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The official newsletter of the Golden Triangle RC Club

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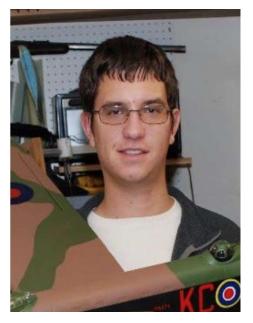


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Meeting Information / Minutes

Club Meetings are on the 3rd 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.

January 2024 Business Meeting
-Michael Roznick, GTRCC Secretary

Jason started the meeting to order at 7:05. 15 members were present.

President's Report – The meeting opened with Jason and Mike discussing looking into our bylaws and club status. While digging into documentation, they found that our status as a 501c3 nonprofit was no longer valid. The corporation (Golden Triangle Radio Control Inc) has been out of date since 2013. After discussion with an attorney, Jason and Mike determined that they would need to start a new process from scratch. They were able to secure a new corporation under the same name, allowing us to keep our bank account and lease agreement. They are still working to obtain our nonprofit exemption but are hard at work in this process.

Treasure's Report - Mike 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 – No updates.

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

Safety Officer's Report - No Safety issues noted

Through the process of resubmitting our club as a nonprofit organization, Jason and the other officers met and discussed revisions to the by-laws. The Officers agreed to remove references to Robert's Rules for running meetings. This will allow for less formal meeting sessions, making it easier to follow for new members and less tedious. They also agreed to remove the provisions making the club "invite only". All agreed that the club should be open to any prospective members. They were also revised to allow revisions to occur once per quarter. Copies passed around to members for review. Members voted unanimously to approve these changes.

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Jason spoke to Paul Brown about our lease payment for 2023. Paul spoke with his finance expert and is recommending absolving our 2023 lease payment. Further meetings pending. (Post-meeting update: We will still be required to pay the 2023 lease)

Randy is working on assembling the field maintenance team. Will reach out to previous team members via email.

Jason discussed coming up with a short-term fix for the runway, and the best short-term solution they came up with was rolling the runway with a vibratory steam roller. This will cost \$600-800 if Jason picks up the roller with his truck. Members voted to allocate \$1000 toward renting the roller.

Jason also discussed porta potties. Jason suggested sealing the large handicapped one, cleaning it up, and putting it on a level base. The one missing the top to be disposed. The other nice one will be cleaned, locked, and kept for events. This is scheduled for next week. Members voted to approve this proposal.

Jason discussed revamping membership process, to a simplified form that would remove unneeded or intrusive information requirements. Looking at online checkout and an online application. Frank expressed concerned about FAA implications or not requiring the FAA number. Discussion ensued on whether the club was responsible for FAA compliance. Many members agreed that it was a personal responsibility for each member, and not required to be chased down by the club level. Members approved the change to a simplified application and voted in favor of investigating moving to an online membership join/renewal system.

Members talked about problem of smoking at the field. We still have a problem with cigarette butts on the taxiway, pitts, and parking lot. Jason will speak with those who are responsible. He also proposed adding a cigarette butt container out towards the parking lot, to allow for safe disposal away from the no smoking area.

Frank asked members about event plans for this year. He proposed hosting our annual SPA event in September. Members approved this unanimously.

Randy proposed talking about cleaning the container. Will discuss this further next meeting. Randy will investigate where we can take junk mowers.

Frank mentioned new container. Container would be \$2400-3000 for a container. Will double check on availability and discuss in future meetings.

Michael proposed sanctioning our annual helicopter event on April 6th. Members approved unanimously.

Jason gave a great demonstration on hot wire foam cutting, allowing members to try their hand cutting out foam cores from a template. He and the officers are hoping to do more demos and discussion of techniques in future meetings as well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02

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Announcements

We will be having a raffle for a mystery plane at the club meeting on Tuesday, 20-February-2024 at 1900! Must be present to win!

Tickets will be \$1.00 each, or 13 for \$10.00, or an "arms stretch" for \$20.00. Come win a new plane!

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!Upcoming Events!!



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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!!

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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 – Club Treasurer – countilaw@yahoo.com

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!!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)

1) <u>Description:</u> Pitts Model 12 with Electric Motor, 120-amp ESC, and all servos. No batteries or receiver. Transmitter not included.

Price: \$300.00 Firm

Contact: Frank Cox – countilaw@yahoo.com / 972-339-8537

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Editor's Note:

Nothing much from me this month. Hope all of you are well! It's been hit or miss flying weather but many of us are "getting it done". Lots of new planes out at the field. Many people flying. It's really good to see. Just another quick reminder to pick up your batteries if you have a crash. We had a reason to hike out to the southeast corner of the field a week or so ago and found another large LiPo battery pack. This one looked like it had been mangled by the mower (see pic below). This could really bite us in the dry summer months. We sure don't want a fire! If you're flying (especially electric) and you have a crash, please try to recover your batteries!

Looking forward to some warmer weather and more flying! Please, if any of you have any comments/complaints/or suggestions about something you see we could be doing better at the field, contact me. Email, phone, text. Doesn't matter to me (actually prefer text, but whatever is easiest for you). This is a group effort and I value your input!

See you at the meeting!

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