



NEWS

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

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

New - STRCC 2004 Officers

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Club Upcoming Events

January 11, 1:30 PM – Rookie Races

January 12, 7:00 PM – Club Meeting
at SIMSCO

Meeting Notes

Simsco – December 8, 2003

The meeting was called to order by president Stan Sims at 7:00 P.M. There were many members present at the meeting. Thanks for coming out to the meeting and helping make decisions for the club and voting!

Greg Judy was present at the meeting to show us how the new sign would look. Edgar Gluck mentioned that the old sign could be moved from the current gate position and attached to the fence. This would be visible for visitors when the gate was open with the new club sign. Greg said he would work do that when the new signs are installed at the field.

Greg Judy mentioned that the new signs were slightly smaller than what was originally bid and a refund was possible. Greg has contacts which he could have some STRCC logos created for the club membership with the remainder of the refund. Greg said that he

would check into getting some of those logos printed up with the refund and it was accepted by the membership.

The flight instructor list needs to be updated with AMA. The introductory flight instructors will be Joe Sudduth, Melvin Bowser, and Bruce Anderson. (Along those lines, the AMA Club Charter Renewals are due). This information will be passed on to the AMA headquarters.

New club officers were elected for the 2004 year. The new officers are:

President – Mario Gonzalez
Vice President – Duane Riedel
Secretary/Treasure – Bill Jones

Stan Sims will continue to hold the winter month meetings at SIMSCO.

Bruce Anderson, STRCC Newsletter Editor

Thanks for a Great 2003!

I would like to thank the club officers for 2003 for their service. Stan Sims served as President for 3 years. In addition to holding that office, Stan has graciously allowed STRCC to hold meeting at his company office. We appreciate all that you have done Stan!

Thanks to Duane Riedel for serving as Vice President. Duane did an outstanding job at this position and will continue through this year! He is always coming up with new ideas on how to keep things active at STRCC.

Thanks to Bill Jones for serving as secretary/treasurer for the club. Bill will continue this job through 2004. Keeping STRCC up-to-date with AMA, paying bills, and keeping track of the club roster is greatly appreciated!



Craig Bevil is a new STRCC member. Here is his Rookie that will be used for the races. Check out the Rookie race report to see how he did.



Our V.P., Duane Riedel, gets ready for some Rookie race action. This plane is for sale if anyone is interested in getting into to Rookie racing without any work.



Howard Bedford gets ready for another heat at the races. Here he is coming in for one of those picture perfect landings!

A Note From Our New President.

Hello STRCC members, My name is Mario Gonzalez and I will be serving as your 2004 Club President. I would like to take some time and space, to introduce myself to those of you who I have not had the pleasure of meeting.

I have been a member of STRCC since 2000 and a hardcore RC'er (fly regardless of weather conditions, except in the rain) up until the time we found out that we were having our first child...pretty exciting...better than flying those planes to the ground.

Over the years, I have attended the club meetings both at the field and at Simsko during the winter months and have noticed a small turnout regardless of location and weather conditions. Usually most of the regulars show up, but I have yet to see new faces since I have been a club member. Out at the field it is the same story; usually one or two people are there at any time of day, with the exception of Rookie Races. It is my understanding that we have approximately 30 members in our club, but the most that I have seen at the meetings have been about a third. Where are the other 20 members?

I am not asking for everyone to come to every meeting or to go out to the field and fly everyday of the week. All I am asking is to try and participate more than what you are accustomed to, including myself. I have heard of other clubs having Fun Flies, Fly-ins and even Christmas parties. People are probably thinking that our club is too small, but as long there are people willing to host such events and we have complete club participation, I think that anything is possible. If not knowing how to fly is keeping you from coming out to the field,

please do not be discouraged, there are plenty of guys willing to help. The only way to get help is to come out to one of the meetings and arrange for someone to help you get started. Whatever the reason may be (no planes, lack of equipment, etc...) I am sure we (members) will work something out.

At any rate, I am hoping that this year we will have a chance to be more active not only in our organization alone, but also in the community. So please help us welcome the New Year and either come to the club meetings or we will see you out at the field. In the mean time, Happy Flying and Safe Landings.

Mario A. Gonzalez



Mario and his daughter, Lili

Editors Note:

Thanks Mario for the inputs and for stepping up and serving as our new president. Lili is like my kids - they look just like that when I tell them I'm taking them out to the field!

STRCC 2004 Flight Instructors:

Melvin Bowser*	(817) 370-0863
Joe Sudduth*	(817) 572-2091
Bruce Anderson*	(817) 483-8223
Rick Byrd	(817) 294-2048
Ken Sloat	(817) 467-9470
Stan Sims	(817) 483-0240

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



Rookie Racing – December 2003

After missing a month of races due to weather, we were able to get some flying in this month. It was chilly and windy. But there were 5 racers brave enough to come out for some heats. Duane Riedel, Howard Bedford, Joe Sudduth, and Craig Bevil were there for the races. Melvin Bowser came out with his son and helped out by watching some poles for us. Thanks Melvin for supporting us!

We started off the day with only five racers. In order to get some races, we started with three in the air. One person was waiting at the 1st pole turn (south end). I started the race and then ran down to the 2nd pole (north end) just in time to check the racers for cuts. That's how you do it when you really want to race and only have 5 racers.

Times for the day were a little on the slow side. I guess this happens when you've had a month off and the weather is cold. Likewise, there were no cuts for any of the races. Joe was the quickest around the course

with two wins having identical times of 2:22. Wining times were Joe (2:22) (2:22) (2:30), and Howard (2:45). Bruce won one heat but we missed the time.

Craig Bevil has been waiting for a while to get some racing in. We are glad to have you out here Craig. I hope you enjoyed the fun!

Point totals for the day are: Joe (15), Bruce (13), Duane and Howard (11), and Craig (8). A spread sheet for the 2003 races is included at the bottom of the page. Congratulations Joe! You ran away from the pack. The maximum number of points collected since 2001 is 119. Joe you have set a new mark with the fastest time (1:58:62) and the highest number of points for this year. Those will be hard to beat!

The January races are scheduled for **Sunday, the 11^h 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.

SEVEN TOWERS REMOTE CONTROL CLUB
ROOKIE RACING LIST OF ENTRANTS
2003 Rookie Race Totals

Fastest Time No Cuts	Name	1/19	3/10	4/13	5/11	7/14	8/10	9/14	10/13	12/14	Total	Num. of Race Days	Points / Race Day
1:58:68	Joe Sudduth	17		24	18	20	9	16	19	15	138	8	17.3
2:21:45	Howard Bedford		15	11	14	10	9	13	13	11	96	8	12.0
2:24:65	Bruce Anderson	1	13	5	9	10	8	10	13	13	82	9	9.1
2:18:57	Duane Reidel		8		13	11	14	11	12	11	80	7	11.4
	Stan Sims		20	17	13						50	3	16.7
2:06:14	Gary Gray					9	11	12	14		46	4	11.5
	Steven Byrd	18	3								21	2	10.5
2:22:07	Mario Gonzalez							8	9		17	2	8.5
	Craig Bevil									8	8	1	8.0
Record: 1:58:62 7/14/2003 by Joe Sudduth													

No races were run in February, June, or November

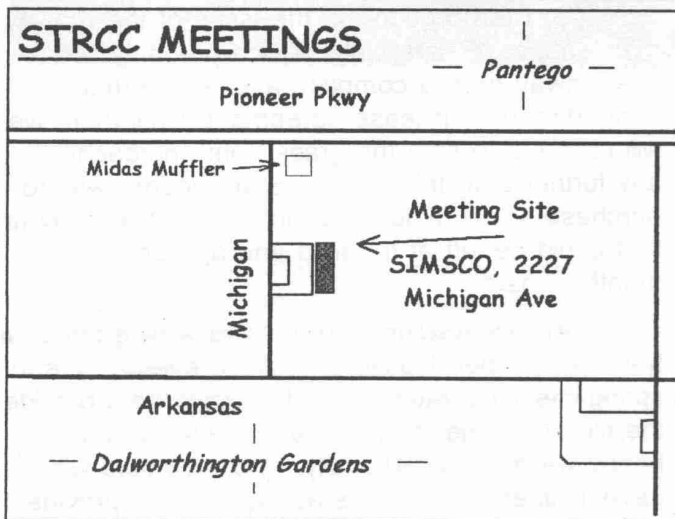
New Club Signs



sign at the field



signs on the front gate



Shown here are the new signs built by Greg Judy. They look great and with the way they are located, it should be pretty hard not to notice. The old gate sign has been moved and it will provide a good marker for those looking for the field when the gate is open. Thanks Greg for the great job.

**Don't forget the next Club Meeting
is at Simsco
January 12 - 7:00 PM**