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AUGUST 2024 PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hello everyone,

We will be hosting our National Model Aviation Day fly-in on September 14, 2024. The event will be open to all AMA members. One of our CD's, Augie Santiago, has agreed to manage the event for our club. This will be a one-day event where we will serve hot dogs and hamburgers, drinks and chips, for a small fee. Please plan on coming out and flying with us, and invite any of your modeling friends to come to the event. There will be a nominal pilot entry fee, and all proceeds will go to the AMA Foundation.

I contacted the PFM to ask for some hangar space for a club static display during their annual Fall Wings and Wheels full scale fly-in. They have agreed to give us some hangar space for a static display. The event will be Saturday, November 9, 2024. Please plan on attending either as a participant with the club, or as a spectator to support the wonderful work the Museum does to promote aviation.

In closing I would like to wish each of you happy flying and hope to see you at the field.

Sincerely,
Ed Valls

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 a light meal at the Post prior to the meeting.



Tri City Flyers Business Meeting Minutes, August 8, 2024

Club President Ed Valls called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. 11 members including the club officers were in attendance.

Meeting Minutes for July: Ed asked members in attendance if any corrections were needed for the July Meeting Minutes. No corrections were requested; Mike Zachau moved to accept the July minutes as printed in the July Newsletter. Jim Rice seconded, and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Guest/New Members: John Franklin reported no Guests or New Members were in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Zachau presented the Club's financial statements as of the end of July 2024. Sherman Lindsay moved to receive the report as presented; Gary Barrett seconded, and the motion passed.

Safety Officers' Reports:

Kingsbury Safety officer Mike Fisher was not in attendance. Ed recognized Matt Dirienzo for the mowing he did. Sherman Lindsay pointed out that one wheel of the fire extinguisher cart had broken. He stated that Mike Fisher had originally purchased the wheel and tire from Harbor Freight and was in the process of acquiring a replacement.

Seguin Safety officer Augie Santiago was not in attendance. Ed reported the Seguin JBSA flying site had been reopened 10 days ago. FEMA had used the site to coordinate Houston area recovery efforts from damage caused by hurricane Beryl. The runway used by TCF members has been barricaded by concrete barriers. Ed explained that TCF flying has been moved to the south end of the north/south runway.

Field Manager Report: Gil Martinez was not in attendance. Mike Zachau reported that Chuck was to mow the Kingsbury field on Friday, August 9. Ed stated that the mowing should continue as previously done with 3" pit area grass height and 1 ¾" runway and entrance grass heights. He said runway mowing results were better by starting along the center of the runway and working outward when mowing. He also told members to continue maintaining the height of the runway boarder berms. A plan is being discussed to re-

move the berms in the Fall of this year and roll that area to increase the width of the runway by 10 to 12 feet.

AMA Report: Jim Rice told members that the FAA has been reviewing letters of agreement between land owners and flying site owners to establish RC aircraft flight ceilings. He told members that River City R/C site, near Randolph Airforce Base, had been limited to 400 feet agl. Jim said that he had been told the FAA is reviewing all letters of agreement for flying sites nationwide.

Unfinished Business: Ed told members that Augie Santiago will be the CD for the upcoming National Model Aviation Day event. He said that the Fly-in will be a charity event to help TCF maintain our Gold Leader Club status. He told those in attendance that Augie would be signing up volunteers at the next business meeting. Ed also told members that 9 to 10 volunteers had signed up for mowing.

New Business:

>Ed told members that a nominating committee for the upcoming November Club Election needs to be appointed at the September Club Meeting. The Club Secretary, Vice President, and Kingsbury Safety Officer positions are up for election. Ed is encouraging all to consider serving as a club officer. Terms are for two years.

>A flammable liquids container was purchased and placed behind the Conex at Kingsbury. Ed has moved all fuel and paints to the container. He informed the members that the container did not have enough space to allow for adequate fuel to be kept on hand. He proposed that the Club acquire another container to allow additional storage area for fuel and paints. Ed felt the additional container should not cost more than \$300. The proposal was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved by the attending members. A wind driven vent is also to be installed on the Conex, to vent any fumes that accumulate inside

>Sherman Lindsay proposed that the Club consider the addition of two taxiways to the runway from the pit area. A discussion followed in which it was determined that some safety issues could arise from the use of taxiways in the pit area.

Broken Prop Award: Gary Barrett nominated himself for several loss of control incidents he experienced while flying at Kingsbury recently. With no other nominations, Gary won the Award.



Show and Tell: Jim Rice showed a scratch built airplane of his own design that he recently completed. It is a scaled down version of the AeroMax model he recently built. Jim told members that the maiden flight had issues, and he determined that a different ESC was needed.

Meeting Adjournment: Sherman Lindsay made a motion to adjourn, Gary Barrett seconded All voted and the motion passed.

Upcoming Events:

Next regular TCF business meeting; September 12, 2024 at 7:00pm in Converse at the American Legion Hall.

National Model Aviation Day Fly-In, September 14, 2024 at Kingsbury, Augie Santiago CD.



Hello all, and welcome to the August '24 TCF News Section. I was absent from the August meeting because of some planned travel, so I encourage you to read the President's Column and Meeting Minutes, and take note of the information there.

If you fly at Seguin, be sure to read about the changes in the flying area there. Consider volunteering to help mow at Kingsbury if you are able to, and have time. The more volunteers we have means each one will not have to work as often.

Take note of the upcoming events: National Model Aviation Day (NMAD), September 14, and PFM's Fall Wings and Wheels Fly In, November 9.

Both events are discussed in Ed's President's Column, and the NMAD Event is also in the Meeting Minutes. Our NMAD Fly In is in September instead of the AMA's National date in August, in the hope of a bit cooler weather. AMA is OK with that as long as we report the event was held and how much was contributed to charity. Any class of RC aircraft may be flown at the event. The pilot entry fee will be \$15.00, but will not include lunch this time.

I encourage all members to consider helping with our static display at the PFM Fly In November 9. Any type of RC model is OK as long as it has a good appearance. In other words - no junk. Yes, it is a bit of effort to get a model or two ready, bring them out early Saturday, and pick them up after the event. But, visitors are always interested when we tell them about our planes, and many are impressed by them. Kids - and some adults - have a lot of fun with the flight simulator. The publicity also benefits our club, and the AMA encourages such activity.

As noted in the Minutes, it is time to identify candidates and elect officers for the next term. I understand many of our members are in the club primarily to fly with friends. However, without officers to maintain the club it will cease to exist, along with our flying sites. Enough said on that.

Jim Rice was the only Show and Tell participant this month, and I for one appreciate his skill and prolific model building. He showed a scaled down,

electric powered version of the AeroMax sport aerobatic model. Jim has previously discussed his part in developing the updated AeroMax model that is currently available online. Jim's electric AeroMax is scaled down to about 44% of the larger model, which gives it a wingspan of approximately 36.5 inches. The plane flies on a 3S-2200 mAH battery, at a flying weight of 2.5 Lb.



I know we have other members with interesting and original projects, so let's keep the Show and Tells coming.

In closing, it is going to be hot for a while, so when flying at the field use sun screen, wear a sun hat, and keep hydrated.

As always, this is your club newsletter so share your thoughts and suggestions for future content.

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