

NEWS

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Meeting Notes

Ramskill Field – October 13, 2003

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

The P.O. mail box was checked to ensure
that all billing was up to date with the
postmaster by Bill Jones. The mail box rent has
been paid and is now due in December.

Stan mentioned that elections for the
upcoming year are just around the corner.
Please consider supporting our club by
volunteering for one of the positions.

The original quote for the STRCC signs
will be forwarded to Bill Jones.

The mower is back in service. Thanks to
Howard Bedford for working on the mower to
get it back in running shape.

Club Upcoming Events

November 9, 1:30 PM – Rookie Races
November 10, 7:00 PM – Club Meeting
at SIMSCO

Meetings will be moved to SIMSCO for
the winter months. The meetings will be held
on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

A new member joined STRCC as a
result of the booth at the South Western
Aeromodeling conference. Craig Bevil found
out about our Rookie races and wanted to join
the fun. Craig is the treasurer for Greater
Southwestern Aeromodelers. Craig told us that
GSW R/C club holds races for AMA 424 on the
1st Saturday of the month. So for those of you
looking to get involved in an official sanctioned
race, contact Craig at (817) 905-6144.
Likewise, you can visit the GSW website at
www.flygsw.org.

Submitted –
Bruce Anderson, STRCC Newsletter Editor

South Western Peromodeling Conference

I hope all of you had a chance to attend the conference set up for the District VIII SWAC. This was indeed a place to visit! There were different types of aircraft from large scale models, all the way down to the smaller sized park fliers. Blimps, sailplanes, helicopters, electrics, glows were all there. Many vendors were showing their stuff. A seminar on AMA insurance was also given. Great thanks to Sandy Frank for putting this conference on for a third year. If you see him, let him know he did a great job!

Sandy was able to give us a table for the conference as somebody had backed out. That is greatly appreciated. To Duane Riedel, Ralph Snow, Don Lepek, and Bruce Anderson, thanks for showing up and manning the Seven Towers booth. We were able to hand out 60 membership applications and 40 newsletters to people at the show. I know that we have had at least one new member sign up for the club. And I believe there will be a few more in the next few months.

For those of you who missed the show, I have always found that this is a good place to shop for the latest and greatest R/C equipment. I have always replaced my battery packs with good deals at the conference. I picked up new receiver packs for \$5 and a transmitter pack for \$18. I've always believed that getting new Ni-Cads is a good idea every three years.



35% Giles 202 from Wild Hare. This is a really nice looking paint scheme.



A PT17 Steerman. This one has a 10 hp 5 cylinder engine. Lots of nice detail work was done on this large scale machine!



This is a 1/5th scale Vickers VIMY. The model is a Sea Bees ARF. Yes, an ARF. The Span is 13' 9" with a wing area of 8020 sq. inches. The Owner is Jerry Burpee.

There was lots of room to fly your indoor electric planes. Here is a picture of all the tables set up for people to put their planes & R/C equipment. Some aircraft looked like planes, and others looked like insects.

A Homebuilt Special The FLYING PIG

Greg Gray found some instructions on the internet on how to build a plane from materials obtained from your local Home Depot / Lowe's. Greg says the plane is nearly indestructible. It only takes a little ingenuity to come up with something that will fly. The wing and tail structures are made from corrugated plastic. The wing main spar is made from two yard sticks and one of them is shown in the following pictures. The fuselage is constructed from plastic pipe used for your rain gutter spouts. Plastic tie wraps are used to hold all of the control rods from the servos to the elevator and rudder.

Gary really likes to fly this one. It's also a tough plane and as a result, there isn't any pressure to worry about for a crash. Gary has named this plane the "FLYING PIG". I think it looks pretty good!



The FLYING PIG!



yard stick



plastic drain spout

Greg gets ready for some enjoyable stick time with his **PIG!**



plywood forward firewall





Rookie Racing – October 2003

We had a pretty nice day for flying in October. And this is the last month with daylight savings. The clocks have been turned back and we now loose an extra hour of flying. So the real question is, will the race times decrease because we won't be able to practice as much? Time will only tell.

There were six of us ready to go for more points. Joe, Howard, Mario, Duane, Gary, and Bruce were there with Rookies ready to fly. We had a few tight heats in the day. All of the racers were able to get 4 heats in during the day. We ended up running 8 total heats. And best of all, we all had planes in tact at the end of the day.

I would have to say that the 6th heat of the day was the best one. Howard, Duane, and Mario were battling it out through out the race. My guess is that this race was probably the fastest heat that any of them have flown. I can say this as their times are usually in the 2:20 range. In this heat, the Duane ended up with first followed closely by Marrio and Howard. The first place time was 2:10:22. Naturally, with the race being so close, there were some cuts in the race. Both Duane and Mario ended up with 4 cuts and even Howard ended up with one cut. This is one race that I got to watch the pylon and I will say that they were consistently close to that pole! Great race guys!

Point totals for the day were: Joe (19), Gary (14), Howard and Bruce (13), Duane (12), and Mario (9). For the year: Joe (123), Howard (85), Duane and Bruce (69), Stan (50), and Gary (46). The fastest times for the day without cuts were Joe at 2:13 and Gary with 2:15:19.

Mario and Bruce improved their best time without cuts to 2:22:07 and 2:24:65.

I would like to thank Greg Gray for coming out to the field and helping out. Likewise, Gary Gray's grandson and friend helped by picking the first group of pylon racers and starting the 5 minute count down. Thanks a bunch guys!

The November 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.



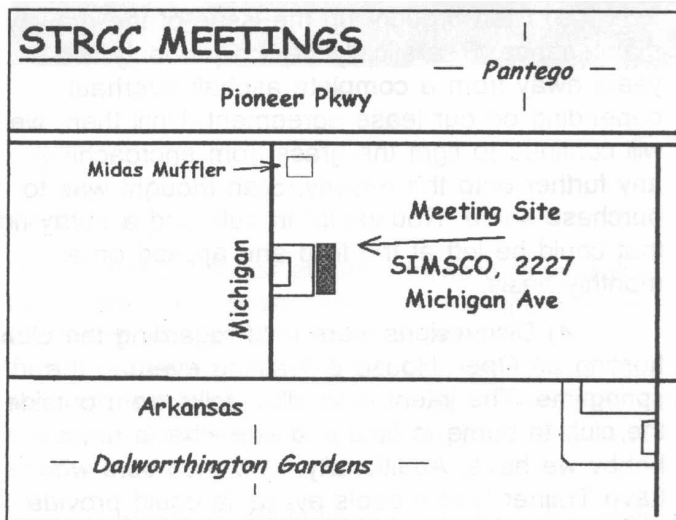
Here's our selection committee for the start of the race. Now do you think that they are really impartial? They've also helped out by starting the 5 minute count down and letting us know how far along we are until the races start! Thanks guys!

Back to SIMSCO

Don't forget that we have turned back the clocks to standard time. As such, the meetings will be held at Stan Sims Company, SIMSCO.

The meetings will continue to be the 2nd Monday of the month starting at 7:00 P.M. Thanks Stan for allowing us to use your facilities for our meeting!

For those of you who don't know where SIMSCO is located, it is in Arlington / Pantego between 303 (W. Pioneer) / Arkansas and Park Springs / Bowen Road. The address is 2227 Michigan Avenue.



**Don't forget the next Club Meeting
is meeting at Simsco**

November 10 - 7:00 PM

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Ken Sloat*	(817) 467-9470
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* indicates AMA introductory pilot program

call an instructor if you need assistance for training

New Club Member

As a result of the SWAC and the booth we had, we were able to attract the attention of Craig Bevil. He is the treasurer for the Greater Southwestern Aeromodelers. Craig is interested in racing Rookies and has joined up with us. He also wanted to let all of the STRCC members know that the GSW club has sanctioned AMA 424 racing events. These are held the 1st Saturday of the month. So for any of you that don't get enough racing or the Rookies are too slow, give Craig a call at (817) 905-6144.

Welcome to STRCC Craig!

Winging it

Here are some rules for flyboys and flygirls:

When in doubt, hold on to your altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky.

The propeller is just a big fan in front of the airplane used to keep the pilot cool. When it stops, you can actually watch the pilot start sweating.

The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.

Stay out of the clouds. The silver lining everyone is talking about might just be another airplane traveling in the other direction.

You start out with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before emptying the bag of luck.

There are three simple rules for making smooth landings. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are.

from *Ruf Stuf*

Green Bay Model Airplane Club

Jim Sanders, editor Green Bay WI