



NEWS

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Club Upcoming Events

July 17, 9:30 AM – Club Meeting
at the field and Cleanup Day

Meeting Notes

Ramskill Field – June 14, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Mario Gonzalez at 7:01 P.M. There was some confusion in last months newsletter about the newly elected Safety Officer. Joe Sudduth volunteered and was voted in as STRCC's Safety Officer.

Bill Jones verified that current status of the club charter with the AMA was up to date with the new owners identified.

Duane Riedel had tried to look up the properties that Mario had come up with on the internet. However, Duane did not have much success. Bruce said he would try and look up the properties on the internet using the latitude and longitude locations.

A new starting time was voted on for the Rookie races. Instead of the 1:30 P.M.

start time, the races will now start at 2:30 P.M.

Joe Sudduth wanted to make sure that all fliers need to be aware of the new buildings. Your flight pattern on the north end needs to be cut short to prevent flying over the property.

It was voted to suspend dues for upcoming renewals until a new flying field has been located. When a new field is found, the renewal process will be reviewed then. The renewal may be made for December with a pro-rated due if joining during the year. New members are still required to pay the regular STRCC dues.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Bruce Anderson
STRCC Newsletter Editor

Field CLEANUP DAY



I believe that everyone has been contacted about flying at the field. The new owner, Mr. Winters, does not want us flying at the field anymore.

We now have the task of cleaning up what is left at the field. The items that need to be dealt with include:

- the STRCC sign
- frequency control board
- wind sock
- the electric control box which houses all of STRCC stuff at the field
- racing pylons
- push mower
- weed eater
- chairs
- grill
- tables / picnic tables

We will need as many volunteers as possible to get the work done. Bring your tools if possible. The tools will be needed to remove the sign, frequency control board, and wind sock. Mario has talked to Mr. Winters, and he has agreed to take care of the outhouse, and the shade shelters. What is left at the field will most likely be bulldozed.

The cleanup day has been scheduled for July 17th starting at 9:30 A.M. The club monthly meeting will also be held at this time. After the meeting, the cleanup will begin. If a storage place for any of the items at the field can not be obtained, then those items will be slated for the landfill. Bruce has been to the Arlington landfill and the charge is \$5 per pickup.

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There were five racers that showed up to run some laps. We had to fly the races with only two people on the ground as no one else showed up. But we did get to enjoy a good day of flying.

All of the races were run clean except for one. In the second heat, Bruce was able to keep close to Joe. But in order to do that, Bruce had to cut inside the pole 5 times. So much for collecting points. That adds up to a big fat ZERO!

We were able to get in 5 heats for the day and each pilot was able to race three times. Duane and Joe each finished first 2 times and they also collected a second place. Bruce had one first place finish and Mario collected two second place finishes. The points collected for the day were: Duane and Joe (14), Mario (11), Howard (9), and Bruce (8). The grand total for the year is: Joe (65), Duane (60), Howard (46), Mario (42), Craig (38), and Bruce (35). So now we know who we will be chasing when we get our field situation sorted out.

Until a new flying field can be found, the races are on hold. For any other questions or comments, call or email me at brucemarsha@juno.com.

Note: The club meeting will be at the field this month. It is scheduled to be held on the field cleanup day, Saturday July 17 at 9:30 A.M.

Pictures of Completed Projects

After the club meeting, Joe Sudduth and Duane Riedel showed us their new projects. Joe has finished working on this Great Planes Viper 500. It is powered by a Super Tiger 45. It is an arf and it is a legal airframe for the AMA 424 / 428 races.



Duane Riedel brought out this recovered Rookie. He bought it from Jack Dimski before he left the club. Duane said it is for sale if anyone is interested.



Other interesting news on the aviation side:

First Flight of SpaceShipOne into Space

On June 21, 2004, the SpaceShipOne, was launched into space. It is the first private-venture craft to attempt to leave the earth's atmosphere and enter space, defined as an altitude of 100 kilometers (62 miles).

The rocket-powered SpaceShipOne is slung below the twin-jet White Knight carrier aircraft. Both were specially designed by Burt Rutan and his Scaled Composites Company. Rutan is absolutely no stranger to weird and wonderful aircraft - his most famous effort to date is Voyager, which flew around the world in 1986 without refueling.

Before takeoff SpaceShipOne is slung below White Knight



The White Knight coming in for a landing



SpaceShipOne coming in for a landing

