

NEWS

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

STRCC
P.O. Box 174334
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Meeting minutes 1/18/02:

The field lease situation has not changed. A check was sent to the owners for the usual 1 year renewal. The account balance for the year-end was noted at \$8987.58. The gate combination will be changed in the month of February. Current members will be notified of the new combination with the newsletter mailing. Enough members were present to hold club officer elections. There were no volunteers for President and Stan will continue on serving. Duane Riedel volunteered for Vice president, Bill Jones for secretary / treasurer, and Bruce Anderson for newsletter editor. All volunteers were unanimously voted in.

to AMA. Flight instructors for club members with AMA insurance include Rick, Ken, Bruce, Melvin Bowser, and Stan Sims.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

STRCC Flight Instructors:

Rick Byrd* (817) 294-2048
Ken Sloat* (817) 467-9470
Bruce Anderson* (817) 483-8223
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STRCC 2003 Officers

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Sec. / Treasurer: Bill Jones (817) 473-6801	Newsletter Editor: Bruce Anderson (817) 483-8223

Newsletter Inputs:

For anyone wanting to contribute to the newsletter, please by all means, send all information / photos to me at bruce-marsha@juno.com or give me a call at (817) 483-8223. For those club officers that have inputs for the newsletter, please try and get that information to me by the 25th of the month. This will enable me to get the information into the newsletter and submitted to Jack Dimski for copying and sending out in the mail.

Pilot Training Program for 2003:

Three flight instructors were approved for flight instruction of prospective members without AMA insurance. They are Rick Byrd, Ken Sloat, and Bruce Anderson. These names will be submitted

Bruce Anderson, STRCC Newsletter Editor

Electronic Newsletter Option:

For those of you who are interested in obtaining an electronic version of the newsletter, I'm going to try something new. At least for the January newsletter, I will get the usual paper copy to Jack for mailing and the newsletter will be available on the internet in Adobe Acrobat format. I will try and keep the electronic version of the newsletter down to about 300K bytes. This will allow a person to download the newsletter in about a minute when connected up on the telephone line. That's how long it took to download it on my computer with a 33.6K connection. The internet version will be better than the snail-mail (US postal service) version because it will be in color. If all goes well, I would like to reduce the number of copies sent out in the mail and this money can be used elsewhere. If we could do the newsletter electronically, it would save the club around \$250 per year and save Jack Dimski some work. I can do this by e-mailing you the newsletter (around 300KB) or I can e-mail you a link and you can download it from there. If you have the capability to receive e-mail and are interested in receiving the newsletter electronically please let me know.

So if your interested in downloading a color Adobe Acrobat file, type in the following address in either Netscape or MS Explorer:

racingrookies.tripod.com/newsletters/jan03.pdf

Remember that there is no "www" in the above address.

Frequency Channels:

There hasn't been a survey of the clubs used frequencies for a while. So I would like to conduct a survey of the club members of what channels they have in their possession, which ones they are actively using, and what is your e-mail address. So if you could e-mail that information to me at brucemarsha@juno.com, it would help reduce the time required to call everyone. Or if anyone else would like to take

on this task, let me know. I plan on getting that information in the newsletter and out on the internet. It will help club members decide what frequency they should avoid when buying or upgrading to new radio equipment. Likewise, if you're at the field and are on a heavily used frequency, **make sure that you get your frequency pin** when your ready to fly and put it back on the board right after your through flying so others can fly.

Club Modeling News:

After the club meeting, several aircraft were presented to the members. Ralph Snow is always busy working on scaling up some type of airplane. His latest work is an enlarged version of the Black Bullet, which was a rubber band free flight designed in the 1930's



Ralph Snow is shown with Ed Perez and his fuselage of his Black Bullet.

to 40's. The wing has been increased $2\frac{1}{2}$ times the original size and has a wing area of 737in^2 . Ralph plans on using an Astro 15 geared motor running on 12 cells to power the plane. The plane should weigh in around 70 oz and is controlled with rudder, elevator, and throttle.

Duane Riedel brought his scratch built Rookie. The fuselage is like the standard plank balsa box and the wing was cut from foam and covered with fiberglass. The finish is all Krylon spay paint. Power is the trusty old OS FP 40.



Our new V.P. - Duane Riedel with his new Rookie.



Bruce Anderson also brought a new Rookie that he has been working on. The tail feathers are all built from sticks and the fuselage is built from sheet balsa. The wing was cut from foam and 1/4 X 1/4" spars installed underneath 1/16"

sheeting. Lighting holes were cut in the fuselage and wing. Covering is towerkote and a Thundertiger 40 engine will supply power.



By Bruce Anderson

Rookie Racing – January 2003

The winter months are upon us and I could really tell it was here for the first scheduled race day. I didn't have anyone call to verify that we were canceling the races just because of a little snow. Where are those die-hard racers? We were able to race the following Sunday. It was a pretty nice day with a little bit of wind coming out of the south.

We had five people with Rookies show up. Duane Riedel came with his new plane but wanted to wait until next month so he could get a few more checkout flights in. We all look forward to having you join in the fun next month! Joe, Steven, Mario, and Bruce were there to fly some heats. We were able to get in 4 heats for the day. Both Joe and Steven cleaned up at the races splitting all the 1st and 2nd places.

Mario was battling it out in the first heat of the day with Steven for first place. They went back and fourth through out the race. That tends to get the adrenaline pumping and it can be difficult to concentrate for the entire 10 laps. Mario lost his concentration at about lap 7 and nosed into the ground just at the starting line. It looks like it will be rebuildable. It looked very similar to what my Rookie looked like when I flew too low and tried to cut down some mesquite trees.

Point totals for the day and new year are: Steven (18), Joe (17), and Bruce (1). Mario would have gotten a point for starting the race but he did have one cut in that close race. I on the other hand just can't keep up with those fast racers and have to cut inside the poles 3 to

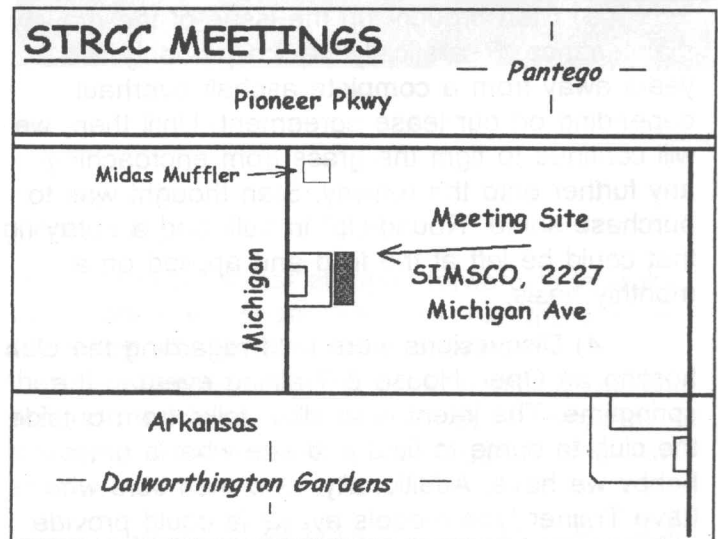
4 times just to keep within ½ a lap of them. On a personal note, I finally made the elite top 5 for the year with 1 point! For the rest of you racers, come on out and catch me if you can.... Race times were 2:27, 2:15, 2:12, and 2:15 with Steven having the fastest time and he did it without cuts. Pretty good racing times considering where they were 2 years ago.

Daniel Helm and his son, Daniel Jr., came out to the field and help out by watching the poles. Duane did the starting. We appreciate your efforts at the field!

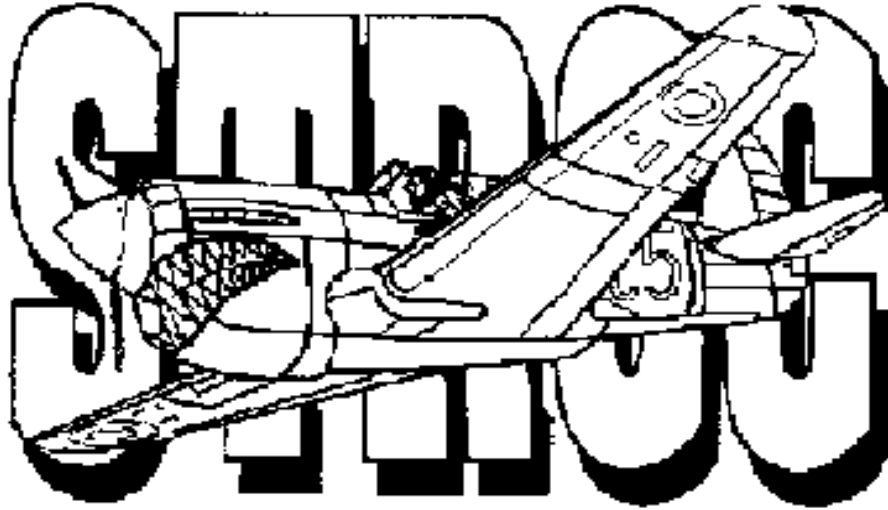
The February races are scheduled for **Sunday, the 9th at 1:30 P.M.** Hope to see you at the field for some great races. Race cancellation due to weather will be made by 12:30 P.M. and can be heard by calling Bruce Anderson at (817) 483-8223. Races canceled for weather will be rescheduled for the following 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
February 10th 7:30 PM at **SIMSCO**



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