

NEWS

Seven Towers R/C Club, Arlington, Texas
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<http://www.geocities.com/strcc2002/index.htm>

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

STRCC 2003 Officers

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

Club Upcoming Events

December 14, 1:30 PM – Rookie Races
December 8, 7:00 PM – Club Meeting
at SIMSCO

Meeting Notes

Simsco – November 10, 2003

The meeting was called to order by
President Stan Sims at 7:00 P.M.

New club officers will be voted on at the
next meeting. Please consider running for one
of the offices. Also, consider coming out to the
meeting so there are enough present to elect the
new officers.

There have been some complaints that
the lock for the main gate is difficult to turn.
Stan said he would get a new combination lock
for the gate.

Bill Jones wanted to know if any STRCC
cards were obtained from Jack Dimski. Bruce
Anderson said he would check with Jack to see
if he had any leftovers.

A bid for the signs was accepted and Bill
Jones will send a check out to Greg Judy. The

total amount for three signs is \$506.32. The
signs should be complete by the end of the year.

Ralph Snow volunteered to call all
members to remind them about the upcoming
meeting. Thanks for doing that Ralph!

Duane Riedel brought a recovered
Rookie that he had obtained from Jack Dimski.
See it in the newsletter for pictures of this new
plane.

Submitted –
Bruce Anderson, STRCC Newsletter Editor

Changing Frequencies?

Have you ever showed up at the field looking to fly as much as possible only to find out that you had to share frequencies with someone? If there are 3 or more people on the same frequency as your channel, you may have experienced this. You may want to try and change frequencies.

I recently decided to try and consolidate all of my transmitters and receivers to a channel that no one was flying on. A survey was taken back in March. That survey is shown again for those interested.

At one of the AMA Southwestern conferences, I asked Joe Dumond about this specific subject. Joe owns his own shop and repairs radios. Likewise, he was the District VIII frequency coordinator at the time. So I would tend to believe what he told me.

Joe said that changing frequencies of the transmitter and receiver should be limited to 3 to 4 channels above and below the current channel the radio is operating on. In this manner, the transmitter and receiver should not need retuning. I have also seen various discussions on the internet about this subject. In those discussions, there are mentions of legalities of changing the transmitter. Likewise, there are people who change frequencies from one end of the spectrum all the way to the other end without any problems. I would stay on the conservative side as Joe Dumond stated. If you do change frequencies, DO A RANGE CHECK! This is a must for any kind of radio work that you may have done.

As for my situation, I decided to change all of my frequencies to channel 19. I have shown that new channel in the April 2003 survey. I will be getting rid of channels 18, and 21.

I have various receivers that include Airtronics and Hitec. In order to use a single radio, I have ordered a Hitec Eclipse radio. This radio will control most any FM D/C receiver out on the market. And for any of you who are interested in changing frequencies, there is a fairly cheap way to do it.

I ran across an internet post about swapping crystals on the internet. I found that Radical R/C will exchange a transmitter or receiver crystal for \$5 each. So I sent in my channel 18 transmitter and receiver crystal along with \$10 with a request to swap them for channel 19. A few weeks later, they showed up at my house packaged in an air bubble protective envelope. This was much cheaper than trying to buy and Airtronics crystal set.

STRCC Membership Frequencies April 2003

Changed frequencies from 18 and 21 to 19

Frequency	Users
10	
11	X
12	
13	XX
14	
15	
16	
17	
18	XXXXX
19	X
20	X
21	XX
22	XX
23	
24	XX
25	XX
26	XXX
27	XX
28	
29	XXXX
30	XXXX
31	
32	XXXX
33	XX
34	XXX
35	XX

Frequency	Users
36	XXXXXX
37	
38	XXXX
39	X
40	XX
41	X
42	XXX
43	
44	XXX
45	X
46	XXXX
47	
48	
49	X
50	
51	
52	X
53	
54	XX
55	
56	
57	
58	X
59	XXX
60	X
53.1 MHZ	X



Rookie Racing – November 2003

There were various amounts of rain and drizzle for the second and third Sunday of the month. As a result, all races were canceled. Don't forget that the third Sunday of the month is a makeup day for races if they are not run on the second Sunday.

I went to the field on the makeup day to try and restring the pylon poles. The weather or perhaps some varmints have worn the tie down ropes to the point that they are unusable. So they have been replaced with some nylon rope.

Joe Sudduth and Craig Bevil were both there ready for some races. But there weren't enough brave souls to come out and give it a try. Hopefully, next month will bring some better weather.

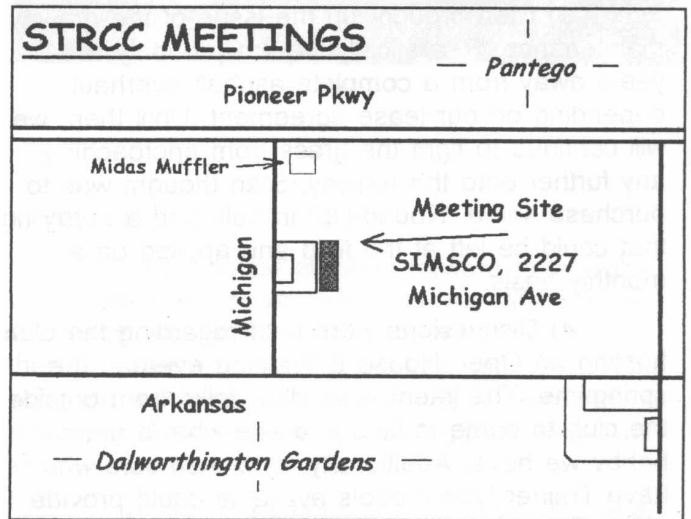
The December races are scheduled for **Sunday, the 14th at 1:30 P.M.** Hope to see you at the field for some great races. Race cancellation due to weather will be made by 12:30 P.M. and can be heard by calling Bruce Anderson at (817) 483-8223. Races canceled for weather will be rescheduled for the following 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 meeting at Simsco
December 8 - 7:00 PM
OFFICER ELECTIONS**

A new Rookie waits for a race day. Duane Riedel recently bought and reworked one of Jack Dimski's Rookies. If anyone is interested, Duane will let you have the entire plane, motor, and radio all for \$175. So if you have been looking to get into the races, this is an easy way to go. Give Duane a call at (817) 483-2557 if you are interested.



- STRCC Flight Instructors:**
- Rick Byrd* (817) 294-2048
 - Ken Sloat* (817) 467-9470
 - Bruce Anderson* (817) 483-8223
 - Stan Sims (817) 483-0240
 - Melvin Bowser (817) 370-0863
- * indicates AMA introductory pilot program
call an instructor if you need assistance for training

THE LAST WORD: Something to think about

By WALT WILSON

In most clubs, virtually all the work necessary to keep the organization going is done by a small percentage of the membership. The Spirits of St. Louis are no different. Whether it's cutting grass, being field chairperson, activities chairperson, a contest director, a board of directors member, maintaining a club Web site, or being president, treasurer, secretary, or newsletter editor, we are all volunteers. The pay scale is the same—zip. Most members who have never been involved in any of these jobs have no appreciation of the effort that goes into doing them. Many club members have no idea who does what for the club. Some seem to think it all happens automatically and, since they've paid their dues, they're entitled to a free ride in all other aspects.

The people who recognize and assume the responsibilities do so for a variety of reasons. Most want to do something to feel like they're doing their share to support the club. Some have unique skills that enable them to make special contributions. As long as the volunteers do their jobs, the people who recognize what they're doing appreciate and occasionally thank them. Whatever the reason, eventually the workers feel it is time to move on and let someone else carry the ball for a while. Maybe they're burned out, tired, have developed physical problems, or have family or business responsibilities that precludes donating the time necessary to do a club job. Maybe they feel they've done enough. Eventually, all will quit doing whatever they do. If you don't think that being a club officer takes its toll on time and patience, think about how many past presidents are still active members of the club. Of those who are, how many are willing to be president or hold another office?

Appreciate the people who spend their time making your club work. Pat them on the back occasionally. Don't resent them when they quit doing it. Ask yourself if you would have done that job.

from *Flight Lines*
Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club
Walt Wilson, editor
St. Charles MO

Editors Note:

I would like to thank all of the present officers and people who work behind the scenes to keep STRCC going. Thanks to Stan Sims who has served for three years as president of the club. And thanks to Duane Riedel and Bill Jones for stepping up and volunteering to do the VP and Treasurer's duties. I hope we have some new volunteers for officers! Please consider supporting STRCC by running for one of the club offices.

It has been a good year for getting things done around the club. We resurfaced the runway, cleaned up the field with paint and added screws to benches that needed it. The grass has almost always been cut when I've been out to the field and the mower has also been fixed this year. And we are almost ready to put up new signs at the field. I would like to thank all of you for your efforts for helping out! You all are a great bunch of folks to be associated with.

And finally, I would like to say thanks to Jack Dimski. Jack has worked for many years as a club officer, getting the newsletters out, keeping track of club membership, assisted in the leasing of the land, and keeping STRCC up to date with the AMA. You will be missed here at STRCC and we really appreciate what you have done for the club! Our best wishes go with you as you move to San Antonio! You're always welcome to come back and fly with us!