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

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# Meeting Notes

Simsco – August 9, 2004

I was not able to attend the monthly club meeting this month. The August meeting minutes were taken by Mario Gonzalez and will be included in the next newsletter. I will be out of town for a month and as a result, this month's newsletter will be sent out early.

Bruce Anderson, STRCC Newsletter Editor

# NEWS

Seven Towers R/C Club, Arlington, Texas  
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Mail Correspondence and Membership Dues to:

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### Club Upcoming Events

September 13, 7:00 PM – Club Meeting  
at SIMSCO

## Electric Flying Field

For those of you who have electric planes and need a place to fly, it looks like Ralph Snow has found a place. If you need more information, call Ralph at (817) 460-1658. From an e-mail that Ralph sent:

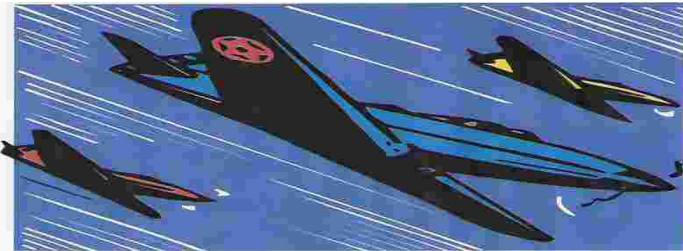
Those members who fly E-power might be interested to learn that the Gardens Park at 2600 Roosevelt Drive in Dalworthington Gardens welcomes electric RC fliers. Parking is in the city hall/police/fire facility parking lot.

Ralph Snow

For those of you who are missing the monthly Rookie races, GSW is holding model races through the year. Note that there is no entry fee. Call Craig Bevil if you need more information (817) 905-6144.

**Greater Southwest Aeromodelers**

## **Pylon Races!!!**



**4 Races remain in 2004!!**

***All remaining races will be “run what ya brung” - No entry fee***

All 2004/ 2005 races are open to ALL pilots with current AMA!! Beginning 2005 we will host a Rookie racing league. **\$100 CASH** prize to the top pilot at the end of the 2005 season awarded at the GSWAM Christmas party). Plaques will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

Rules for the Rookie league are simple:

B&H Hobbies .40 size Rookie

Plane may be modified to strengthen/lighten as long as appearance remains stock.

.40 Thunder Tiger Pro engine – NO mods allowed  
10X6 APC prop

For complete rules, visit [www.flygsw.org](http://www.flygsw.org)  
Click “chat forum” and go to the Pylon Forum. Exact dates for ALL races will be listed there as they are announced.

If there is enough interest we will also add a class for AMA 424 class (Predator/ Viper) racing.

## **Free Hard Helmets**

The offer for free hard helmets is still open. I wasn't able to make it to the last meeting nor will I be at the September club meeting, but I still have helmets that can be used if you're interested. Call me at (817) 483-8223 or e-mail [brucemarsha@juno.com](mailto:brucemarsha@juno.com)  
Bruce Anderson

## **AMA National Newsletter Tips**

### **Loose rubber deflectors**

If you are worried about your rubber deflector coming loose from your muffler, put a bead of J-B Weld around the outlet pipe to form a lip at the tip. Now, when you push the deflector onto the nipple and tie wrap it around the ridge of J-B Weld, it will not come off. This would probably be a good method for keeping tuned pipes in place also.

### **AMA Newsletter Tips (continued)**

#### **Gluing on canopies**

Before gluing on your airplane's canopy, put a small hole in some obscure place to allow air circulation under the canopy. This will keep your canopy from popping off in the summer when the air inside expands or from collapsing in the winter when the air shrinks.

#### **Keep screws in place**

If you are having trouble with screws backing out of servos, cowlings, or anything

# Field Update

else, try this. Put a little carpenter's glue on the threads before installation. The glue will hold the screws but will allow them to be removed if needed.

(editors note: In the past, whenever I have removed screws from the servos, I have trickled a small amount of CA down the holes. I allow the CA to dry before reinserting the servos back into the holes.)

## Drilling Wing Bolt Holes in a Belly Pan

Many airplanes, particularly warbirds, have a belly pan under the wing that makes getting to the wing bolts a bit tricky. Most kits have you drill a hole in the belly pan sheeting and use the supplied paper tube to create a conduit for inserting and removing the wing bolts. The problem is the paper tube is barely large enough to go over the head of the bolt. If you change to a different type of bolt later or don't get the tube aligned just right, you have a problem. You can usually take care of this by using a 3 x 5" index card. Drill a hole in the belly pan sheeting directly over the wing bolt holes. Make this hole as large as necessary to accommodate the type of bolt you wish to use. You can use a coin of the appropriate size to mark the outline of the hole. Then, use your hobby knife or a Dremel tool to remove the material. Wrap the index card around a wooden dowel that is smaller than the hole. Insert the card and dowel into the hole and remove the dowel. Be sure the card is touching the wing bolt plate. The rolled up card will expand nicely and should conform to the hole you drilled. Glue the tube in with CyA and sand it flush with the sheeting. If the holes are anywhere near the exhaust, it is a good idea to fuelproof them with resin or fuelproof paint.

Mission Briefing Magic Valley Air Force  
Gary Nelson, editor Jackson TN

A few of the STRCC members have been busy trying to find a new place for the club to fly. Mario was able to contact a city of Fort Worth Parks and Recreation employee who is trying to help out. Between he and Mario, they came up with one site that was located just North of Interstate 30 off of Beach street. Most of you have been notified about a meeting that was held at the field, but if you didn't hear the news it is included here:

From Mario to the club:

*"I have some good news to share with you. Today I spoke with the Director of the Parks and Recreation and he indicated that we could use a park on the East side of Forth Worth as our club site. Before I signed up on anything I asked him to give us the opportunity to see whether or not this park is something that we could use. Also, keep in mind that we would not be the only individuals using the area. The price he indicated would be right (\$1.00/year). Before we get too excited I would like for the club members to visit the area and let us know what they think.*

*The park is called Gateway Park located at 100 Streams and Valleys Circle, Forth Worth 76103. The actual area considered for our use is to the left as you enter the park from 1st. street."*

And from another note from Mario:

*"I would like to have a meeting this Thursday (08/26/04) at 6:00 at the location we identified as a possible field site. I would like to get everyone's feedback on whether or not this would be a viable option. We could discuss everyone's concerns. Also, Craig since you are well known at GSW, would you mind getting more info on the pond location and whether or not this site is a legal site that has been registered with the AMA. I would like to provide a response to the City of Fort Worth by COB 08/27/04.*

*I would appreciate everyone's attendance."*

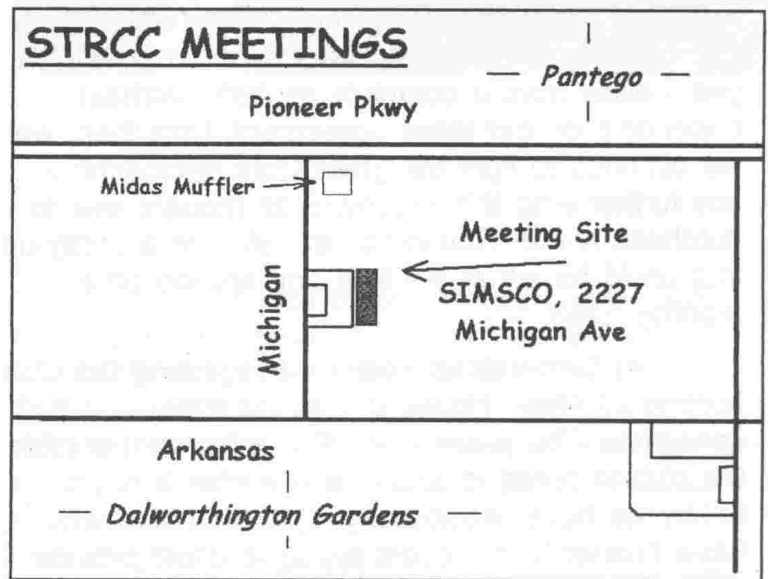
There was a meeting held at the park (8/26) and the following members attended: Mario Gonzalez, Duane Riedel, Bill Jones, Ralph Snow, Craig Bevil, and Bruce Anderson. The area was surveyed and it looked like there was enough room to fly on. Trees encompass the area and there was a soccer goal that would have to be dealt with. A ridge was present with a fairly large drop off where a runway could be used. The following items were discussed:

- 1) Would the parks and recreational department allow us to build on the field.
- 2) Who would maintain the field.
- 3) Are there any neighbors that would object to the aircraft noise
- 4) What has to be done with AMA in order to change field status at the new field
- 5) What kind of parking and access would we use to get close to the flying field.

In addition to those items discussed, Craig Bevil noted that the location of the property was within 2 miles of GSW float fly pond. At this location, GSW utilizes ponds on weekends for float flies. Because of this, there would be a frequency problem. Some ideas were thrown about how this could be worked out. One of those ideas was a frequency sharing system between GSW and STRCC if GSW would allow it.

After all of the discussion, Mario held a vote to decide weather or not to pursue the field with the city of Fort Worth. All present members agreed to not pursue obtaining this flying site at this time. STRCC will continue to look for a site that does not have as many issues as this flying location would.

Bruce Anderson – STRCC Newsletter Ed.



**Don't forget the next Club Meeting  
is at Simsco  
September 13 - 7:00 PM**

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