



Flyin' High – Jim Fulton Field

The official newsletter of the Golden Triangle RC Club

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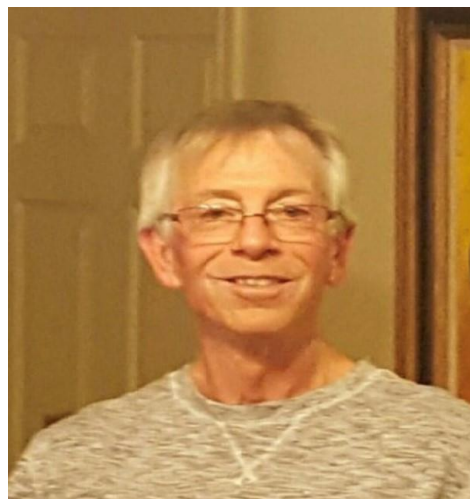
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Meeting Information / Minutes

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

Location – Golden Triangle RC Club Field

2820 E. Seeton Road

Grand Prairie, TX 75054

Or:

Market Street Grocery Store (Inclement Weather Location)

3145 E. Broad St.

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.

June 2025 Business Meeting

-Michael Roznick, GTRCC Secretary

Jason started the meeting to order at 7:30am. 19 members were present.

President's Report – Jason summarized the glider event. We had 11 pilots and lots of talent. Justin and Eric placed first in the club. The event ran from 9-2pm. The next event in November is expected to run all day. Hoping for around 30 pilots.

Vice-President's Report – No comments

Treasure's Report – This month had an extra income of \$430 from hosting the sailplane meeting, with more income from selling donated items.

Secretary's Report – Minutes were published in the May newsletter

Safety Officer's Report – No comments

Jason also disused the Dallas Ace Academy visit. This was our 2nd annual event time hosting the group. The Ace Academy, run by Christine Simpson, recruits from underserved high schools to go to aviation locations and events. Weather didn't look promising until the day before the event, and luckily things cleared at the last minute. The group was extremely respectful and engaged. Christine bought 8 airplanes from Amazon for the kids to fly. Groups were split into teams to compete for the longest flight time in person rounds. The final two pilots flew until they ran out of batteries. Club members put on a giant scale demo, heli demo, EDF jet demo, and a sailplane demo. Two simulators were also kept up and running throughout the event.

Jason also offered an update on Libelle glider contest. So far, he is having difficulty with high start system. So far, 1 minute is the longest flight time that has been achieved. Increasing the launch force

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to more than 3-5 lbs is causing significant wing flex on the model. Jason is working on improving the wing structure with carbon fiber laminate to allow for more strength to stand up to a faster launch. Updates to follow

Jason also bought an ignition switch for the tractor. In mean time, Art was letting the club use his tractor. Unfortunately, it broke down between last week and we will need to continue to use the old tractor for the moment. Will list old tractor and brush hog for sale immediately when new tractor and brush hog are operational.

Use of security cameras were discussed to keep an eye on the field. Art suggested using a fairly inexpensive game camera. Dante offered to donate for one covering the parking lot. Jason talked to the local police, and they have put our field on the city watch patrol.

Jason also bought hangers for ladders. Will hang ladders under the pit area so that they can be lowered for access. He mentioned possibly needing to schedule a field work day for installing this system and other general maintenance tasks.

The open layout of our pilot stations was discussed. There have been several occurrences of near misses so far with aircraft impacting inside the pilot stations. Adding an extra fence segment (likely much lower) in the side facing the runway would make weed eating more difficult, but would increase safety as field use increases. Ron Moody donated a bunch of lower white picket fencing that would work well. Jason asked members for their opinions. Majority of members were in favor of adding a cross fence.

The next point of discussion was moving the pilot stations further outboard of center, similar to layout at Thunderbird Field. This would put them just outside of taxiways on the North and South side. It has been noted that many pilots prefer to land directly in front of themselves, so moving them would allow for more efficient use of the runway as well. Jason believed that the best time to change this would be in line with the runway replacement. Concerns were expressed that only one side could be used at one time. Might also require more stations to meet capacity. Randy proposed leaving it as is for now, and keeping the discussion open. Michael mentioned that it could interfere with helicopter areas. Jason would also like to do something to further dress up the pilot stations (larger mats, crushed granite, etc.). Any actions were deferred.

Jason reminded members that he would like to add petromat runoff areas on either side of the runways. Discussed leveling out a grass runway next to it. Would also like to use excess dirt to fill the south area.

Jason discussed a potential full scale glider day for club members who would be interested. He flew a lot with big Q aviation in Midlothian and knows the owners closely. He has talked about going down and booking glider rides with them at some points. 20 min glider ride is \$135 normally, potentially discount if we get enough interest from members. They just need to know how many are interested, and when. Maybe 15 members interested at meeting.

Runway update. City has been very active, and it looks like the runway funding may pass any day. The bid specification process is complete and went to the director of park projects for polishing up. Now the proposal looks good to officially go out for bid. Next milestone is finance (F&G) committee. Waiting for next F&G meeting for approval. We are very close to getting it through soon..

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Jason also welcomed new member Bill Brooks. He has a history with flying pattern planes and is a current airline pilot. Welcome Bill!

Meeting Adjourn 8:24am

*****Announcements*****

- 1) Very short and sweet newsletter this month – please accept my apologies. There has been a lot going on which we will discuss at the meeting. In short – nothing on the radar as far as events at the field. We need to have a work day soon to finish up some projects. All in all, we are in great shape. Please come to the meeting if you can. Let's discuss some things, have some coffee, and do some flying!!

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
South bleacher seat repair	Needs long 2X12 (guess 20'), cut to size, and installed with mounting hardware	\$100 Actual Cost -\$72.12	Completed
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	Not yet started
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

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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
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!!Upcoming Events!!

1) – SPA Contest – (TBD)

2) GTRCC / SLNT F5J Contest Schedule

- ~~June 7th*~~
- September 20th*
- November 8/9th*

*Please mark your calendars! Field will be closed at least half days on these dates!! Better yet, consider getting a glider and joining the contests!

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!!

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 – countilaw@yahoo.com

!!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)

Nothing for sale this month!



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

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Editor's Note:

That's it from me this month! However, please reach out to me if you have any ideas/suggestions for the newsletter. It's pretty basic at the moment. Let me know if you'd like to see more / different info. Thanks for your involvement and input!

End Newsletter