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See What's Possible

The official newsletter of the Golden Triangle RC Club

Club Meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of every Month at 0900

Location – Golden Triangle RC Club Field

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FEATURE

Runway Project Approved!

What's Changing, Timeline, and How Members Can Help

- Petromat removal the week of January 5
- Dirt work possibly week of January 12th
- Asphalt TBD
- Runway Markings TBD
- *What can you do to help?* Please avoid flying anytime construction workers are present, we don't want a safety incident to cause a delay
- If you have any questions about timeline or questions about the project, please utilize the WhatsApp group channel that is setup specifically for our GTRCC members
- Thanks to club members Byron H & Randy R for providing drone pictures and video of the construction progress and posting them in our WhatsApp channel!



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FROM THE FLIGHT LINE

President's Message:

As we kick off 2026, I can say this with confidence — the Golden Triangle RC Club is moving forward.

After a lot of planning, discussion, and coordination, the runway project has officially been approved by the City of Grand Prairie. That's a big win for the club and a clear sign that our relationship with the city continues to grow in the right direction. Construction will begin soon, and while there may be some short-term inconvenience, the long-term payoff will be well worth it.

Beyond the runway, we're making progress across the field. Equipment upgrades are underway, the tractor refurbishment is moving forward, and we're actively looking at improvements to the pit area and power options. These projects don't happen by accident — they happen because members step up, volunteer their time, and take pride in this club.

I also want to remind everyone that membership renewals have shifted to a January–January cycle. Please be sure to complete the renewal form so we can keep our records current and avoid any access issues when the gate code changes.

This club has been around since 1962 for one reason: members who care about flying, safety, and community. 2026 is shaping up to be another strong year, and I'm looking forward to seeing more aircraft in the air, more projects completed, and more good times at the field.

Thank you for being part of what makes GTRCC a great place to fly.

See you on the flight line,

Jason Mitchell

President, Golden Triangle RC Club

Editor's Note:

Welcome to the January edition of *See What's Possible* — and what a way to start the year.

If you've been around the field lately, you already know this is shaping up to be a big one. The runway project is officially approved, equipment upgrades are moving forward, and the club is entering 2026 with momentum. This issue may be lean on pages, but it's heavy on progress.

As your new newsletter editor, my goal is simple: make this something you actually want to read — not just skim for meeting dates. Going forward, you'll see more photos from the field, more member projects, practical flying tips, and spotlights on the people who make this club what it is.

If you're building, fixing, flying, or even just thinking about your next project — I want to hear about it. Send photos, short write-ups, or ideas my way, and let's make this newsletter reflect the energy we see every weekend at Jim Fulton Field.

Blue skies,

Eric Thompson

Newsletter Editor

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CLUB BUSINESS

Meeting Highlights

- Runway project has been approved!!....An early Christmas present for all
- Club remains in good financial shape.

Full Meeting Minutes

Jason provided an update on the runway. The project has been approved by the GP City Council! Construction will begin January 5th with the removal of the petromat runway. Stay tuned for updates or follow the group chat on WhatsApp for more/new information!

Jason also mentioned that the city parks and rec department discussed a continued partnership with the club. Discussions for a generator/power system with and improved pit area have started and we will see where this conversation leads

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!

Pilot cross fencing project is on hold until after the runway construction is complete.

The tractor has been moved to Dr. Taylor's barn in Mansfield, where the work on refurbishing the club tractor will begin.

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.

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SAFETY & OPERATIONS

Flying RC planes is more than controlling your model in the air—it's also about being aware of your environment. Always maintain a safe distance from people, and structures. Keep spectators behind the flight line and never fly over anyone. Even small, lightweight models can cause injury or damage if they collide with someone.

Neighbor Awareness: Our field has houses just to the north. To maintain good relationships with our neighbors, avoid flying over this area. Noise from engines or props can be disruptive, and repeated disturbances can lead to complaints. Let's be mindful—our goal is to enjoy our hobby without negatively impacting the community around us.

Situational Awareness: Always scan your surroundings while flying. Watch for other pilots, unexpected wildlife, or field hazards. Stay alert and ready to adjust your flight path if needed. Awareness reduces accidents and ensures everyone enjoys a safe, smooth flying experience.

By keeping these habits in mind, we protect our planes, our fellow pilots, and our good standing with the neighborhood. Safe, considerate flying benefits everyone!

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CLUB PROJECT CORNER

Project	Description	Estimated Cost	Status
Flag pole installation	Pick location, prep area, dig hole, set pole, complete decorative surround / plaque, flowers, etc.	\$500-\$1000	Not yet started
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

- “How you can help”

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THE BUILD BENCH

Member-submitted – email picture and commentary of your projects to Eric at ethompson1509@gmail.com

Here are some ideas of what can go here!

- Builds
- Repairs
- Setup tips
- Crash lessons (people love these)

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

- Name
- Time flying
- Favorite aircraft
- Best advice or funniest moment

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EVENTS & MERCH

- Events
- For Club Shirts, please contact one of the Club Officers as we may have some t-shirt inventory available for purchase \$25
 - Or 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
- For-Sale reminders...If you'd like to list something for sale, please feel free to use the club "WhatsApp" channel to post your items. Also, Facebook, RCGroups and Flying Giants are great places to buy/sell.

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HOW TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEWSLETTER

- Send an email to Eric Thompson at ethompson1509@gmail.com if you have something that you would like to be considered in the next newsletter
- Photos are great with your submission, make sure they are of a quality file size when you email them.
- Submission deadlines – two weeks prior to the next club meeting



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Any comments / complaints / suggestions, do not hesitate to contact me at:
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