



NEWS

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Club Upcoming Events

March 14, 1:30 PM – Rookie Races

March 15, 7:00 PM – Club Meeting
at SIMSCO

Meeting Notes

Simsco – February 8, 2004

The meeting was opened for discussion by Mario Gonzalez at 7:00 P.M. The following issues were discussed:

Craig Bevil has finished the new Rookie racing pylons. The member of Seven Towers appreciate the effort Criag.! (checkout the new pylons in this newsletter) In addition to this, Craig has created a CD that can be used as a count down for the races.

The mats that we have been using are starting to turn up the edges. It was decided to deal with that issue at a latter date.

A discussion on the field lease was brought up by President Mario Gonzalez. Mario had contacted the owners and they thought the lease was set to \$600/year. Bruce will e-mail Jack about this. (This item has been taken care of. The current lease that was set at

\$500/year is still in effect. There was never an official increase in the amount for the lease.)

Craig Bevil and Duane brought up the idea of having a second class of racers out at the field. The Dominator with a 40 size bushed engine would probably work with the field size that we have. Likewise, the airframe can be bought as an ARF. Duane will check into the interests of others at the field.

The current Rookie races will be opened up to others. A current plan is to have an open race for June and October. The time frame would be 12:00 to 4:00. We are looking at the 3rd week for those months. There will be an impound and hardhats will be required.

The club will look into a fun fly for the month of April.

Bruce Anderson, STRCC Newsletter Editor

Field Update

For those of you who don't know yet, the owners of the field have sold the property. The new owners are planning on developing the area on the north east corner. They are planning on doing some clearing of land soon if it has not been done yet. As of the writing of this newsletter, it is still ok to go out to the field and fly.

The new owners are planning on constructing some commercial buildings on the property along with a fence. The construction should take place in the next 3-6 months.

President Mario Gonzalez has been busy trying to keep up with the property and getting in touch with the AMA. There have been various e-mails that I haven't e-mailed out that I will try and post in this newsletter so every one will be kept up-to-date with the field.

To date, we have had one meeting held on February 23. The results of that meeting are included in this publication.

Field Meeting

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A meeting was held at SIMSCO to discuss the news that the field property had been sold. The purpose of the meeting was to try and get clear direction on what needed to be done immediately. In addition to this, some ideas were discussed where we should look for a new field.

Items that need to be done immediately are in relation to the new owners getting ready to tear down the front fence and gate. Since we just put up a new sign on the gate, that sign needed to be taken

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down and placed in storage. (this has already been completed as of 3/10. Thanks to Greg Judy for doing that task).

Howard and Mario moved the new pylons from their position during the races up to the field.

Construction of a fence and new buildings in the north east corner of the lot should take place in 3-6 months. It is still ok to fly at the field.

STRCC needs to get our charter updated with the AMA as it is due soon. Bill Jones is handling this. Likewise, STRCC needs to provide the new owners a proof of insurance for our flying.

We will need to place the tractor in storage when we can no longer fly at the field. If anyone has a place to store the tractor, please notify a club officer.

If anyone knows who owns the old trailer at the field, notify a club officer.

Any STRCC members who are pilots and fly over the area, be on the outlook for some space where we might be able to place a field on.

Sandy Frank and the AMA have been contacted about the situation.

Mario Gonzalez has contacted Golden Triangle, GSW, and the Ft. Worth Thunderbirds about our situation. There is the possibility that these clubs may let us use their field if we lose ours. Thanks to Craig Bevil for his efforts to get STRCC in touch with GSW.

STRCC will contact the city of Arlington, Mansfield, Trinity River Authority, and the Trinity Waste Services.

That was the end of the information discussed at the meeting.

STRCC Field Status -

Just to let you know, our president, Mario Gonzalez has been out beating the bushes looking for information on what to do about this. Here is some of the e-mail traffic that has not been passed on that you might be interested in.

NOTE: Even though some of the e-mails show that an offer is being extended to the STRCC members for flying at their sites, please call Mario before proceeding to use their sites. Our site can still be used and I would not want to wear out our welcome when our field is still open for flying.

An e-mail from Mario describing the situation as he first found out about the sale of the field:

Gentlemen,

I spoke to the Wayne Winters (new owner) today over the telephone and he indicated that he was not going to make us evacuate the field immediately. However, he did say that he arranged for some bulldozers to knock off the tree line on the north side of the field which also meant that the fence was going with it. So that brings to mind the items that are in the shed and grill. We need to make some type of arrangements with someone who has the space to keep those items in the mean time or do you think that there should not be a problem leaving those items out there. He did say that he anticipated approximately 10 days before this happened. We also need to remove the signs that are hanging on the fence. Unfortunately, I do not have a vehicle that can accommodate those signs, would any of you want to take them down and keep them until we find another place? We will talk in more detail on Monday, but this is what I know now. Let me know what you think.

Thank you,
Mario Gonzalez
STRCC President

Here is some information from Wes De Cou at AMA Headquarters in response to an e-mail from Mario:

Mario:

A flying site assistance kit is in the mail to you. It has a significant amount of resource material you can use in your quest for a new field. The material is useful as you approach City officials or private land owners. After you review the information, shot me an e-mail and we can discuss some approaches you might take.

Regards,

Wes

And an e-mail response from GSW to Mario:

Lewie,

I do appreciate you returning my call. I would hope that you are able to discuss our club's (STRCC) current field situation with your club members to see how they feel about allowing some of the our members to fly at your field as guests. Obviously, we would do this only when the gate is open.

Also, I know that your field is being leased through some waste management agency. Would you be able to provide us with a point of contact to whom we can get information from to see if they (waste management agency) have other locations elsewhere that would be available for our use. This information or any other ideas that you may have would be invaluable to our club.

Thank you for your time and effort.

Sincerely,
Mario Gonzalez
President, STRCC

Mario had this response to Justin with the Ft. Worth Thunderbirds:

Justin,

I did get your email last night unfortunately I had a prior commitment so I could not attend your meeting. In fact, we had an emergency meeting last night with our members to make them aware of our situation. I just wanted to thank you for opening your club doors (Ft. Worth Thunderbirds) to ours in

this time of need. We will make sure we do not overextend our welcome. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns do not hesitate to contact me.

Once again we are grateful to you and your Club,

Mario Gonzalez
President, STRCC

And a letter from Golden Triangle:

Phil,

I do appreciate you calling me tonight to extend an open invitation to our club members to fly at your field GTRCC (Golden Triangle Radio Control Club). Obviously, we will be careful not to abuse this invitation and visit/fly only when the gate to the field is open. I believe that most of our members have some sort of id that would point them back to STRCC (Seven Towers Radio Control Club) or if you need some sort of verification you can always contact me. Hopefully, we will find another site for our club to establish, but in the mean time I am grateful to you and your club for allowing us to fly with you while we get back on our feet.

Also, if you or your club need anything to support your bid for this coming October, do not hesitate to let us know. We will do our best to support you in any way.

Thank you,

Mario Gonzalez
President, STRCC

I believe that is all the information on the field and it's current situation.

Bruce Anderson
STRCC Newsletter Editor



Complete Rookie For Sale - Ready to fly, Rookie, OS FP .40 engine, Futaba Conquest radio, CH 42, new Rx and Tx batteries, JR servos....\$150.00 Great beginner Rookie Racer!
Duane (817) 483-2557



Ralph Snow completed this plane recently. It is an old time free flight called the Lancer. It was originally sized for a 30" wing span. Ralph enlarged the model to have a 50" wing span. It has a speed 40 with a 3:1 gear driven prop. It has 3 channels with rudder, elevator, and throttle. It will be powered with a 3 cell lithium polymer batter at 1500 MAH.



Howard and Stan look at the new pole. I wonder how long Stan will be able to avoid the new pole?

Craig Bevil graciously volunteered to construct a new set of racing pylons for the club. They really look nice and are much better than the old ones we were using. Thanks Craig for your efforts! Its great to have you part of STRCC. I just wish you would have posed with your creation.



Craig Bevil brought his Predator to the meeting. It is powered by a Tower Hobbies 46 BB 2 cycle engine. Both Criag and Duane are checking around to see if anyone is interested in creating a new class of racers using this type of plane. If you're interested give either one of them a call at:

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(817) 905-6144	(817) 483-2557

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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



From Mario's collection: Feast your eyes on this engine, it is not my latest acquisition, I bought it before we had our first child (pretty sneaky!!). It is one of Jett Engineering's latest innovation (Barstock Engine, BSE), well it has been around for more than a year. Unlike it's predecessor the Sport Jett, the crankcase on this engine is machined from aluminum barstock, but the internal components, I believe, remained the same. These engines are offered in different sizes ranging from 0.25 to greater than 1.0. The reliability and performance, in my opinion, is unbelievable. This engine was effortlessly turning 10 x 6 APC prop at a rich 14,000 rpm (without a tune pipe). No Craig B. this will not be the next step up for the engine of choice for the rookie races. Anyway, if you guys are thinking of buying something with some spunk; this is the engine for you. Also, ask Joe Sudduth how he likes his Sport Jett .46.



by Bruce Anderson

First of all, I must confess that there was a mistake in last months race results. I had the points swapped for Duane Riedel and Joe Suduth. My apologies. Duane actually won most of the races. The points for last month should have been: Duane (20), Craig (18), Joe (17), Mario (14), and Howard (12). So just remember, **Duane is really the point leader heading into the February races!**

The February races were postponed for the first scheduled race day. The next Sunday was a good day for flying and we were able to get in 8 heats. I believe that ties a record of maximum heats per race day. Craig Bevil provided a count down CD to start the races. That takes some of the pressure off of the starter. And in this manner, you either have your plane ready to go, or you miss the start.

There were some good heats flown. I can think of two heats that were run neck and neck all the way through the race. It was like formation flying. Best of all, the racers were intact and will be ready for another day of racing.

The only real mishaps were that Bruce lost a portion of his muffler during a heat and Craig got started but was unable to finish a heat. All of the races were run clean with the exception of Bruce who cut once in two different heats.

Joe Sudduth was back in form crossing the finish line in first four times. Mario was next with two 1st place finishes, and Howard and Bruce each had one 1st place finish. The fastest clean heat of the day was recorded by

Joe at 2:13:61. Craig Bevil lowered his fastest clean run with a time of 2:15:87.

Point totals for the day were: Joe (20), Mario (17), Howard (15), Bruce (14), and Duane and Craig (13). For the year: Joe (37), Duane (33), Craig and Mario (31), Howard (27), and Bruce (14).

The February races are scheduled for **Sunday, the 8th 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.

Don't forget the next Club Meeting is at Simsco March 15 - 7:00 PM

