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NOVEMBER 2023 PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hello again to all. We are planning our annual Christmas party, and it will be held at the American Legion Hall in Converse on Thursday, December 14, 2023. The club will provide the meat and appetizers. We are asking the attending members to help fill out the menu by bringing a side dish to share with several others. More information can be found in the newsletter. Additionally, Frank George has sent an e-mail to the membership with more details.

Some of our members provided a static display of R/C aircraft at the Pioneer Flight Museum's November Fly-In. For the display we placed some of our models on stands that were fabricated by Matt Dirienzo. These stands allowed the visitors better access to see the details of our aircraft. Thank you, Matt, for making these stands. I would also like to thank the members that attended the static display on behalf of the club.

Finally, we had club officer elections for the offices of President, Treasurer and Seguin Safety officer. I would like to thank Mike Zachau and Augie Santiago for agreeing to serve another term.

Wishing you all a wonderful and safe holiday season.
Sincerely,
Ed

Club Meeting Reminder: 7:00 PM on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the American Legion Post 593, located at 326 Legion Drive West, Converse, TX 78109. Unless otherwise informed, you can purchase dinner at the Post prior to the meeting.



Tri City Flyers, Inc. Nov. 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The November club meeting was called to order by Ed Valls at 7:00 PM. 23 members were in attendance, including 6 club officers.

October Meeting Minutes: The October minutes were reviewed and approved as written by all members in attendance.

Guests/New Members: No guests were in attendance; one new member was recognized. He is Scott Vanghel, who stepped forward and gave a brief history of his model aviation background and interests. He is sponsored by club member Matt Greenlee, who also will be providing flight instruction to Scott as he has no previous RC flight experience. A vote to accept Scott as a member was called for and unanimously approved.

Treasure's Report: Mike Zachau presented the October 31st, 2023, financial statement to the membership. The statements were voted on and received as presented to the membership.

Safety Officers' Reports:

Seguin: Augie Santiago, Sr. reported no incidents at the Seguin JBSA auxiliary field.

Kingsbury: Mike Fisher reported two incidents at Kingsbury in October. One involved the runaway operation of a helicopter, in which a member was slightly injured trying to curtail the operation. The second incident involved the collision of an R/C aircraft with a member. Mike felt that the member was too close to the runway and reinstated the AMA guideline to stay 25' back from the aircraft runway. Both members were administered first aid with no further medical attention needed.

AMA Business: Frank George had no communications with the AMA in October. Jim Rice reported that the AMA president had attended a Cruise that Jim was on. He told members that the president was in constant communication with AMA interests during the trip.

Unfinished Club Business:

2023 Club Christmas Party: Frank George told members that the 2023 Christmas Party is scheduled for December 14th at the American Legion Hall, 326 Legion Dr. West; Converse, Texas. The club party will begin at 6:30 PM with appetizers and dinner at 7:00 PM. A White Elephant gift exchange will follow. Please limit gift value to \$25 per gift for all who wish to participate. ED Valls requested that the gift value be at or near \$25 to prevent someone from feeling shortchanged. The gifts don't have to be model related since member spouses will be in attendance. Business casual dress was determined to be member attire. The club will furnish Roast Turkey and Ham with the members providing a covered dish or dessert. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the meeting to give Frank an idea of what to expect members will bring to the party.

2024 Tri City Flyers Swap Meet: Frank George reported that the February Swap Meet already had about 30% of the tables spoken for. He also told members that Gary Rice had tentatively agreed to man the kitchen during the event. Frank also reported that the Georgetown Swap Meet is scheduled for early January and that their table fees had increased to \$15 per day, and admission to \$7.00

Club Logo: Matt Dirienzo was not ready to present the new logo to club members because of some member recommended revisions. He said the new Logo should be ready by the January meeting.

New Club Business:

PFM Static Display: Ed Valls told members that Tri City Flyers had been invited to present a static display at the upcoming PFM Fly-in on November 11, 2023. PFM has requested that the display be set up by 8:30 AM to be ready for the opening time. They also would like members to spend little time unloading and park their vehicles before setting up. Ed recommended volunteers to arrive at 7:30 AM and asked that they see him after the meeting.



Fire Safety: ED reported that Rusty Koehler had found some fire suppression blankets and Halon extinguishers online. Two size blankets are available, a 40"x 40" and a 40" x 71". A discussion ensued regarding the appropriate size blanket that would be the most beneficial size in the event of a small fire. Ed suggested one of each at the two flying sites. Brad Leininger suggested that the club purchase 4 of the large blankets instead of the smaller blankets, and that we place two of the blankets at each flying site. A second discussion was had regarding purchasing a few of the small handheld fire extinguishers. Brad made a motion, with a second from Johnell Holley, that the club purchase four of the fire blankets and four of the handheld fire extinguishers. The members voted and unanimously agreed to the purchase.

Runway Upkeep: Sherman Lindsay asked the club about fertilizer for the Kingsbury runway. It was also suggested that grass seed be put out at that time. Mike Zachau will contact Gil Martinez about any plans he has for maintenance at the field.

Election of Club Officers for 2024: Ed Valls gave the floor to Frank George, who presented members with an opportunity to add any write-ins before the vote. There were no write-ins for the office of President, Treasurer or Seguin Safety Officer. Since no write-ins were made the club voted by unanimous vote to elect incumbent Ed Valls, President; Mike Zachau, Treasurer and Augie Santiago, Sr., Seguin Safety Officer by acclamation. They will be sworn-in at the beginning of the January Annual Club Corporate Meeting.

The floor was returned to Ed Valls and the business portion of the meeting was concluded.

Broken Prop Award:

Mike Fisher nominated John Mergen for his incident with the runaway helicopter operation which ended with a broken rotor.

Mike also nominated Bill Anderson for the encounter with a landing R/C aircraft at Kingsbury. The members voted and ED Valls

declared a tie with the award given to John since Bill was absent from the meeting.

Show and Tell:

Brad Leininger presented his Hangar 9 Pitts Special. He also explained to members the smoke system he had fabricated for the airplane.

Matt Dirienzo presented a Hangar 9 Hellcat he had recently acquired. He stated that the Hellcat was a .60ci powered bird with an all-up weight of 10 to 11lbs. He said he was unsure of the operation because of the lack of flaps.

Jim Rice presented a Bushmaster by Ohio Model Products. He told members it is distributed by Buddy R/C as an ARF and weighs in at 4.5lbs without a battery. He intends to use a 4s or 6s battery and claims the model to be very aerobatic with either. The aircraft system also features a Crow landing system which brings landings to a short conclusion.

Adjournment: Frank George's motion to adjourn was seconded by Mike Fisher. The vote to adjourn passed.

Coming Events.

The Club has Scheduled a Christmas Party instead of the December Meeting. The party will begin at 6:30pm at The American Legion Hall, 326 Legion Dr. West; Converse, Texas on Thursday December 14, 2023.



Hello all, and welcome to the Year-end Holiday Season. Thanksgiving, Black Friday (already started), Cyber Monday (haven't heard much about it this year), TCF CHRISTMAS PARTY, Christmas and other faith holidays, and New Years. Whew!

First up in news, we elected officers for 2024-25 at the meeting. Thanks to these dedicated members who agreed to continue serving in their leadership roles.

Please read the update on the club Christmas party under Unfinished Business. All members should have also received an email encouraging those who plan to attend to respond with the number of people in your party, and what category of covered dish you may bring (salad, dinner side dish, or dessert). Hint: just so you know, responses to date have been very heavy on desserts. The intent is that you bring something for you and your guests, plus enough to share with a few others. All members are welcome, whether you are able to prepare a dish or not.

It is very important to tell us your plans. The Club wants to be sure we purchase enough for everyone without wasting Club funds by over buying. Thanks for your support.

Ed discussed the planned PFM display which was held on Saturday Nov 11. Both attendance and full scale fly-ins were limited by the threatening weather. Our display was in a hangar where we had a light but steady flow of traffic. Matt's tables made for a very effective display, that allowed closer looks at our planes.



We had the flight simulator running, and even

got some adults to try it. A number of people



asked about our Club, and picked up both Club and AMA literature. I consider any time we can promote the hobby and our club a success.

Let's move on to Show and Tell. We had three good examples this month. First up, Brad showed us a beautiful Hangar Nine Pitts Bi-plane. It is a large wood ARF with 71.6" wing



span and weight range 18 - 22 Lb. resulting in a wing loading of $28 \pm \text{oz/ft}^2$. Recommended power is 50 - 60cc gas or equivalent electric.

Next, Matt brought us a big Hangar Nine



Hellcat. It is displayed on one of the neat tables



Matt made for our static display. This is another of Horizon's good looking warbird ARFs. The estimated weight is 9 - 10 lb. With a wing span of 64 in. and 698.3 in² area, the estimated wing loading is 29.7 to 33 oz/ft². The recommended power range is 15cc 2 stroke to 21cc 4 stroke gas, or 60 size 470kv outrunner with 6s 5000mAh LiPo. Matt expressed some concern about takeoff and landing performance with the projected wing loading since there are no flaps.

Jim brought our final show and tell, a Bushmaster PNP electric ARF from Ohio Model Products/Buddy RC. NOTE: these two companies in Ohio are affiliated with each other and offer a wide variety of quality RC products. Jim's



Bushmaster is another large plane with wood construction. Its wing span is 65.35 in, with 530.1 in² area. Its weight range is given as 5.07 to 5.73 lb, resulting in a wing loading range of 22.04 to 24.9 oz/ft². The plane comes with a Sunnysky 3520/560K_v outrunner. Recommended batteries are 4S/2600-4000mAh, or 6s/2200-3300mAh LiPos. The ailerons and flaps have individual servos and Jim plans to program a "CROW" configuration to enhance the plane's steep, short landing performance.

Thanks to these three members for bringing us some very different and unique models. So don't be shy, bring one of your favorite project to share with us.

This month's newsletter was delayed a bit by some unforeseen production issues, but here it is, finally.

The delay allowed me to add this late-breaking comment. Thanks to those who have signed up for our Cub Christmas Dinner. However, early signups for dishes to share are very slanted to desserts. Some may say that sounds fine, but if you haven't signed up yet, please consider one of the other choices, or a non-dessert item of your choice.

Thanks, from the editor and event planner.

As always, contact the Editor with any comments or suggestions.

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