



NEWS

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<http://www.geocities.com/strcc2002/index.htm>

<http://racingrookies.tripod.com> (no www)

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Meeting Notes

Ramskill Field – August 11, 2003

President Stan Sims called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The following items were brought up and discussed:

The runway looks great. After all of that hard work, the runway has been resurfaced and a stripe painted. I believe Bill Jones and his son went out and finished the project with by adding the paint stripes. Thanks Bill.

Some talk about putting shingles down around the side of the runway. It was decided to think about that one. If anyone is interested in putting shingles down on the sides of the runway, please contact one of the officers.

Jim Dietric, Mike Garvey, and Brennan Tankersley are late in paying dues. It was decided to extend them one month before dropping them from the monthly newsletter and roster. Current membership status is 38.

Please Mail All Correspondence and Membership Dues to:

STRCC
P.O. Box 174334
Arlington, Texas 76003

Club Upcoming Events

September 14, 1:30 PM – Rookie Races
September 8, 7:00 PM – Club Meeting
at Ramskill Field

Advertising at the AMA Southwestern Aeromodeling Conference should be looked into. Perhaps a sign could be made to let people know of our club. Bruce will e-mail Sandy Frank for information on the convention.

A vote was taken to determine the format for the new club sign. There were four signs presented in the last newsletter. An additional sign was made that was similar to the present sign on the gate. Of the five formats shown, there were 6 votes for the current sign format. Only one other vote was cast for a different sign. Bruce was to rework the graphics of the selected sign. The club internet address and a contact number will be added. This will be done and bids will be collected for the next meeting.

Bruce found out that the mower steering parts were \$63. He was given permission to go ahead and buy the parts.

Items for Sale

Jack Dimski is relocating from the area and he is forced to sell the following R/C equipment and accessories. If you are interested in the following, contact:

Jack Dimski
817-277-9789
"e" mail - jdimski@sbcglobal.net

Lot 1

Goldberg Chipmunk:

Built by Richard Byrd. Complete aircraft, OS .91 FS four stroke cycle engine, JR receiver (Ch 33) with 5 servos. Flies great, less than 35 hours total time.

Goldberg Piper Cub Anniversary Edition, Full Span Wing:
Complete aircraft. fabric covered, OS .71 FS four stroke cycle engine, JR receiver (Ch 33) with 5 servos. Also includes the clipped wing kit new in box. DuBro Cub wheels, Hangar 9 landing gear. Less than 10 hours on aircraft and new engine.
JR X347 Transmitter (Ch 33). FM/PCM programmable four aircraft memory, six channels, multi-function. Includes charger and accessories.

Cost new for hardware and materials \$1200.
Offered at \$550.

Lot 2

1- Byrd Rookie .40:
Slightly damaged but repairable. Includes OS .40FP engine, spirited with good life remaining, 5 Futaba servos and receiver (Channel 30).

1- Byrd Rookie .40:
Partially built. Nearly ready for covering. All kit parts.

1- Byrd Rookie .40:
New in box.
1- Futaba Conquest Transmitter. (Channel 30).
Includes two receivers and 8 additional servos.

Cost new for hardware and materials \$500.
Offered at \$225.

Lot 3

1- Hangar 9 Aspire 2 Meter Sailplane, ARF kit. Partially assembled and ready for radio/servo installation.

1- Airtronics Aquilla Sailplane kit complete, still in original box. Vintage 1970's. This kit was extremely popular in the 60's and has long since been no longer available.

1- 2 Meter Hi Start.

Cost new for hardware and materials \$200.
Offered at \$125.

Lot 4

Hobbico Accucycle trickle charger
Transmitter carrying case
Transmitter tray with strap
Field box with panel and battery
Century 21 iron
Heat gun
Sullivan 12 volt starter
Digital Volt Meter
Dremel Tool Drill Press
Misc tools
Misc propellers
Misc balsa and hardwoods
Misc covering materials

Cost new for equipment and materials \$300. Offered at \$150.

Total package (lots 1, 2, 3, and 4) offered at \$750. Great potential to more than double your investment selling individual items at a swap meet or table top show.

If anyone is interested in a 80 size ducted fan motor, contact Gary Grey at (817) 468-4310.



Rookie Racing – July 2003

There were five people that showed up for the July races. It seems as if the Rookie races are losing racers. Some of that is due to lost aircraft. If you haven't been out for a while and have a Rookie ready to fly, come on out and enjoy the flying and camaraderie. We could sure use a few more racers. The more the merrier.

Joe, Howard, Gary, Duane, and Bruce were there for racing. Stan Sims, Gary Henning, and Michelle Riedel came out and helped out with the races. Your efforts are greatly appreciated as it would be difficult to get the races run with less than 6 people. So thanks for coming out even though you didn't fly in the races.

Joe and Gary have really improved their race patterns over the last year. They both push each other and as a result, their times are consistently 1 to 2 laps ahead of everyone else. Of the six heats that were run, five of them had first place finish times of less than 2:10. The first heat was the slowest one and Joe won this one with a 2:18. There were two heats that the winning times were below 2 minutes. Both of these heats were not run clean as there were cuts and early starts.

Points for the day were: Duane (14), Gary (11), Howard and Joe (9), and Bruce (8). Point totals for the year: Joe (88), Howard (59), Stan (50), Duane and Bruce (46). Congratulations Duane! You were the high point man for the day. After less than 6 months of flying in the races, you've figured out how to accumulate the points.

Gary and Joe are now trying to set new records for cutting and early starts. In the third heat of the day, Gary and Joe each accumulated 9 and 8 cuts each. Joe, you're going to have to work on a few more cuts in order to win the coveted "King Cutter" title. Gary won that title last month and continues to hold the record for most cuts in a race. Congratulations "King" Gary "Cutter".

I recently obtained a new watch that allows me to keep track of split times. So with that, I will try and keep track of an individual's fastest time. So the following is noted for times without any cuts: Joe (1:58:62) record, Gary (2:06:14), Duane (2:18:57), and Howard (2:31:38). When someone lowers their time, I will try and make note of it.

The September races are scheduled for **Sunday, the 14th at 1:30 P.M.** Hope to see you at the field for some great races. Race cancellation due to weather will be made by 12:30 P.M. and can be heard by calling Bruce Anderson at (817) 483-8223. Races canceled for weather will be rescheduled for the following Sunday. A copy of the race rules is posted on the frequency board and on the Internet at:

racingrookies.tripod.com

(no "www" in the address). For any other questions or comments, call or email me at brucemarsha@juno.com.

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* indicates AMA introductory pilot program
call an instructor if you need assistance for training

Pictures of People at the Field

So what is going on at the field? Here are a couple of snap shots of what I've seen.



Gary, Stan, Joe, Duane, and Michelle (L to R) discuss the finer points of racing and how to obtain the coveted "KING CUTTER" title!



Mario Gonzalez built a new fuselage for his smaller Rookie. Mario built this one by scaling down plans for his 40 sized airplane. It is powered by an OS FX 25 and it flies like a big Rookie.



Rick Byrd gets ready for a flight with one of those 3-D aircraft. Just watching him makes me nervous! Would you believe that this large plane can hover just feet above the ground? Only in the hands of a capable pilot! Rick, you're just too fun to watch!



Joe Sudduth put together this F20 Tigershark ARF. He has an OS 46 on it and it flies fast.



Missing a hat? Call Bruce at (817) 483-8223



The runway resurfacing project is officially complete. Stripes have been added and it looks great! I would like to thank all of those who helped out!

Aircraft Funnies

Ralph Snow forwarded this to me and I thought you might enjoy this. I've been working in the aircraft industry for a while and have seen this a few times. So enjoy.

Airline Gripe Sheets

After every flight, pilots fill out a form called a gripe sheet, which conveys to the mechanics problems encountered with the aircraft during the flight that need repair or correction. The mechanics read and correct the problem, and then respond in writing on the lower half of the form what remedial action was taken, and the pilot reviews the gripe sheets before the next flight.

Never let it be said that ground crews and engineers lack a sense of humor. Here are some actual logged maintenance complaints and problems as submitted by Qantas pilots and the solution recorded by maintenance engineers.

* By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never had an accident. *

P = The problem logged by the pilot.)
S = The solution and action taken by the mechanics.)

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.
S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.
S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.
S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.
S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.
S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.
S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.
S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.
S: That's what they're there for.

P: IFF inoperative.
S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.
S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.
S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.
S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.
S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.
S: Cat installed.

And Last, My Favorite

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget.



Gary Gray and Gary Henning work on getting an engine up and running.

jagged edges.

The following is what was voted on at the meeting. As requested, the internet web site and a contact number was added. It would be my intent to add a separate sign at the bottom of the large sign with the contact number. This number could be changed without touching the original sign.

The sign shown has yellow lettering. Colors can be added or changed. When the sign is put out for bid, a black and white version along with a color version will be quoted.

The New Club Sign

After the last meeting, Bruce was going to rework the graphics of the sign that he presented. This was has to be done as there are no suitable graphics that could be enlarged. The only graphics that are available are bitmap images that were obtained from Clay Ramskill's web page. If these images were used and enlarged, the pictures would be rough and have

Don't forget the next Club Meeting

**September 8 - 7:00 PM
Ramskill Field**

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SEVEN TOWERS R/C CLUB RAMSKILL FIELD

Visitors Welcome

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