

Flyin' High

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GTRCC Club Meetings

Club Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of every Month at 7:00 PM at

SPRING CREEK BARBEQUE - MANSFIELD

1724 Highway 287 North, Mansfield, TX 76063

(Corner of Hwy 287 and Debbie Ln.)

Participation in club meetings are encouraged for all members, family and 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. You are encouraged to bring your latest project for Show and Tell.



Ben Bergman -President

AMA Contest Director

From the President's Desk

It's hard to believe, but were beginning a brand new decade, and still don't have affordable "flying cars"! I'm so tired of paying for tires that just wear out. Wouldn't it be nice to ride on a carpet of air, that never wears out, won't go flat, doesn't have road noise, or any of those other irritating things that come with ridding around on wheels of rubber filled with air. Well I guess that's enough grumbling, so let's get focused on having a great year of flying models.

In my last article in November, I brought up the topic of developing some basic flight testing to ensure our new members know our clubs field rules, and how to safely operate and fly their aircraft. As I noted in that article, I believe this is something that makes sense for our club for many reasons, and intend to draft what I think this would look like, using available resources the AMA have available. I hope to have this ready for presentation to you members for consideration by the February club meeting.

I hope many of you have been getting in some great flying during this unseasonably mild winter. Unfortunately I have not, but hope to remedy that as soon as possible. I started working on my "Cold Duck"

pattern plane, designed by Mike Daily in 1971, and hope to have it flying very soon. Running an OS .61 Nitro engine, which should fly this 61" span plane nicely. Who knows, I might get hooked and start giving Frank Cox a run for his money in the Senior Pattern events this year!

It won't be long and it will be time to start planning for a spring field day, and get the field in top condition. Those of you who attended the November meeting might recall that we voted to build some boarders around the bleachers and port-a-Johns, and fill them with shingles and rock. This will not only clean up those areas and make them more appealing, but will also make it much easier to mow and trim around them. That will be a project that we will want to get done as early as possible before it gets too hot!

Well this is enough for now. I wish each and every one of you a very Happy New Year, and hope you got some great new planes or flying equipment to start the year off right. Let's make this a great year, and have a great time flying and enjoying our clubs facilities. Let's all do our part to keep our club one of the best around. "See you at the field"

Ben Bergman



Joe Anderson - Vice-President

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas, and a happy New Year's celebration, and are preparing for a new flying year.

And a big thanks to Fred Taylor for once again opening his home to the GTRCC Annual Christmas Party. If you missed the party you not only missed some great food, a chance to visit with fellow club members and family, but also missed a chance at some fantastic door prizes. Really fantastic door prizes!

As your new vice-president I'd like to invite, and encourage you to attend the monthly club meetings. This is your club, and the success of the club and member satisfaction, is dependent on your inputs. Planning club events, authorizing field upgrades and maintenance, discussing new FAA and AMA rules all take place in the meetings, with the goal of having the best flying club around, for your enjoyment.

And,...the meeting format is focused on getting the business out of the way quickly so that we can spend a majority of the meeting time talking airplanes and showing off our newest creations. And you can arrive a few minutes early to have a good barbeque dinner with your fellow club members.

Also of importance, please read the most recent AMA e-mail of 6 January titled "Unite Against Proposed

Remote ID Rulemaking”. Commercialization of drones, and hobbyist drones that can fly out of field of view is certainly of utmost concern for the FAA. However, including our “remotely piloted aircraft” under these rules will have a negative impact on how we fly, where we fly and the cost of staying in the model aircraft hobby. I encourage each of you to formulate your own response, based on your AMA experiences, and submit them to the FAA.

Hope to see you at the field, at the planned events, and at the monthly meetings. Bring your new planes and show them off.

Joe Anderson, Vice-President



Micheal Roznick – Secretary

November 2019 Business Meeting

President Ben Bergman brought the meeting to order at 7:09 PM. 15 members were present.

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.

Vice-President’s Report – Fred had no updates to report

Secretary’s Report – The October meeting minutes were published in the November newsletter. Members approved the minutes with no changes.

Safety Officer’s Report – Robert had no safety issues at the field to report.

Old Business

Since the last meeting, Frank investigated purchasing shingles to line underneath bleachers and port-a-potties. This would provide a base where grass would no longer need to be cut. The top would then be covered with gravel. After measuring the space for each surface, the cost for singles and timber came to ~\$720. Members voted to approve the cost and move forward with the project. Estimated start time will be in March.

Michael discussed updates to the club website. All of the photos and calendar info were moved over to the new website: <https://goldentrianglerc.weebly.com/>. If you see anything that you would like added or changed to the website, please email Superfortress04@gmail.com before the next

meeting. A one week notice will be provided to members to review the new website.

New Business

He also discussed officer nominations, and reminded members that next meeting will be the officer election. Robert Wilson, Frank Cox, Ben Bergman and Michael Roznick are willing to run for next year in their current positions. Joe Anderson volunteered to run as Vice President. As there was only one candidate for each position, member voted to approve them as the 2020 Officers.

Fred also volunteered his house for the location of this year's Christmas party. There will be a gift swap held, with a maximum gift cost of \$20. It will be held on December 7th at 6:00pm.

Gary mentioned that the club should start considering events for next year's season and proposed holding an Electric Ducted Fan Jet (EDF) Event early next year, possibly late March. Frank also mentioned that an SPA event will be held either on April 11 or 18. The New Year's Black Eyed Peas Funfly was also discussed. An email will be sent out to members if the event will be held, depending on weather conditions. Michael also discussed hosting a Warbird event on October 24th. Members voted to approve AMA sanctions for the EDF Funfly, SPA Event, and Warbird Fly-In.



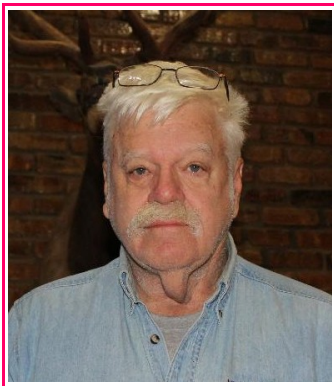
Frank Cox donated two ARFs and a Quad Copter for raffle which produced \$125.00 for the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM



At the Christmas Party that was held at the home of Fred Taylor Frank Cox donated two ARFs and a 400 series helicopter with Transmitter, plus numerous ESCs.





Robert Wilson - Safety Coordinator

Happy New year everyone

I have not heard of any safety problems at the field; However, please call me if you have anything to report Robert Wilson 972-802-4040 or email at Robert.wilsonaa@yahoo.com Unfortunately most of us are older flyers and are more affected by the weather please use diligence when flying alone, as most of us do. Always have your cell phone close at hand in case of an emergency.

Happy Safe Flying

Robert



Treasurer & Newsletter Editor – Frank Cox

AMA Contest Director

AMA Leader Member

Vice-President Senior Pattern Association

A new year has started and some of us are in the middle of our building season. Which brings me to something that I learned in College class of Economics. Supply and Demand, the corner stone of retail success or failure. You can have a tremendous supply of a product, but if no one wants it, you might as well have nothing. Right now in the Model hobby industry, the demand is on ARFs and Toy Foamies. This being true, you will find hobby shops well stocked with them but with little else and that's disturbing. I've been to the local hobby shop now three times and each time had to leave with nothing I needed. I keep asking, if a product will be in stock soon and I always get the same gesture, facial expression and reponse, "We can't get it."

Now I am all for supporting your local hobby shop, but I'm getting a little tired of buying stuff I don't need or making the return trip with nothing. After my last trip to the hobby shop and returning to my shop with empty hands, I got on the net and filled my shopping list quickly and without shipping costs. Unfortunately I had to wait a few days to get my order, but I got it and it contained everything that I was told

that couldn't be had. The trip to the LHS is about 17 miles one way or 34 miles round trip. Plus the hassle of contending with traffic and construction zones. So with two gallons of gas at \$2.35 a gallon which equates to \$4.70 of shipping, I ask myself? "Which is really more economical for me?" Will I continue to support the LHS? Yeah, sure I will. But until they start carrying more of the parts that I need, it's going to be hard to do.



We have club stickers available. You can dress up your tool box or sport them on the back of your aircraft carrier. They are \$1.00 for the large and \$0.60 for the small.



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UNTIL NEXT MONTH

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