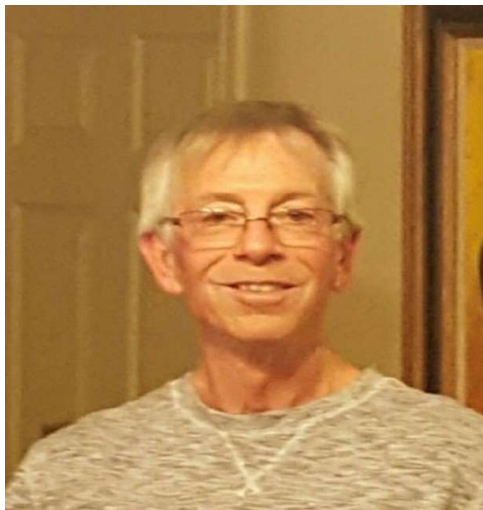




Flyin' High – Jim Fulton Field

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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.

August 2023 Business Meeting

-Michael Roznick, GTRCC Secretary

Ben brought the meeting to order at 7:04. 8 members were present.

President's Report – Ben updated members that the lease has been drafted and is in the process of being signed. It does include language clarifying that we are eligible for future improvement funds from the parks and rec departments within concurrence of the Army Corps of Engineers.

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. Frank reminded members that dues renewal occurs at the September meeting.

Vice-President's Report – Reminded members to take care to locate batteries in event of a crash. If left alone, they could start a fire.

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

Safety Officer's Report – It's still hot out. Drink plenty of water. Ben reminded members that there is no smoking beyond the parking lot. The field is dry, and there is potential for fire. Remember to follow guidance for starting and taxiing your aircraft.

Old Business

Ben provided an update on the lease. The lease has been approved by the city, and the club is just waiting on it to be sent for officer signatures. The lease amount so far has been projected to stay the same.

New Business

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The tires on the tractor have been replaced, but it still has a radiator leak that has to be addressed. Jason and Frank Flores believe that a new radiator is needed. The cost was listed as \$429 for a new replacement part. Members voted to allocate \$500 for the purchase of a new radiator.

We were lining up an alternate person for mowing the field, and it turned out to be the same person as Mark was using. Rebar and rocks were also found in the dirt used to fill parts of the area. Right now, it is too dry to mow without a fire hazard. Further mowing will wait for some rain. Alternate strategies were discussed for next year. Mark was discussing tilling the field to bring any debris to the surface for removal. Randy discussed the possibility of having the fire department standing by if we are worried about fire potential during mowing. Will require a discussion with the fire department to determine if that is feasible.

Frank discussed tearing down the old green fence by the pilot area. Members elected that we should not replace the fence with anything until we have a replacement on order. A Motion was put forward to remove the fence and allocate up to \$1000 towards ordering new white fencing to match the newer pilot fences and passed unanimously.

Randy reported on hours reported from the field mowing team. Compensation for the mowing team was discussed, and for the moment will remain at Randy's discretion. The bylaws language is out date and should be updated.

Frank discussed having a group build of a selected airplane kit, with a competition and fly-off at the end of a set period. Planes would be judged on quality, paint/covering, and flying. Frank offered to cut kits on his laser cutter, but members would need to cover kit cost. Members were encouraged to consider this and provide feedback on interest. We are looking for ways to engage our membership in flying.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Announcements

From Frank Cox:

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- If you need a new ID card, please contact Frank at the contact info above.
- Membership dues for 2024 are now due and to qualify for the \$25 discount, the dues must be paid by the end of the September meeting. A membership application renewal must be submitted with all dues just so we can make updates to club member info. If paying dues by mail, a SASE must be included so that we can mail you a key when they become available. Or, keys can be picked up at a club meeting.

From Bob Smith (VP):

Lost Lipos!

I want to reemphasize the importance of retrieving lipos that become separated from an aircraft during an accident. The field is very dry and unretrieved batteries can cause a fire if struck by mowing equipment. Recently, while mowing the north end of the field, a five cell lipo was uncovered. Fortunately, the battery was not struck by the blade. As you can see from the photos, the battery still contained significant energy.

We all recognize that accidents happen. If after a diligent search the battery cannot be found, inform a club officer so that information can be relayed to the mowing team. This is not a “gotcha” or “you’re in trouble” moment but a necessary safety precaution. Once a regular mowing schedule is established this will become less of an issue.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Bob Smith

Vice President, GTRCC







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!Upcoming Events!!

No Events Scheduled!!

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 – 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)

No Classifieds this Month!!



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

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Editor's Note:

Well, it's starting to cool off!! Wow.....what great flying days we've had recently. There's been some good flight training going on. Congrats to club member, Ron Moody, who recently took off, flew right and left patterns, and landed all by his lonesome! There have been some different folks buying some really neat planes and enjoying the hobby and the field/club. That's what it's all about and it's great to see!

You may notice our field is finally completely mowed down. This is due to a concerted effort by several club members to get our 1943 Farmall tractor going. It has fought us every step of the way – from generator issues, burned wiring which needed replacing, voltage regular adjustments, radiator leaks and patches, fan belt deterioration / replacement, broken hitch on the brush hog which needed welding, PTO bolts needing replacement, on and on. But she's working now (albeit the radiator still needs replacement for long-term reliability). But I would like to give credit where it is due, and a huge "THANK YOU" needs to be extended to club member, Frank Flores for all his hard work and dedication to the tractor. Frank has maintained and worked on the tractor for years. He is a walking encyclopedia for old tractors and is a huge asset for our club. And at 82 years young, I have the upmost respect for his knowledge and continued service to our club in this way. A club is an all-volunteer army and good things don't happen by accident. If you see Frank, be sure to let him know how much you appreciate all he's done! Thank you, Frank!

Get out there and fly! Two things to keep in mind with RC: 1) Fear is the thief of progress. 2) Consistency is key!

End Newsletter