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JANUARY 2024 EDITOR'S WELCOME

Hello Tri City members, and guests who may be reading our newsletter. 2024 is off to a busy start as we near the end of January. Our corporation's annual business meeting was conducted on the 11th and included the required corporate business items of officer installation, 2023 financial and audit reports, and presentation of the 2024 budget for member approval. In addition, the membership chairman presented a very detailed summary of our club membership for 2023 and the beginning of 2024.

All of the business items addressed in the meeting are recorded in the official minutes printed in this newsletter. I encourage all members to read the minutes because, as is our policy, members will be asked to approve them at the next business meeting. Speaking of the next business meeting, it is scheduled for March 14, 2023.

Plans for our 42nd annual swap meet are coming along on schedule. Thanks to those who signed up at the January meeting to help at the meet. You will receive an email a week before the event reminding you of the job you signed up for, and when you will be needed. Gary Rice will be doing the cooking again but can use 2 or 3 helpers to take and fill food orders during dinner time on Friday, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Let the Event Manager (me, Frank George) if you can help and when. Swap meet table rental is going very well. At this time, there are only 2 tables and the outdoor overflow floor spaces available for both days. A few tables are open on Friday, but they are the least likely to be rented at this point.

For now, read and hopefully enjoy, the First 2024 TCF Newsletter. I apologize that the publication date slipped due to unforeseen circumstances, but everything is still current.

Frank George, TCF Newsletter Editor

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 January 2024 Meeting Minutes

Tri City Flyers, Inc. Annual Corporate Business Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by club President, Ed Valls, at 7:00pm. 23 members including the club officers were in attendance.

2024-25 Officer Installation: Election Chairman Frank George asked all newly elected and continuing club officers to stand. He asked new officers to affirm that they will perform the duties of their respective offices honestly and to the best of their abilities, and returning officers to continue doing so. All officers having answered yes, the 2024 TCF officers were declared installed for their respective terms.

November 2023 Meeting Minutes: Ed asked the members in attendance if anyone had changes or corrections to the November minutes. There being no corrections, it was moved and seconded to approve the November Minutes as written in the November 2023 Newsletter. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Guests/New Members: There were no guests in attendance. Ernie Swiontek was recognized by Rusty Koehler as a new member applicant. He is sponsored by Doug Line and was asked to stand and give the members a brief history of his model background. Rusty also recognized Ollie Usher as a new applicant. Ollie was not in attendance at the meeting. Rusty Koehler is his club sponsor. A motion was made, seconded and passed by voice vote to accept both applicants as club members.

Membership Annual Report: Membership Chair, Rusty Koehler, presented the 2023 Membership Report with a total of last year's current and new members. He reported there was a total of 96 members in 2023 including 15 new members. Twelve members did not renew for 2024, including 3 of the new 2023 members. He further broke down the membership roster with the number of adult members, associate members, junior members, and honorary members.

Treasure's Report: Mike Zachau presented the month-end financial reports for November and December, since we did not have a December business meeting. He also presented the members with the year-end financial comparison of the profit and loss figures from 2019 through 2023. A motion was made by Rusty and seconded by

Sherman to accept the reports. The reports were accepted as written by the members.

Safety Officers' Reports:

Seguin: Augie Santiago reported no incidents at Seguin Field. Ed Valls added that the fire suppression blankets and small fire extinguishers, approved at the November business meeting, had been delivered and were available for emergency use.

Kingsbury: Mike Fisher also reported no safety incidents at Kingsbury. Ed Valls said the fire suppression blankets and extinguishers were also available for Kingsbury. Mike acknowledged that he would store the fire suppression blankets and fire extinguishers appropriately. He also plans to post instructions for their use in a prominent place.

Field Manager's Report: Gil Martinez had no maintenance needs to report for Kingsbury. He has cleaned the mower deck to prevent the belt being thrown off during operation. He also reported that the new metal gas can was leaking. Ed Valls suggested that the fuel cans be short filled to allow for heat expansion in the Conex storage unit. A discussion followed as to who would tend to winterization of water systems at Kingsbury. Ed Valls said Charlotte had done that in the past, so he was going to leave the task to her. He also discussed the application of fertilizer and roller maintenance for Kingsbury. Mike Zachau said that a budget item has been added for the 2024 fiscal year for that expense. Ed stated that he wanted to perform the service in April, so the field would be in good shape for the Warbird Fly-in.

AMA Business: Frank George reported no new AMA news, he also said that he had not seen evidence of any action on the FRIA authorization for Seguin.

Unfinished Business:

PFM Static Display: Ed reported that the Static Display at the PFM Fly-in had been well presented. He thanked Matt Dirienzo for the custom-made display stands and Frank George for the flight simulator. Several other members helped with the display.

Christmas Party: Ed Valls recognized Frank George and his wife Julie for their efforts to coordinate the Christmas Party held for the club members in December. Gary Rice, who normally caters for the event, was unable to perform that service this year due to unforeseen circumstances. Frank was challenged by the Party because he



said it appeared that everyone had signed up to bring dessert for the potluck dinner. It all worked out well in the end and the party was a success because of Frank, Julie and others who helped. Thanks to all who made the white Elephant exchange fun for everyone.

2024 Swap Meet: Frank George reported on the Swap Meet status. It is scheduled for February 9th and 10th, 2024. Exchanging texts with Gary Rice confirmed that Gary will run the food service for the two-day Swap Meet. Frank passed around a volunteer sign-up sheet to members for help at the Swap Meet.

Ed Valls reminded everyone about the Georgetown R/C Swap Meet scheduled for January 19th - 20th, 2024. The GAMARCTX website <http://www.gamarctx.com/> has more info.

New Business:

2024 Budget: Mike Zachau presented the proposed 2024 budget with a comparison to the 2023 budget. After discussion a motion was made and seconded to adopt the 2024 budget as presented. The members approved the motion by voice vote.

Mike also presented the 2023 annual internal audit review, submitted by the Audit Committee of three current members. The audit report was rated fully satisfactory with financial records complete and error free.

Swap Meet: Having previously polled the officers, Ed Valls proposed that the February 8 business meeting be cancelled because of the TCF Swap Meet, February 9th and 10th. The members were in agreement so the February 8 meeting is cancelled.

2024 Event Plans: Ed Valls has spoken with Tom DiCuirci about CD'ing the 2024 Warbird Fly-in. Ed told members that Dean Lukover is now a member of an AMA club south of San Antonio and would no longer be available to CD the event. Ed has scheduled the Fly-in for May 18th and 19th in coordination with the PFM Fly-in scheduled for May 4th, 2024. The event application has been submitted to the AMA and approved. The Warbird Fly-in will be a two-day event with overnight camping available, and swap meet slots for any interested vendors. Tom hopes to expand the footprint of the event by involving a larger promotional outlay. Please forward any photos or materials from last year's event to help Tom with the flyers and planning.

Ed Valls plans to meet with the Club Board of Officers at the February Swap Meet to work out the final 2024 Events Schedule.

Broken Prop: Mike Fisher nominated Roger Taillefer for the broken prop award. He said Roger apparently had a stuck elevator which resulted in what Mike called an epic crash. Mike said Roger needed a shovel to recover the engine after the crash.

Matt Dirienzo nominated himself after an ESC replacement on his 17mm Corsair resulted in a semi-controlled landing.

Ed Valls nominated himself due to performing a Split S maneuver with his BVM Bobcat Jet around two feet too low to the ground.

All members voted and the Broken Prop award was given to Roger, who attempted to pass a collection plate to fund a replacement model, because he said there was nothing left to fix after his crash.

Show and Tell: Johnell Holly showed the members his assembled "gear" vehicle that was one of the White Elephant gifts he received at the Christmas Party. It is an interesting model with over 700 parts, many of them moving to simulate a working vehicle. Johnell stated that the assembly took around three days.

Adjournment:

Rusty Koehler moved to adjourn, Johnell Holly seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote of members.

Upcoming Events:

Georgetown Swap Meet; January 19th and 20th, 2024. Go to the GAMARCTX website for more details.

Tri City Flyers Swap Meet; February 9th and 10th, 2024. Go to <https://www.tricityflyers.com> Events page for details.

Next TCF business meeting: March 14, 7:00 PM, at American Legion Post 593, 326 Legion Drive West, Converse, TX 78109



Welcome to 2024. The holidays are passed for now. The next Club event is the 42nd Annual TCF Swap Meet. A good number of members signed up at the January meeting to help, but we can use more. Gary can use help with order taking, serving and money collection for Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch. We have a good crew for Friday setup, but can use a little more help with tear down and cleanup Saturday afternoon. Plan to attend, shop, and maybe help out a bit while you are there to give others a little rest break. If you are able to volunteer please let me know through my contact information at the end of the newsletter.

Ed reported that the while almost all of the Georgetown Swap Meet tables were reserved this weekend, many tables were not occupied and attendance seemed down. He suggested the weather influenced both vendors and customers. The accuweather long term forecast for Garden Ridge is low 50's with rain possible part of Friday the 9th but up to 60° with sun on Saturday the 10th.

92% of our tables are rented or pending payment, and I am still taking reservations. So I expect a successful outcome for this fund raiser.

The next Club business meeting will be Thursday March 14. So please take a few minutes to review the January minutes in this newsletter and be ready to vote on their approval then.

The Broken Prop award discussion at this month's meeting was quite lively, even entertaining. Consider attending future meetings if you haven't been coming. They are informative, your opportunity to participate in Club business, and they last about an hour – unless you get involved in an after meeting discussion with friends.

Show and tell is normally quite interesting. Although this month only had one item, it was unusual. Johnell showed us the laser cut wood classic car model he "won" at the white Elephant exchange.



He has dutifully assembled his model, and described its moveable, and removeable parts. This appears to be the U-9 Grand Prix Car Wooden Model, available from "Ugears" at <https://ugears.us/collections/cars/products/>. They have many types of wooden vehicle kits, and other categories of wood model kits.

I have a little space left so here are a few pictures from the December party. Thanks to John Franklin and his camera. About 36 members and families attended. There was good food and fun.



Some cheerful folks here.



Serious conversation at this table.



That's it for Jan '24. Contact me for comments and to volunteer for the swap meet
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