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Flyin' High - Jim Fulton Field

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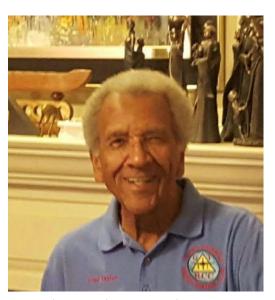
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Meeting Information / Minutes

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 encourage 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 encourage to bring your latest project for Show and Tell.

May 2023 Business Meeting -Michael Roznick, GTRCC Secretary

Bob brought the meeting to order at 7:02. 9 members were present.

President's Report - No updates

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. He also mentioned that a \$300 donation has been made to the Trophy fund for the upcoming SPA event.

Vice-President's Report – Reminded members to send notice of any minutes worked at the field to be recorded for maintenance credits.

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

Safety Officer's Report – Members were reminded not to turn off your radio with the aircraft powered on. This resulted in an unintentional takeoff and subsequent crash after an aircraft failsafed in a full throttle state. No people or property were damaged, but it resulted in destruction of the aircraft.

Old Business

Frank updated members on container pricing. Currently, containers are going for \$2800 plus \$400-600 in delivery costs. This put a container purchase above the \$3000 threshold approved in April. Members elected to wait for container prices to drop further before proceeding with a purchase.

Michael reminded members that the helicopter event will occur on Saturday the 20th. The field is planned to be mowed by the field maintenance crew on the 18th. Planning on a pizza lunch for pilots.

Runway improvements were also discussed. Ronald suggested putting down crushed concrete as a base under the runway. It could then be rolled to create a firm foundation under the petromat. Further

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investigation is required to obtain a quote on crushed concrete for the length of the runway. This should help mitigate drainage issues around the runway as well.

In the process of discussing field improvements, spirited discussions ensued focusing on city involvement on the field and whether that has the potential to make our field "public use" similarly to Thunderbird. Some members feel that the potential benefits well outweigh the potential costs. Others are more concerned about potentially being required to allow non-members to fly. Other members also proposed dealing with this the same way Thunderbird does, with only members getting gate keys, and nonmembers needing to park outside the gate if no members are present. It is worth noting that all these points are currently pure speculation, and require clarification from the city and/or Army Corps of Engineers in such action would be required.

New Business

Jason discussed the large hangar that he is planning on donating to the club (photos in May Newsletter). This will require volunteers to help disassemble the building and several concrete piers for anchor points. If we can get several volunteers, the shed can be disassembled for transport. It is on Hess private airport as of now.

Jason also talked through proposal process to the city. Current contact is out of town. Proposal "wishlist" includes a paved runway, power, clubhouse, and a floatplane area. Discussion occurred around pitching the impact to the city. Members decided that our proposal should emphasize STEM education and collaboration activities for the best chance of success.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15

Announcements

From Frank Cox – If you need a new ID card, please contact Frank at the contact info above. Also – We are still looking for donations for trophies for the SPA event. We have numerous business owners in the club – if you would like to advertise your business at the event in exchange for a donation for trophies, please contact Frank!

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!Upcoming Events!!



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Member's Projects

No projects this month! 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!

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)

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1) Blitz Works RC – ME 262 - \$300.00

Complete ARF – Box opened but nothing removed from original packaging 59 inch WS

EPO Foam

Two 70mm Fans

Electric Retracts Installed

Contact – Frank Cox: countilaw@yahoo.com





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Any comments / complaints / suggestions, do not hesitate to contact me at: motomazzo@yahoo.com c-972-259-7033

Editor's Note:

Hello All! What amazing flying weather 2023 has brought us so far! The mornings have been unreal. Come out, fly, and enjoy it! I'm seeing a lot of members out this year and lots of good discussion/fellowship out at the field. Saw more visitors from the neighboring community this last weekend as well – all interested and no one complained about the noise, so that's a win-win.

I've included the pics of the hangar again in this month's newsletter. I've done some digging and having the company who originally erected the building disassemble and relocate will be cost-prohibitive. We need to think about this as a club – decide how much we want the structure and how far we are willing to go to make that happen. I, for one, believe with enough volunteer help we could at least get it disassembled and relocated to our club site and stored. Nothing says we have to erect the building any time soon. But getting it to our field and in our possession I think is key. At this point, however, if there is not enough interest or volunteer help I'm thinking it may be best to let a sleeping dog lie. Please be thinking about this and bring your thoughts/ideas to the next meeting so we can discuss. The more, the better! Happy flights and good landings to all of you! See you at the next meeting!

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