



Flyin' High – Jim Fulton Field

The official newsletter of the Golden Triangle RC Club

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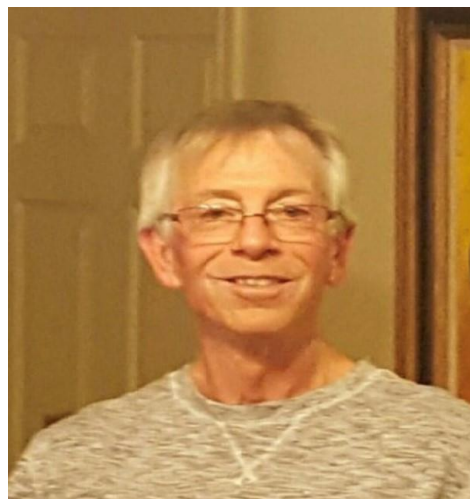
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Meeting Information / Minutes

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.

July 2025 Business Meeting

-Jason Mitchell on behalf of - **Michael Roznick, GTRCC Secretary**

Jason started the meeting to order at 7:30am.

Treasury report presented – we are in good standing

Topics discussed:

- The COGP has identified a diesel generator they may gift to GTRCC
- While at the F5J contest in Haslet, it was noticed that they had a urinal in their porta-potty. Would like to add one at our field. Low cost option available.
- Need a better tool kit for maintenance at the field. Members voted in favor of purchasing one
- Need a commercial weed eater for getting at the thick brush at the entrance of the field. Membership voted in favor of purchasing one.
- Recap of the F5J contest in Haslet at Texas Wings. Great contest. Decent weather. GTRCC was well-represented with 6 out of the 11 contestants being GTRCC members
- Struggles getting the Libelle glider to launch were discussed. Club Member Bill Kunz presented the wing mod he had made to his glider. Testing ongoing.
- Raffle for planes in the container discussed – how to do it? Save it for our club or open it to public during a flyin, etc? It was decided to hold an internal raffle selling “tickets” at \$100/each for a chance to enter a drawing for picking order.
- Outfield mowing discussed. It was proposed that we pay club member, Art Griep, \$250 for the use of his tractor and some repairs. Club members voted in favor of this.
- Security cameras were discussed. Due to reports of security concerns, need to get cameras purchased and installed.

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- Hardware / Storage system to install ladder and poles for aircraft retrieval under the pit area purchased. Need to install. Need to also build containment around the generator to keep it outside. Looking at possible workday.
- Pilot station cross-fencing was discussed. We have fencing which was donated by club member, Ron Moody. Needs to be installed.
- Pilot station relocation was discussed again. It seems that most are in favor of leaving them in the center. We will likely add petromat overrun areas on the north and south end of the runway after the asphalt is installed.
- Full-scale sailplane trip to Big Q aviation in Midlothian was discussed. Big Q's glider was damaged shortly after announcing this idea at the June meeting. They have acquired another glider and are ready to host us. Need to get a firm head count and plan the outing.
- Runway update - Approved. Bid process ends 1-August and we should be on our way to getting the runway construction started by mid-August.

Meeting Adjourn 8:30am

Announcements

Hello All!! Lots to discuss this month so let's get started. First of all, my apologies for what I'm sure might have seemed like a lull in progress / activity from your president. As you all know – I love our club and this hobby. I take great pride and satisfaction in trying to make our club all it can be. On a personal note - this year has been a trying one, as my father has been very sick. June and July were consumed with his care and deteriorating condition. He passed on 17-July and our family is still very much in the throes of mourning his absence. I was fortunate enough to have a great relationship with my Dad and it has changed me forever. To add insult to injury, someone broke into my parent's house on 29-August, ransacked their house, cut open the safe and stole every gun my Dad ever owned and some of mine. To put it mildly - I have been running around like an overwhelmed headless chicken and just "haven't had it" like I usually do. With the swap meet and contests and other things going on, there have just been a lot of interruptions to our normal routine. BUT! Things are slowly getting back on track and my aim is to dig deep and finish the year strong. With that said, let's talk about those things in the following bullet points:

- 1) – The runway – I will elaborate on this topic more at the meeting. Just way too much to type here. We are still getting one, but it has been delayed for some unfortunate / unforeseen reasons.
- 2) – The new tractor has been relocated to the field. As mentioned / discussed in the WhatsApp group, club member Frank Flores is feeling better and anxious to work on the tractor and get it going. You will see the tractor at the field being worked on. Hopefully this will be a short project and we can finally employ our new-to-us tractor to get the field mowed and utilize it for years to come. I will still reiterate – GTRCC got an AMAZING deal on that tractor. Even though we will still need to put some money into it, it's still an incredible deal. If you get bored – Google “65-75 H.P. tractor for sale” and see what you find. Recall we paid \$2K. I'll just leave that there.



- 3) Also as discussed in the WhatsApp group, we have needed a dedicated maintenance area for our field equipment for some time. We have been using a come-along tied to the pit awning structure to lift our zero-turn mowers for blade sharpening / other tasks for years. Add to that, now we will have heavy-lift items such as our new 10' rotary mower (brush hog) that will require more than what our awning can support. As such, you will notice we have assembled a permanent gantry for a chain hoist on the west end of the container. A special “thank you” to club member, Bill Brooks who stepped up and offered to procure these materials and assemble this for our club. Sidenote – Bill’s woodworking / construction skills are second-to-none. Very talented individual – and I say that even despite him being a professional pilot! 😊 If you see Bill, please thank him for his contribution. Once the wood dries some, we will be painting the gantry with some oil base paint similar to what I did for the bleacher seat replacement. This structure should serve our needs for decades to come.





- 4) Field Security – the cameras have been purchased and will be installed shortly. Both club members, Dante Floyd and Eric Thompson, purchased a camera each as a donation to the club...so thank you both, gentlemen! We appreciate you! This means we will have a total of 3 cameras – one pointing to the gate, one aimed at the west parking lot area, and a third pointing towards the pit area. The club will be purchasing an annual data plan for these cameras. Yes, this is a cost to the club – but this is the price associated with the concern for security. And we may add more – maybe one pointed at the container / elsewhere. We can determine this need as we go along.



- 5) Did you know we have a urinal now? - You may have noticed a urinal was purchased and installed in the porta-potty. It's working well. Guys – please use this when you go #1. The goal is to keep the seated toilet area clean and “drip-free” for the kids / ladies who may visit our club from time to time. While we don't see a ton of female traffic at the field, the goal is improved cleanliness overall. To be honest – urine on the seat and all down the side of the basin is just gross. Let's all do our part to keep this clean. There is also a mount for the broom now which is on the wall in the corner to the right of the door. The broom is important for sweeping out grass and bugs but I understand it was in the way before. Problem solved.



- 6) Cigarette Butt Disposal – So way back, when we voted to purchase receptacles for cigarette butts, it was voiced that these did not need to be put under the pit area as it would encourage smoking in the pits (which is not allowed). As such, I asked where those that smoke would like them to be placed – I was told one at the edge of the parking lot – one near the south bleachers. Since that time, they have not been utilized. Butts are still being thrown on the ground and/or in the trash cans – and then I hear about it. Also – I personally take the trash home on my trash days. We have racoons so I have to keep the trash in our garage overnight. There are usually so many butts in the trash that it will stink up our entire garage. And quite frankly, I am a bit weary of dealing with it (as are other members who have voiced their concerns to me). So, I have moved them under the pit awning right next to the trash cans. If you are a smoker, please use these dedicated butt receptacles. As I have said before – I will take the action to maintain them and dump them when full. Please just use them. Also, this will reduce the likelihood of a trashcan fire – which we absolutely do not want or need. Thank you for your cooperation with this!



7) Club Plane Raffle – as discussed at the last meeting and per the club email sent out a few weeks ago, the club raffle is on. Entry tickets are \$100 for a chance to enter a drawing to pick the order to select your aircraft. Obviously, the main purpose of this is club benefit – however, NIB planes for \$100 are pretty cool too! There are still some spots left so if interested, send me an email. We will discuss this at the meeting again too! Club member, Noah Jaso, has decided to gift-back two planes he previously won at one of our raffles so we have a total of 18 planes. Pics of the additional two kits shown below!



8) I partnered with RTL fasteners on behalf of the club to get us a discount. Those of you who build or need any hardware might find this useful. Please see the details below and I hope it's of benefit to you!

This year for club events and raffles, we are offering an exclusive discount of **60% off** our **5 flagship assortments!**

Using this wholesale discount, **your club could also purchase our flagship assortments for raffles.**

This is more than our current online deal.

The coupon code is **club60** (use the coupon at step 2 during checkout)

Master Builder Assortment **#5000 MSRP \$410, RTL reg. \$310 with this coupon \$124**

Basic Standard (SAE) Assortment **#1450 MSRP \$259.75, RTL reg. \$198.50 with this coupon \$79**

Complete Metric Assortment **#992 MSRP \$225, RTL reg. \$189 with this coupon \$76**

Standard Stainless Steel Assortment **#R83 MSRP \$245, RTL reg. \$210 with this coupon \$84**

Metric Stainless Assortment **#M44 MSRP \$265, RTL reg. \$235 with this coupon \$94**

We would appreciate it if you would pass this great deal along to your club members!

<https://www.rtlfasteners.com/>

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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
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	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

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<p>Finish Float Plane Area</p>	<p>Finish clearing, apply herbicide to eradicate briar growth, possible retractable floating dock to facilitate aircraft launch / retrieval. Possible Jon boat/equivalent for aircraft retrieval</p>	<p>\$1500</p>	<p>**On-hold pending runway completion</p>
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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!

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