

# *Flyin' High*

**Jim Fulton Field**

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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

Well here we are into another summer in Texas, and I feel the obligation to remind all our members to take all necessary precautions when heading out to the field in the heat. Stay hydrated, wear sunscreen, and don't wander off into the trees looking for lost planes by your-selves. There, now that my "mothering" is done, I can talk about airplanes!

Some of you may be receiving notice that it's time to renew your FAA Drone certification. This is easy to do on-line, cost \$5.00, and is good for 3yr. for the "Recreational" certificate. I saw something about a future test, but apparently it's not available yet, or won't be required for the Rec. flyers. Well keep watching and will see what develops. As for now, it's business as usual at our field. Please follow the rules and guidelines of the AMA so we don't have any issues with the Feds., AMA, or the city. Flying sites are hard to find!!

Last September, I purchased Ken Spears 42% Super Decathlon, and I hope to get certified to fly it

soon. Since this plane weighs more than 55lb, and less than 100lb., it falls under the “Experimental Radio Controlled Aircraft” guidelines, which have specific design and equipment requirements that must be met, an aircraft inspection, and 2 test flights performed in the presence of an AMA appointed Inspector, before I can fly it at AMA sanctioned events. Fortunately I know the inspector who did the original Inspection & certification of the plane for Ken, and he is still doing certifications, so he should be somewhat familiar with this aircraft. I’m looking forward to getting this taken care of so I can start flying this wonderful plane.

Just a reminder, we have started having our monthly meetings again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, starting at 7:00PM. Spring Creek has been gracious to our club, so please come early, have a meal, and give a generous tip to our hostess , who bring us nice fresh hot rolls! We will be following the guidelines and rules that Spring Creek must follow, so masks and social distancing is enforce, and our numbers will be limited accordingly. This of course is subject to change if the Governor or City change the COVID 19 business rules, so be attentive to what’s going on. If you still are not comfortable coming to the meeting, we will keep our membership aware of any actions or directions our club has determined necessary to take.

I hope you and your families are all doing well,  
God Bless and we’ll see you at the Field  
Ben



*Joe Anderson - Vice-President*



*Micheal Roznick – Secretary*

#### June 2020 Business Meeting-

Vice President Ben Bergman brought the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. 6 members were present.

**Treasure’s Report** - Frank Cox gave the Treasurer’s report. He 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.

**Vice-President's Report** – Ben had no updates to report

**Secretary's Report** – It has been a long time since any minutes were published..

**Safety Officer's Report** – Robert had no safety issues at the field to report.

### **Old Business**

Since the last meeting, Frank purchased a Windsock to replace the worn out one currently at the field. Frank also mentioned that several updates needed to be made on the website, specifically to the new member application form. Several new members have submitted incorrect dues amount from the old application. Similarly, the club instructors list was noted to be out of date.

The group then proceeded to share crash stories for 20 minutes from over the years.

### **New Business**

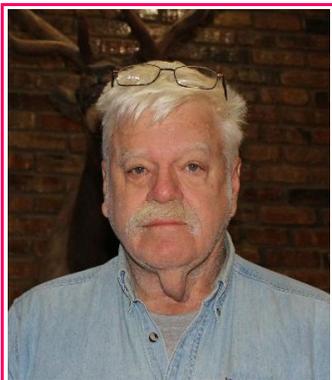
Ben mentioned the need for a field maintenance day. The grass will need to be trimmed and batteries on the tractor checked. The large tractor is also in need of another main tire. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Frank also made a motion to restrict flying while members are cutting the grass. After some discussion, the motion was seconded and passed. In the future, members should cease flight operations while the field is being mowed.

The shingles and timbers to refinish the bench area are still ready to be put down once we are permitted to gather work groups again. This activity will also likely be postponed for a time with cooler temperatures.

Frank also discussed the lack of enthusiasm the club has seen in member involvement to help in field maintenance as well as other club activities. In order to promote members to take a more active role, he proposed setting a cap on the number of members allowed in the club. Any member not taking an active role could be ejected from the organization. This was debated in detail by the members. Some argued that there were more effective ways to promote involvement without the need for such actions. After several spirited discussions, the issue was tabled for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM



***Robert Wilson - Safety Coordinator***

**STAY HYDRATED, DRINK PLENTY OF WATER WHEN AT THE FIELD.**



## **Franklyne Cox - Treasurer**

AMA Contest Director

AMA Leader Member

Vice-President Senior Pattern Association

Newsletter Publisher

It time to renew your CLUB MEMBERSHIP. Membership dues are \$100.00. If you pay your dues before the end of the September meeting you get a \$25.00 discount. You can send your dues payment to me, Club Treasurer, at my residence. If you include with your payment a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE), I will send you a new key as soon as they become available. The lock on the gate at Fulton Field will be changed on September 16<sup>th</sup>. That the Wednesday after the September Club meeting.

If you have paid your dues and happen to find me at the field, I will have a key for you. Please don't call me and ask if I can meet you at the field to give you a key. You may also pick up a key at the September Club meeting.

**REMEMBER: No dues discount after September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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

If you haven't been attending the monthly meetings, you don't know what you're missing. You never know when there is going to be a great PRIZE raffled off. We've had some great raffles this last year. Several ARFs a couple of helicopters and quad copters, Lipo batteries and ESCs. So come on down to a meeting and get involved. You might be glad you did.

# THE GREAT BOMBER FIELD WARBIRD FLY-IN

-Michael Roznick, GTRCC Secretary

In the midst of the virus sweeping across the country, RC events have been few and far between. Most are either cancelled or postponed, and attendance limited.

However, on June 5-6<sup>th</sup>, Bomber Field hosted its any-size Warbird Fly-In. Spectators would have never known it was any different than any other year at Bomber Field. In fact, with over 90 pilots, it broke all previous attendance records of the event. Pilots travelled from across Texas and surrounding areas to see friends, talk shop, and show off their creations. The flightline was a mix of everything from small 1 meter foamies to 20 ft wingspan B-17s.



Pilots enjoyed a delicious grilled lunch, as well as several surprise appearances that no one would soon forget. Two T-6 Texans and one P-51 made low passes over the field. (Real ones, not RC!!) At or below treetop level, these machines put on a show that put any other airshow experience to shame. For anyone who is a fan of these machines, Bomber Field's event is definitely a must-attend experience!

**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**

My new shop. A big THANKS to Robert Wilson and Jason Nowicki for their invaluable help. I am in the process of building work benches and storage shelves. The building is 16 feet by 16 feet square which gives me plenty of room compared to my old shop of 10 feet by 12 feet. One problem

I had with my old shop were windows. Yes, windows. Windows are a waste of wall space and wall space is so valuable for hanging tools and planes. Not to mention the peg board full of airplane parts, building supplies and cabinets for storing all the engines and motors I've collected over the years.



The new shop has NO

windows, sixteen feet of peg board and waist high electrical outlets. There is also 64 feet of LED lighting providing excellent YouTube filming. So with the air conditioning, heat, cable TV and Refrigerator, it will be my home away from home. I will soon be ready to start moving everything from the old shop and getting set up in the new space.

*JOIN SPA TODAY*



# CLUB MEETING NEXT TUESDAY EVENING

*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.*



## **UNTIL NEXT MONTH**

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