



NEWS

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Club Upcoming Events

August 10, 1:30 PM – Rookie Races
August 11, 7:00 PM – Club Meeting
at Ramskill Field

Meeting Notes

Ramskill Field – July 14, 2003

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

Howard Bedford ordered a manual for the lawn mower and brought a list of parts for the steering mechanism. Bruce Anderson will look into ordering parts for the steering links.

Joe Sudduth fixed the windsock. The swivel, which the sock was attached to, had worn out and would not point in the right direction. So thanks Joe for taking the initiative and getting the windsock repaired!

The work required for getting the chartering number with the AMA is complete.

Bruce Anderson will e-mail people about the sealing of the runway as the budgeted costs for the project were below \$500 as it is now a go.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,
Bruce Anderson – Newsletter Editor

Runway Sealing



The runway has been sealed. I would like to thank everyone for the great turnout and getting the project done in a quick fashion. There were 13 people who showed up for the work. The people who showed up were: Jack Dimski, Ed Curtis, Mario Gonzalez, Don Lepek, Duane Reidel, Joe Sudduth, Melvin

Bowser, Stan Sims, Edger, Greg Gray, Bill Jones, Gary Henning, and Bruce Anderson.

There were at least three people who brought their weed whackers and had them running at 9:00. That was a good place to start as the edges needed to be cleaned up before the sealer was applied to the runway. Stan Sims brought his electric generator and right angle drill. Jack Dimski loaned us a stirrer for the tar. The rest of the crew supplied the muscle for the project.

Bill Jones went and got the materials for the project. He ended up making a few trips back to get more sealer. The reason for this is that the manufacture must have figured a surface area for the five gallon bucket based on a very fine mist applied. We applied a fairly thick layer of sealent. I believe we ended up spreading around 40 buckets of the sealer. If you're really interested in how much was applied, count them up in the picture.

The project started at 9:00 and was finished by 12:30. I can't say enough about the turnout. You modelers are a great bunch to be associated with!



Only half way done. Weed whackers were on the other end clearing the edges



Ed's blowin them away...



Gary's stirring the sealer.



That Howard is always at the field doing something! Do you suppose he spread all of that sealant by himself?

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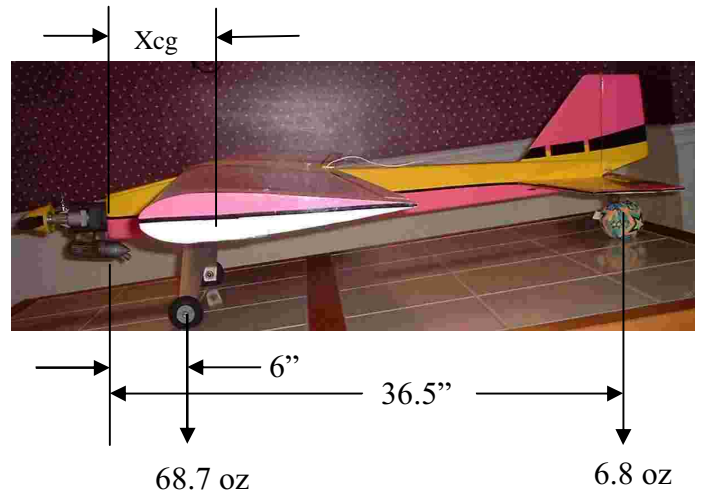
Taken a break after all of the hard work. At bottom is Howard, whackin away, Bill bringing all of the supplies, and finally, it's what you look like when you wear shorts and are sloppy about that spreadin process.



Weight and Balance - Update

by Bruce Anderson

Note: A calculation of the aircraft cg in the previous newsletter was not calculated WRITE! Those pesky engineers can't figure anything write the first time. Howard Bedford was the first and only person to identify my mistake. Therefore, I will make Howard my proof reader! The calculated aircraft center of gravity should have been:



$$X_{cg} = [\text{sum } X * W] / [\text{sum } W]$$

Where x is the location of the weight measurement, and W is the weight measured:

$$\text{sum } X * W = 68.7 * 6 + 6.8 * 36.5 = 657.660.4 \text{ oz-in}$$

$$\text{sum } W = 68.7 + 6.8 = 75.5 \text{ oz.}$$

$$X_{cg} = 657.660.4 / 75.5 = 8.7 \text{ 8.75''}$$

As the old saying goes, I think that's good enough for government work!



Don Lepek has finished this Mustang. The kit was sized for a 46 to 61-size engine and Don started with the 46. This wasn't enough power for Don, so he has substituted a 61 for the 46. The model looks good and has Robart retracts for some scale like flying.

Rookie RACING

Rookie Racing – July 2003

Will Gary ever be able to catch Joe?

Howard just waiting for these guys to hurry up and get in the air.



Joese the one to catch!

We were able to get some races in this month! After a month of missing the races, we had some hot Texas heat to get us going. There were five fliers at the field with Rookies and Gary Henning showed up and helped watch some poles. Thanks Gary! The racers were: Gary Grey, Joe Sudduth, Howard Bedford, Duane Reidel, and Bruce Anderson.

With a month off, Joe must have been doing some practicing with his Rookies. Joe blasted around the course and collected all first places for his heats without a single cut! Talk about some fantastic flying. In addition to the first place finishes, Joe also showed he is consistently fast as he clocked two heats in less than 2.00 minutes. Congratulations on the new record of 1:58:62!

Gary Grey showed up and won the only other heat that Joe didn't race in. Gary was the only cutter in the group for the day. In back to back heats, Gary wound up with a total of 13 cuts. I do believe that is a record too. So Gary can now boast of being the **King Cutter!**

Points for the day were: Joe (20), Duane (11), Howard and Bruce (10), and **King Cutter** –

Gary (9). Point totals for the year: Joe (79), Stan and Howard (50), Bruce (38), Duane (32), Steven (21), and Gary (9).

The July races are scheduled for **Sunday, the 10th 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:

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



Duane's new color scheme for his Rookie. He stripped off the paint and applied monokote.

Swap Meet

Ken Sloat received some information from the North Texas Aeromodelers Club. They are holding their first annual swap meet on August 23, 2003. The event will take place at the Denton Civic Center, at the corner of Bell and McKinney St. Opens at 8:00 AM till 4:00 PM. Admission: \$5.00 for age 12 & over. Door Prizes Every Hour! Raffle Tickets \$1.00 for 1, or 6 for \$5.00 (Dwg @3.00 PM). For more info call: Doyle Irwin (Event Director) (940)-368-2301 or check out their Web site at:

<http://www.aeromodelers.org/swapmeet.htm>

Ramskill Field Signs

The club has been talking about putting up a new sign to with the new field name – RAMSKILL FIELD. Some effort has been put forth for the sign design. Examples of the designs are presented here. If you have any suggestions or are creative, please call Bruce at (817) 483-8223 or come to the club meeting on August 11. These designs will be presented at that meeting and hopefully a sign will be picked.

Design 1



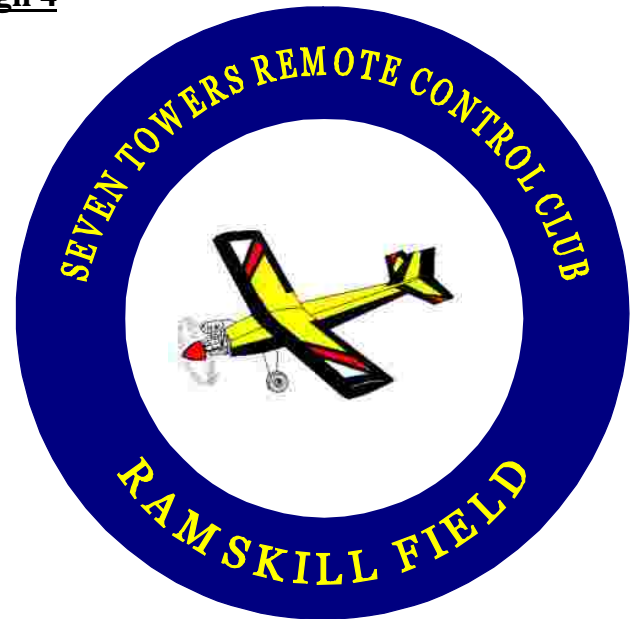
Design 2



Design 3



Design 4



Don't forget the next Club Meeting
August 11 - 7:00 PM
Ramskill Field

Come on out and vote for your favorite sign or bring your own design!