

R/C Sportflyer May, 2003

Next Meeting at First Baptist Church of Grandview – Thursday, May 1 @ 7:00 p.m.

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Minutes of April 3, 2003 Meeting

We had 20 members and 1 visitor at the April meeting. The visitor was Alex Walter. David Walter joined at the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting and treasurer's report were approved.

Parks: Bernie had a memorandum of understand intended to be between the parks department and RC clubs. There will be a meeting again in about 6 weeks to discuss further.

Combat: AJ Seaholm took second place out of 56 at a large combat meet in Texas. The flyers were from all over the country. It was probably the largest RC combat event to date. Great job AJ!

Formation: John Carnal said that they have had one practice session and it was clear they need lots more practice. (Guys, do you suppose we could have a successful fund raiser by selling tickets to your first few practices each year?)

Training: Training starts Tuesday evening, April 8th (already started by the time you get this). It's every Tuesday and Thursday evening during daylight savings time. For those flying at the field those nights and not training, give priority to the training.

RCSF Open Fun-Fly: The date in the last newsletter was wrong, the correct date is June 7th.

Club hats, shirts, jackets: Dennis Tschirhart had a couple of sample jackets and catalogs at the meeting. The better quality shirts run about \$12.00. He had a light windbreaker as an example that would run \$35 to \$40 with a logo. Give Dennis a call at 816-524-0917 if you're interested

A motion was made and passed to have gray jackets with a red airplane logo.

Antique Aircraft Fly-In, Atchison: If you're interested in attending and helping, Walt Calkins is the contact. The basic situation is that you will help out for a 1-hour (approximate) tour of duty at the gate, spend some time at our static display and the rest of the time you're free to walk the flight line, etc. No guarantee, but you will very likely get an airplane ride out of the deal.

Show and Tell:

Claude Beattie had a Tiger 2, named Gerinimo 2, which is a replacement for his Gerinimo 1. I understand there's a great story around this, but Claude didn't go into the details. It had a Saito .56.

John Carnal had a Katana, Flair ARF with a Bryson 2.4 engine. It weighted 12 lbs, 15 oz. ready to fly. He changed all the hardware to heavier duty stuff. In addition, John had two RC sky divers. One with a round parachute, the other with a ram air chute. I understand the parachutes were compliments of his wife. (You're gonna do something real nice for her for her birthday, aren't you John?) The sky diver with the ram air chute was modeled after Gerard. Pretty neat set up.

Treasurer's Report - This Month

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,034.10			
Income		Expenses		
Dues (New, 2003, 1)	\$25.00	Raffle Prize	40.00	
Dues (Renew, 2003, 2)	\$40.00			
Raffle Prize	\$61.00			
Total Income	\$157.00	Total Expenses	\$40.00	Ending Balance \$ 1,120.10

Note: Transfer of the portion of dues to the mower fund isn't reported this month because Walt (who had the money from the meeting) wasn't able to connect with Mike. The transfer will be reflected in next month's report.

March Allocations

None	\$0.00		
Committed expenses	\$0.00		Forecast Balance \$ 1,120.10

Beginning Balance	\$ 953.89 - Mower Fund			
Income		Expenses		
Dues	0.00	Miscellaneous	0.00	
Total Income	\$ 0.00	Total Expenses	\$ 0.00	Ending Balance 953.89

February Mower Fund Allocations

None	\$0.00		
Committed expenses	\$0.00	Forecast Mower Fund Balance	\$953.89

Calendar of Events – Models

- May 1** RCSF Club Meeting - First Baptist Church Of Grandview
- May 3** RCSF Club Fun-Fly
- May 16-18** Jefferson City Fun-Fly
- Jun 6-8** AMA Grand Event, Des Moines, Iowa - Waterworks Park www.modelaircraft.org
- June 5** RCSF Club Meeting - **Stamm Field**
- Jun 7** RCSF Open Fun-Fly
- Sept 27** RCSF Club BBQ

Calendar of Events – Full Scale

- May 24** Antique Aircraft Fly-In, Atchison, RCSF invited
- Jun 13-15** WWI Replica Fighters, Gardner, KS
- Jun 14-16** Wings Over Whiteman, Whiteman Air Force Base, Thunderbirds scheduled, www.whiteman.af.mil
- Jun 27-Jul 1 B-17 Aluminum Overcast** at Lee's Summit Airport, rides a low-low price of \$395.
<http://www.b17.org/schedule.html>
- July 17-19** Heart of America CAF Open House, New Century Airport
- July 22-28** Oshkosh! 100th anniversary of Wright brothers flight
- Aug 27-Sep 1** Antique Aircraft National Fly-In, Blakesburg, IA
- Sept 11** Recreation of the 1932 Ford National Air Tours - Includes planned stop in Kansas City, (tentative date).
More information to come as it's available. (www.NationalAirTour.org)

Aviation on TV

- Dec 17** Documentary of the Wright brothers
- Fall '03** (date not finalized) Documentary of the Red Baron, WW I ace Manfred von Richthofen

The good news is that Cliff Albright attended the meeting! Great to see Cliff out and about.

This month I have a repeat of an article that appeared last year about ticks. Unfortunately, the ticks will also be repeating, so I thought the article was timely. Also, I've included a current list of club members. I've included all paid members from this year and 2002. The first column indicates whether dues have been paid for 2003.....just is gentle hint there. - Walt.

Pick that Tick

Learn how to remove this bloodsucking parasite before trouble begins

(From October 2001 *Field & Stream*)

When you see a tick attached to your skin, your first reaction - to get it off - is understandable. However, it's important to know how to dislodge a tick safely to minimize the risk of contracting Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses.

Small and Stubborn

A tick has three active life stages: larva, nymph and adult. The black-legged tick (*Ixodes scapularis*), also known as the deer tick, and the Western black-legged tick are capable of transmitting Lyme disease bacteria to humans during the nymphal and adult stages. (The deer tick also transmits the pathogen that causes human granulocytic ehrlichiosis and babesiosis, other tick-related diseases contracted by humans.) At the nymphal stage, these ticks are no larger than the point of a pencil tip. The female adult grows to about the size of a sesame seed, yet can swell 10-fold in size when fully engorged, says Dr. Kirby C. Stafford III, chief entomologist at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. The nymphs and adult females, he says, are the main transmitters of Lyme disease.

The height of tick season is during the warm-weather months. Ticks live in shrubs, grassy areas and open fields, and attach to humans and animals during close contact. They lodge themselves by inserting their mouthparts into the skin surface, secreting a cement like substance into the wound to provide a firm attachment.

Remove ASAP

If you discover a tick on you, remove it promptly. Don't panic, because not all ticks are infected with diseases. Also, the probability of contracting a tick-borne disease, such as Lyme, is greatly reduced if the tick is dislodged within the first 24 to 48 hours.

Use a pair of very fine-point tweezers (also know as jeweler's forceps), which are available at drugstores and medical or veterinarian supply companies. The tick may appear embedded in the skin, but only it's mouthparts penetrate the skin's surface. Insert the tweezer tips under the tick's body from the side and grasp its mouthparts or head at the skin surface. Gently pull the tick straight out, making sure that all the parts are removed. Then clean the bite with antiseptic.

Although there are a variety of tick-removal devices on the market, Dr. Stafford says, "many of the devices are designed for larger species, like the dog tick. I have found that a pair of fine-point tweezers is still your best bet."

Do *not* crush, twist or burn the tick with a match, or smother it with petroleum jelly, as you may have learned in the past. These procedures, according to Dr. Stafford, are not very effective and increase the chances of disease transmission. If you do not have tweezers available, use a tissue or leaf to grasp the tick with our fingertips and provide a barrier against the tick's body fluids if it should burst.

If the tick is engorged, or if you think you've been infected, have the tick tested by your local health department. Place the tick in a vial and insert a damp cloth or add alcohol to preserve it. Note the location and the date when the bite occurred, where the tick attached itself on the body, and your present health condition. Call your doctor to determine if any treatment is required. Watch for 30 days for any signs of infection such as an expanding red rash, flu-like symptoms, and joint pain.

Precautions

During tick season, take steps to guard against becoming a host. Travel on cleared, well-populated trails; wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants in light colors (which make it easier to spot ticks); apply effective tick repellents periodically; and check your skin and clothing often.