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Now in our 49th Year

Next Club Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 2020 at Reggie's on State Line, Arkansas side. Meeting will be at 6:30, come early and enjoy some good food from Reggie's. The Club meetings for 2020 will be held at Reggie's unless otherwise specified. Mark it on your calendar, 3rd Thursday monthly.

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JANUARY 2020

BY PACO RITTER

1/16/20 meeting call to order by President Mitchell at 6:18pm. Motion to accept minutes of last meeting made/seconded by Corey/Sean. Motion passed, minutes are now cast in stone.

Discussion of our most prominent subject, our hog situation. Corey and Susie were going to try the human hair spreading trick to see if that would deter the hogs from having a field day on our field.

We plan to stockpile a load or two of dirt to use as needed to curtail the damage done as soon as the weather will permit us to get the dirt. That might be August the way this rain is hitting us now!

Discussion of perhaps using some wolf urine, another proposed remedy for running off the hogs.

The Corps has bought a big hog trap and has successfully used it so far that we know, two batches of several hogs have been captured. Our field still has tremendous damage in several areas but for the past two or three weeks, no new damage seems to have surfaced. We are hoping that the trap has made a significant difference in the population so that it will keep them away from our area.

Our next big topic of discussion was the increase of our dues for the 2020/2021 dues year. Currently we pay \$100 yearly. We have 32 members of which only about 25 are full dues paying members.

Our expenditures far exceeds our intake every year and it has for the past several years. We survive by having our swap meet and fly in every year plus the past few years we've gained extra due to former members passing away and we liquidate their hobby related items at our swap meet and do it on the halves.

We are attempting to move in to the 21st century on our finances and get our dues up to where we are break even on money without outside sources contributing to stay in the black. With that being said, a motion was made and seconded to raise dues to \$185 per year, which is our break even point. The motion was tabled until next meeting. Discussion and vote will be made at our February meeting on how much our dues will be raised and make it official by being in the newsletter and informing ALL MEMBERS who can voice your opinion and your vote to attend the February meeting.

In addition to dues increase, approval of this year's budget is in order. The only major increase is for field maintenance from \$300 to \$800 which became necessary due to the hog damage. The motion was made and seconded by Sean and Paco, it passed. The increase is so noted in our new budget.

Last major change is possibility of removing the Porti Potty, which is now costing us around \$100

UPCOMING EVENTS

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FEB 29-MAR 01: SC REGIONAL JUDGING SCHOOL, Contact: RICH WHITLOW
Location: 6825 Hwy 71 North Shreveport LA 71107

MARCH 20-21: WAMS ANNUAL SWAP MEET & AUCTION, Contact: VERNE BELL
Location: 2121 Bethel Rd Weatherford TX 76087-9449

MARCH 21: 2020 SOUTH CENTRAL SKILLZ CLINIC, Contact: CAMBIZE SHAHRDAR
Location: 6825 Hwy 71 North Shreveport LA 71107

APRIL 11: RICHARDSON RADIO CONTROL CLUB 4TH ANNUAL BIG BIRD, WAR BIRD, ANY BIRD FUN FLY EVENT, Contact: HAROLD WALSH
Location: 6556 Farm to Market Road 546 Princeton TX 75407

APRIL 25-26: 6TH ANNUAL SHREVEPORT IMAC CHALLENGE Contact: CAMBIZE SHAHRDAR
Location: 6825 Hwy 71 North Shreveport LA 71107

MAY 2-3: JOHN GUNN OPEN INVITATIONAL STUNT CONTEST Contact: JASON CUNNINGHAM
Location: 736 Industrial Rd El Dorado AR 71730

MAY 22-23: MAD DOG MEMORIAL WARBIRD CLASSIC Contact: TODD JACKSON
Location: 892 Buckhorn Bend Loop Rd Monroe LA 71202

MAY 22-23: MARCS FAMILY FUN FLY AND WARBIRDS Contact: STANLEY KOPRESKI
Location: 3211 Central Airport Rd N Little Rock AR 72117

MAY 22-23: NORTHWEST SPRING PATTERN OPENER Contact: WILLIAM BOWEN
Location: 742 Industrial Rd El Dorado AR 71730

JUNE 5-7: 6TH ANNUAL TUFF FUN FLY/TAILGATE SWAP
Location: 3463 Corporate Drive Tyler TX 75702

JUNE 11-14: SUMMER OF FUN FLY 2020 Contact: CLAY RICKS
Location: 172729 North 2910 Road Duncan OK 73533

JUNE 13-14: LOST SQUADRON IMAC Contact: DALE WOMACK
Location: 7158 Lost Squadron Dr Wrightsville AR 72183

JUNE 13: SPRING LAND AND FLOAT FLY Contact: BRUCE ACKERMAN
Location: 1010 FM 2199 Scottsville TX 75672

AUGUST 14-15: WARBIRDS FOR WARRIORS
Location: 6825 Hwy 71 North Shreveport LA 71107

Per month to keep the Porti Potty on site. We need to consider the worth of it at about \$1200 per year.

We have considered a raffle prize of an electric Weekender plane new in the box for our Annual Swap Meet, ticket will be sold to win this item.

All DUES PAYING MEMBERS need to make an effort to be at the February meeting for more discussion and a final vote on dues increase beginning the next dues year beginning July 1, 2020.

Not only that, whether or not to keep our Porti Potty or save another \$1200 per year.

Accept our current budget as outlined last meeting with the only major change being increasing field maintenance from \$300 to \$800 to deal with the hog destruction at our field.

These will be the major topics discussed, voted on and put into play at the February meeting. If you don't come, voice your opinion, vote, then you accept what comes to pass and there is no reason to complain about it.

Safety: dispose of batteries with a bucket of water and salt added to it, put the discharged batteries in it for several days to neutralize them before throwing them in the trash.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15

**Help needed
this coming
Thursday at
4:00pm to move
Charley
McCarley's RC
stuff to Gary's
shop. Need to
do this before
the meeting
Thursday nite. If
you can help,
call Gary for de-
tails. A few peo-
ple and a few
vehicles will
move it all in
one trip. Please
contact Gary if
you can help.**

FLYING FIELD RULES

1. Safety First: all applicable AMA safety rules apply.
2. All flying members must have an AMA membership (insurance)
3. Spectators must remain behind the safety fence at all times.
4. All non 2.4GHz transmitters must have frequency ID tags.
5. The frequency control board will be utilized by all non-2.4GHz flyers.
6. No flying will be done west of the pilot line, over the pits, spectator area or parking lot.
7. Pilots must stand at a pad except when taking off or landing.
8. Announce your intentions before walking from the pilot stations, taking off or landing or emergency situations.
9. Minimize your time east of the pilot stations and in the flight area in the event you must be on the runway or on the flight line.
10. Starting and running up of engines should be done outside of the pit area and with aircraft restrained.
11. All engines 0.10ci and over must have an engine muffler.
12. Aircraft must not be taxied in the pit area or toward any person.
13. Pre-flight check of all aircraft before take off.



CLUB INFORMATION — TEXARKANA RADIO CONTROL FLYING CLUB

The Texarkana R/C Flying Club was formed in 1972 for the purpose of promoting model aviation and to establish a flying site for modelers in the Texarkana area. The club is chartered by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) which is located in Muncie, Indiana. By being a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, a member has liability insurance and competition privileges as well as belonging to a national support group. AMA Members also receive a national monthly magazine, MODEL AVIATION, the official publication of the AMA. Club membership is open to anyone interested in model aviation and the

purpose of our club. Due to insurance stipulations and demands of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, membership in the AMA is required of club members and guest who participate in flying activities at our flying site. Prospective members and visitors are welcome. Our flying site is located at Lake Wright Patman, adjacent to the Oak Park picnic area. This is about a mile north of the spillway on the road in front of the dam. Saturday and Sunday afternoons are the most popular times for flying activities and spectators are always welcome. Model aviation is a great sport/hobby that is enjoyed by over

125,000 people in the USA and by many more thousands internationally. Competitive events and 'Fly-Ins' are very popular throughout the country during the year. The AMA National competition is held at the AMA National Flying Center in Muncie, Indiana during July and August of each year.

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Dues and Fee Schedule for New Members

Per TRCFC Constitution Article IV

JOINING:	OPEN MEMBER	JUNIOR MEMBER	ASSOCIATE MEMBER
	AGES: 19 or more	18 or less	Non Flying
BETWEEN JULY 1 AND DEC 31	\$100.00	\$15.00	\$25.00
BETWEEN JAN 1 AND JUNE 30	\$50.00	\$7.50	\$12.50
LONG DISTANCE MEMBERSHIP:	\$35.00/YEAR	(OVER 50 MILES AWAY, OCCASIONAL FLYER,)	
80YRS OR OVER NON FLYING:	FREE, NO COST		
	MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM JULY 1ST OF THIS YEAR UNTIL JUNE 30TH OF NEXT YEAR.		

Pro-rated half year fee for NEW MEMBERS ONLY. If you were a Club member in the previous 18 months you do not qualify for the pro-rated fee. You will be required to pay full membership as any returning Club member has done.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

To join the Texarkana R/C Flying Club or to renew your membership, please cut out and fill in this form, enclose a check made payable to The Texarkana R/C Flying Club, and mail to:

TEXARKANA R/C FLYING CLUB
P.O. BOX 731
NASH, TX 75569

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____ AMA Number: _____ D.O.B.: ___/___/___

Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____ - _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____ e-mail: _____

AMA Dues (required for flying members)

ADULT MEMBER OVER 19 as of July 1, 2018: \$75 PER YEAR
SENIOR MEMBER 65 or over AS OF JULY 1, 2018: \$65 PER YEAR
EXTRA FAMILY MEMBER LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD: \$38 PER YEAR
YOUTH MEMBER UNDER 19 AS OF JULY 1, 2018: FREE
PARK PILOT 19 AND OVER AS OF JULY 1, 2018: \$38 PER YEAR

For more information, go to: <http://www.modelaircraft.org/>