

NEWS

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Club Internet Web Links:

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

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

Meeting Notes

Ramskill Field – May 12, 2003

The club meeting was not well attended by our club officials. As a result, there was not much discussed for old or new business.

A memorial plaque honoring Clay Ramskill and renaming the club field to Ramskill Field is still in work. I will try and get a few estimates before the next meeting for a vinyl and wood sign.

Submitted –

Bruce Anderson, Club Newsletter

HOOKY DAY – May 23, 2003

This is the day where you are to call into work as being sick and show up at the field to get some stick time in. Melvin Bowser has organized this day in the past with some good success. On this day, however, Melvin didn't get much time on the sticks cause he was sick! Melvin said that a few people showed up for the day, but he had to go home as he wasn't feeling well. We will just have to try for another day! Thanks for giving it a try Melvin!

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Club Upcoming Events

June 8, 1:30 PM – Rookie Races

June 9, 7:00 PM – Club Meeting
at Ramskill Field

STRCC Cleanup Day – May 17

The day started off with Stan Simms showing up to the field at 9:00 AM. Stan called me at home to see where everyone was. I had to tell Stan that the starting time was suppose to be at 9:30. So Stan was the first to get there and he managed to get a good amount of painting done before anyone else showed up! Howard Bedford, Joe Sudduth, Melvin Bowser, and Bruce Anderson showed up at various times through the day. Stan brought an electric paint sprayer that was a great help. I think we would still be painting if it were done with a brush. Howard and Bruce helped scrape the old paint off. Howard brought his tools and added some screws to tables that needed stabilizing. Joe added some screws to our frequency board to help keep it together. Howard sprayed around the perimeter of the runway to kill the grass. He used some weed killer donated by Duane Riedel. Howard said that Duane donated it so he wouldn't have to spray around his house.

Stan put up a new windsock. Both Joe and Melvin used the weed eaters to trim up around the place. All in all, I do believe that the place hasn't looked this good in a very long time. Thanks a bunch to all the people who came out. Also, thanks to Ed Curtis for volunteering to get the paint and the effort he put forth before the work was done on Saturday.

Other thanks to our members are in order. Howard Bedford has always been maintaining our mower. This effort is greatly appreciated. We all know that if things aren't taken care of, they go to pot real fast. So thanks for doing this Howard. This last month I had the task of getting the newsletters out to everyone. Hopefully you all got one, either by e-mail or in the mail. I would like to thank Jack Dimski for his efforts in getting the newsletter out to us for many years. I did not realize what kind of effort it takes. So Jack, thank you for all of the years that you have put forth in getting the newsletter out to us!!!

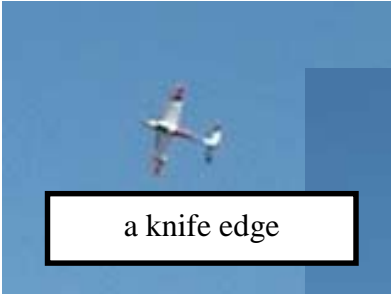
Rookie Race Day Pictures – May 11

After a cleanup day, it has to be followed by a day of flying! Here is a picture of the flying field after the cleanup day! In between the Rookie race heats, Rick Byrd treated us to some of that spectacular flying that he is

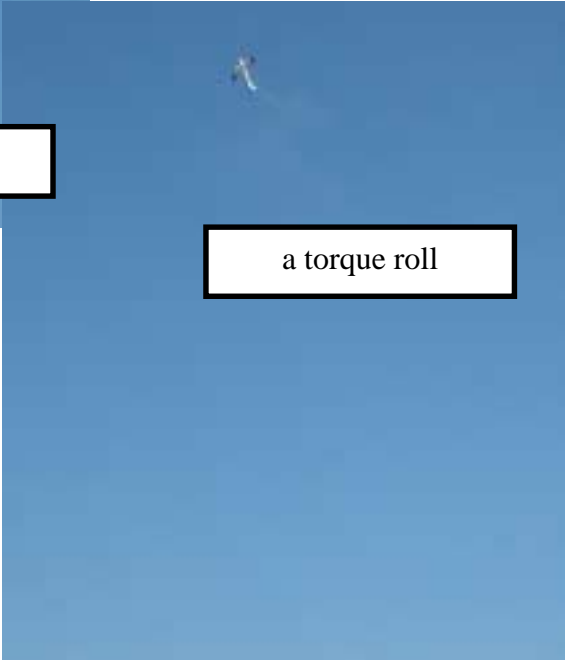
capable of. He was out practicing with his pattern plane.



Rick Byrd gets prepared to practice perfection.



a knife edge



a torque roll



Rookie Race Day! The field looks great!





By Bruce Anderson

Rookie Racing – May 2003

The Texas summer heat is back. This month's races were run on a typical Texas day. It was hot! It has been fairly mild weather and I had forgotten just how the heat wears you out. So when your heading out for a day of races this summer, don't forget these few things. Bring lots of water to drink. Wear light colored cloths. Get some sunscreen on. And finally, were a hat to keep that sun out of your eyes and face.

We ended up with five racers at the field for the day and a total of 6 heats were run. Most everyone was able to run in four heats. So I would call that a pretty good day for the races. Winning times for the day were usually around the 2:15 to 2:25 range. In the third heat of the day, Joe ran a real scorcher, and we have a new king of the hill! Joe finished the race without cuts in a time of 2:00:85. Very near the 2-minute barrier. I know that Joe has been practicing and working on getting the fastest plane out there by minimizing the airframe weight and working on finding the right combination of engine, plug, and fuel. Joe, congratulations on your accomplishment!

We almost had a perfect race day. The weather was good and nobody had lost their plane until the last race of the day. The final race was close through out the entire heat. Stan led most of the race until the last two laps. On lap eight, Joe caught Stan and was able to keep in front of him. Both planes were real close to each other and this tends to elevate the adrenaline of those involved. On the final turn for the finish, Stan took the low position around

the pylon and Joe was on top. Stan didn't quite get in enough up elevator around the turn and ended up in the ground. Stan's wing didn't look to bad, but the fuselage will definitely need some work. Stan, I hope to see you out here with a new or repaired Rookie.

Point totals for the day were: Joe (18), Howard (14), Stan (13), Duane (13), and Bruce (9). Accumulative points for the year: Joe(59), Stan (50), Howard (40), Bruce (28), and Duane and Steven (21). So far this year, we have had 6 racers participate. I hope to see some more of you at the races! I know that there are a few more Rookies out there! Come out on race day and join us! I would like to thank John Simmons for coming out to the field and watching poles for us.

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 :

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**Don't Forget The Next Club Meeting
June 8th 7:00 PM at Ramskill Field**

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