



NEWS

Seven Towers R/C Club, Arlington, Texas
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Club Internet Web Links:

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

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

STRCC 2003 Officers

President: Stan Sims (817) 483-0240	Vice President: Duane Riedel (817) 483-2557
Sec. / Treasurer: Bill Jones (817) 473-6801	Newsletter Editor: Bruce Anderson (817) 483-8223

Meeting Notes

Ramskill Field – September 8, 2003

President Stan Sims called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. The following items were brought up and discussed:

The replacement parts for the lawn mower were bought and reimbursement for the parts was approved. The parts were given to Howard Bedford and he has already installed the steering mechanism. Thanks for the effort Howard!

Approval was given to purchase a swap table for the STRCC club for the upcoming SOUTHWESTERN AEROMODELING CONFERENCE (SWAC 2003). A limit of \$25 was allocated for purchase of the table. The conference will be held at the Arlington Convention Center in Arlington Texas on OCTOBER 3 & 4, 2003 (Friday and Saturday). (See a page 2 for more details).

Please Mail All Correspondence and Membership Dues to:

STRCC
P.O. Box 174334
Arlington, Texas 76003

Club Upcoming Events

October 3&4 – Aeromodeling Conference
October 12, 1:30 PM – Rookie Races
October 13, 7:00 PM – Club Meeting
at Ramskill Field

Approval was given to go ahead with the purchase of signs for the club. Greg Judy of Vinyl Graphics By Greg will be doing the signs. Three signs will be obtained. One is for the front gate and will measure approximately 4' X 6'. Another sign (6" X 24") for a phone contact will be secured to the bottom of the front gate sign. The last sign will be a duplicate of the front gate sign (2' X 3') and it will be placed near the frequency board. A maximum amount of \$450 was allocated for the three signs.

Stan mentioned that the STRCC elections are coming up in December. Stan would encourage anyone who is interested in serving the club to think about doing that. Please consider volunteering for any of the offices.

Jack Dimski will be leaving the area at the end of the year. He was thanked for his years of service while at STRCC. I know in the past he as served as an officer and did a very

good job. Likewise, Jack has been responsible for getting the newsletter out in the mail. He has also been keeping the club membership list and had the responsibility for notifying people where their dues were up. Jack has kept in touch with the AMA headquarters and made sure that we as a club were up to date. It's been a long time for serving in those positions. **THANKS A BUNCH** Jack!!! Our best wishes go with you as you move.

For anyone that is asked by a prospective member on how to join the club, please make sure to have them fill out an application form. If they have their AMA membership, it is acceptable to take their application and dues and let them have the gate combination. Mail the application and dues to the STRCC mailbox or to our Secretary, Bill Jones. If they don't have AMA membership, let them know that they should obtain it and come to the club meeting to join.

Rent for the STRCC box needs to be checked. I forgot to write down who was going to do this one. So we will revisit this subject at the next meeting.

Various events were given to me and those times and places will be placed in the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Submitted – Bruce Anderson
STRCC Newsletter Editor

New Members

We had two new members join the club this month. Steven Badgwell and Greg Judy have both joined. I would like to welcome both of you to STRCC. I know that you will enjoy the flying and fellowship with other fliers at the field.

Upcoming R/C Events

There are a few events coming up soon that you may want to consider attending. One of them is: **SOUTHWESTERN AEROMODELING CONFERENCE (SWAC 2003)** held in Arlington Convention Center October 3 & 4. Admission: \$5.00 per day general admission which admits attendees to all activities. Tickets will go on sale in the Convention Center main entrance each morning of the event. I have been to previous conferences and I would recommend not missing this one. Here are a few words from Sandy Frank District AMA District VIII Vice President.

“This will be the third edition of this spectacular event, and promises to be the biggest and best yet.

It will be a full blown Aeromodeling Industry Trade Show with major industry vendors and manufacturers from as far away as Taiwan, coming together right here in your very own back yard to present and demonstrate their products for you.

As at the previous two SOUTHWESTERN AEROMODELING CONFERENCE'S, there will again be 121 vendor booths, informational seminars Friday and Saturday, a MAJOR two full day AMA Sanctioned INDOOR FLYING EVENT, a no commission Auction on Friday evening, free model static display with awards, and a giant indoor swap meet area. Added this year will be a Student Aviation Art Contest Celebrating

the Centennial of Flight, Open to grades K-12 in all of AMA District VIII with awards given in each age class. Please see the District VIII web site (<http://www.ama-dist-8.org/>) for additional details on all of these events and activities.

Please mark you calendars and make your plans now so as not to miss this spectacular gathering of aeromodelers, and industry representatives all together under one very large roof for the sole purpose of promoting friendship, fellowship, and the betterment for ALL of Aeromodeling. Make this a family outing and please bring your children! The Convention Center is located 1200 Ballpark Way, Arlington, TX, in the immediate vicinity of Wet And Wild Water Park, Six Flags over Texas, The (Texas Rangers) Ballpark in Arlington.”

Sandy Frank –
District AMA VIII Vice President

Angelo R/C Club Fly-In / Swap Meet Premier Fly-In of West Texas

The Angelo R/C Club is hosting their 22nd Annual Fly-In and Swap meet October 11th and 12th. Flight demonstrations of all types of model aircraft, including helicopters, IMAC, and turbine models will be flown. This is free to the public. Food and drinks are available, with no landing fees and over \$500 in prizes. There will be awards for best military, best civilian, best sport, and longest distance traveled. Flying will be start at 9:00 am both days. For more information, call Bobby Payne at (915) 949-7960 or use e-mail: info@angelorc.com or visit their website: <http://www.angelorc.com>

Dallas Electric Aircraft Fliers 17th Annual DEAF Fly-In

OCT 4-5--Seagoville, TX (C) DEAF 2003
Electric Fly-In Site: Dallas RC Club Field,
Seagoville, TX Greg Judy CD, 212 Freedom
Lane, Arlington, TX 76002 Phone:817-777-
8742(day), 817-468-0964(eve) Sponsor: Dallas
Electric Aircraft Flyers #2333 Informal events
Saturday (VLMR, AULD). Lots of fun flying
both days. \$25 for Saturday & Sunday (Includes
Sat. Supper). \$15 for Sunday only. CD Email:
greg@vynilgraphicsbygreg.com

On the Lighter Side of Things:

- If Wal-Mart is lowering prices every day, how come nothing is free yet?
- Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
- Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.
- We could learn a lot from crayons ... some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all manage to live in the same box.
- A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
- Once over the hill, you pick up speed. (Ask Howard about his Rookie Racer!)
- If it weren't for stress, I'd have no energy at all.
- Whatever hits the fan will not be evenly distributed.
- Everyone has a photographic memory—some just don't have film.

From the AMA National Newsletter:
The BARF Rag
Beresford Area Radio Flyers
David Larsen and Dennis Johnson, editors
Alcester SD

Items for Sale

Jack Dimski still has a few things left to sell. If you're interested, please give him a call or e-mail at: (817)-277-9789 or e-mail: <mailto:jdimski@sbcglobal.net>

Lot 1

Goldberg Chipmunk:

Built by Richard Byrd. Complete aircraft, OS .91 FS four stroke cycle engine, JR receiver (Ch 33) with 5 servos. Flies great, less than 35 hours total time.

Goldberg Piper Cub Anniversary

Edition, Full Span Wing:

Complete aircraft. fabric covered, OS .71 FS four stroke cycle engine, JR receiver (Ch 33) with 5 servos. Also includes the clipped wing kit new in box. DuBro Cub wheels, Hangar 9 landing gear. Less than 10 hours on aircraft and new engine.

JR X347 Transmitter (Ch 33). FM/PCM programmable four aircraft memory, six channels, multi-function. Includes charger and accessories.

Cost new for hardware and materials \$1200.
Offered at \$550.

Lot 2

1- Byrd Rookie .40:

Slightly damaged but repairable. Includes OS .40FP engine, spirited with good life remaining, 5 Futaba servos and receiver (Channel 30).

1- Byrd Rookie .40:

Partially built. Nearly ready for covering. All kit parts.

1- Byrd Rookie .40:

New in box.

1- Futaba Conquest Transmitter. (Channel 30). Includes two receivers and 8 additional servos.

Cost new for hardware and materials \$500.
Offered at \$225.

Lot 3

Your too late! - **SOLD**

Lot 4

Hobbico Accucycle trickle charger
Transmitter carrying case
Transmitter tray with strap
Field box with panel and battery
Century 21 iron
Heat gun
Sullivan 12 volt starter
Digital Volt Meter
Dremel Tool Drill Press
Misc tools
Misc propellers
Misc balsa and hardwoods
Misc covering materials

Cost new for equipment and materials \$300. Offered at \$150.

Gary Gray has the following for sale:

- 1) Great Planes Phantom. The plane has been flown 5 times. It has Robart retracts and is a 60 size aircraft. The plane has no radio or engine. \$200.
- 2) Ducted fan motor 80 size - \$75.

If interested call Gary at (817) 453-9159
or e-mail: <mailto:garydgray@earthlink.net>



Rookie Racing – September 2003

Sunday morning, it sprinkled a little bit, but the weather turned nice and we were able to get eight heats in. There were 6 racers ready to race. I believe we were done by 4:00 and that was a pretty good day for flying. Gary Henning came out to help on the poles and we thank you for your support!

Gary Gray, Duane Riedel, Joe Sudduth, Howard Bedford, Mario Gonzalez, and Bruce Anderson were there to fly. Every one was able to get into four heats. There was lots flying and some very close races. The last two races were probably the best of the day. The close tight racing really brings out the adrenaline. Best of all, everyone had their planes in tack for another day of races.

Joe is still the man to catch. He came across the line first in all of his races. Gary came up with two first places, and Duane and Bruce each had one. The most 2nd place finishers were Bruce with three, and Howard had two. Only one heat was run clean by everyone and only two of the 1st place finishers ran their heat clean.

As far as times go, Joe had the fastest time of the day and it was with a clean run at 1:59:22. That's only about ½ a second slower than his fastest record time of 1:58:68. Good race Joe! By my count, Howard was the only one to lower his best time with a clean race. Howard's new low time is: 2:21:45. Mario made it back to the races and for the first time back, his lowest clean run was a 2:30:37. Glad to have you back racing again Mario!

Now for the point totals. For the day, Joe (16), Howard (13), Gary (12), Duane (11), Bruce (10), and Mario (8). For the year: Joe (104), Howard (72), Duane (57), Bruce (56), and Stan Sims (50).

The October races are scheduled for **Sunday, the 12th 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

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* indicates AMA introductory pilot program

call an instructor if you need assistance for training

brucemarsha@juno.com.

Don't forget the next Club Meeting

**October 13 - 7:00 PM
at Ramskill Field**

Note that this will be the last meeting held at the field as daylight savings time begins October 26. Hurry up and get some flights in before you loose that extra hour of daylight!