been on the market for years. One nice attribute is the fact that it's balsa colored. It doesn't show up as a white spot under your Super Monokote. I've been using it for years and now it's disappearing from the market place. I was hoping that when Horizon purchased Hobbico, they would continue to carry the product. I guess not. After making repairs, I went to work on the oil soaked areas. The engine compartment, along the right side of the fuselage where exhaust leaked under the canopy hatch and along the root of the wings. Using Denatured Alcohol on a camel hair brush soaked the area well. I then took baby powder and covered the oil soaked area and let it dry. Sometimes I used my covering heat gun to heat the area causing the alcohol to evaporate faster. The alcohol would be absorbed into the baby powder. When I brushed off the powder, it took the oil with it. Some areas took a couple of applications to get all the oil out of the wood. I then sanded the entire plane to make sure all the powder was removed. I went to my stash of Super Monokote and found three rolls of Cub Yellow and some left over red, white, blue and black. I covered the bottom of the wings white along with the bottom of the horizontal stab. I covered everything else in Cub Yellow. Using a sheet of glass as a cutting board, I cut out all the trim. Using Windex with Amonia I applied all the trim pieces.



EDITOR'S NOTE: *Windex containing Amonia, will cause most all covering material to become lose and peel off. So if you are using Windex to clean your plane, and the covering is peeling, now you know why.*

I took a day off and made a visit to my local automotive paint supply store, English Color. They mixed a quart of Cub Yellow base coat for me. I took the canopy hatch and scuffed it with green scotchbrite and then sprayed the hatch and the cowling Cub Yellow. I then taped off the canopy and painted it silver with a small amount of blue mixed in. I mixed some light blue paint and air brushed the edges of the glass part of the canopy. After letting it dry for 20 minutes, I poured up some blender and mixed in some blue pearl. I sprayed the canopy and then clear coated the entire canopy hatch and cowling.

I got out my Vinyl cutter and cut out the squares for the checker board and the spears for each side of the fuselage as well as my AMA numbers for the wings. Now I am waiting on a free day to do some test flying .





JOIN SPA TODAY



CLUB MEETING NEXT TUESDAY EVENING

Well, I've been quite busy in my back yard this last month. My shop which is a 12 by 16 Tuff Shed. It's big enough to build in, just not big enough to contain all my airplane stuff. I have had to rent a Storage building to storage a large portion of my kits and finished planes. I have planes stored in my bedrooms, guest rooms and in a small Tuff Shed in my back yard as well as a rental storage facility. So many times when I am building, I have to stop and clean my bench off to do another part of a build. I have equipment stored in the shop, and in the closets in my house. If I need to cut a templette, I have to go to the bedroom closet that contains all the Vinyl cutting equipment and templet paper.

So I've decided it's time to get it all under one roof. In my backyard is a 16 X 16 foot building going up. It will be air conditioned and heated. I will be able to get everything up off the floor and where it is leaning against a wall and get it on a shelf. All the boxes of engines, retracts, servos, receivers, batteries, wheels, spinners, motor mounts and fuel tanks can all be in boxes on a shelf nice and neat. I will even have dedicated shelves for a paint station. Not to mention dedicated work bench for my Vinyl Cutter and all the rolls of vinyl I have stashed in a closet. I have a really nice foam core cutting bow and power supply that I will be able to use. I will even get rid of the flouresent lights and go with LEDs.





We are in the process of getting the shingles on. Then it's on with the drywall and painting the interior.



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.



If you are interested in purchasing a Club shirt contact:

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