

# R/C Sportflyer April, 2004

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The Radio Control Sport Flyers fly from Stamm Field, located near the south-east corner of Longview Park, operated by the Jackson County Parks Department. For information about the Parks department, visit their web site at: <http://www.jacksongov.org/rec.shtml> For the calendar of parks events: [http://www.jacksongov.org/rec\\_ce.shtml](http://www.jacksongov.org/rec_ce.shtml)

First, for those of you that will be wondering, the following is *not* an April fool joke. If you noticed that the last newsletter you got was a February newsletter and this is an April one, there was no March newsletter. Since the February meeting didn't happen because of the ice storm, I made the executive decision not to do a newsletter for March.

### Minutes of March 4, 2004 Meeting

We had 18 members and 1 visitor. The visitor was Joe Cygan who is the RC Association's representative to the Parks department.

The minutes of the last meeting was approved.

The treasurer's report was approved. George reported that he had found an extra \$32.75 that he couldn't reconcile to the financial statement. It is reflected in this month's report as an income adjustment.

### Old Business:

**Helicopters Committee:** The committee did meet since the last meeting. The basic conclusion was that fixed wing and helicopters can fly together, with some restrictions. Joe Schield took notes of the meeting and will be sharing those.

**Parks:** Bernie and Joe Cygan spent some time discussing various subjects dealing with the Parks department. They have a horticulturist that handles issues with trees and the horticulturist will check the trees at the field. They will also fix or replace the orange fence and raise the pilot pads. They are also going to put GPS coordinates on the sign at the field. If emergency help is needed (ambulance, fire, etc.) give the GPS coordinates when calling 911.

Also, if you do anything to make the flying field better, including picking up trash (who doesn't?), help with the seeding, fertilizing or anything of that nature, let Bernie know. He prepares a report of the number of volunteer hours worked to the Parks department. This helps the club in that we communicate our direct value to the Parks department and it helps them in being able to demonstrate the value of the various programs.

**Mower:** The club has a new mower. It's a Troy Bilt, 42 inch cut that cost, including taxes, \$1,057.98. We had some discussion about the old mower and the consensus was to offer it to someone that wouldn't mind messing around with the front end for \$150.00 or best offer. George said that the engine's good and, other than the front end needing TLC, it's a reasonably good mower.

### New Business:

**Work Day:** We will have to (probably has already happened) fertilize the field. This is a regular spring "event."

A motion was made, seconded and passed to buy fertilizer.

**Club Shirts:** Dave Walter will be handling the purchase of club shirts. If you are interested, give him a call at 816-350-1862. He will need your size. They come in white and gray and cost \$10.00.

**Hobby Haven Discount:** Club members get a discount on merchandise bought at Hobby Haven. The amount depends on the markup. Also, I've found it helps to pay in cash. Walt will provide them with a club roster.

**Raffle Prize:** Craig Alumbaugh won the \$20.00 gift certificate for Hobby Haven.

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**Show and Tell:** Hans Kilz had an electric Stretch 1 built from Model Aviation plans. He built it because he had some leftover balsa that he wanted to put to good use. Unfortunately, he didn't have any leftover batteries and electric motor! It turned into a little bigger project, financially, than he intended.

Mike Krass had a Stinger 120 "jelly belly" plane, check with Mike about the "jelly belly" explanation.

Scott Goergen is back with us and had a D&L Edge.

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### Calendar of Events – Models

<b>Apr 1</b>	RCSF Club Meeting – At the First Baptist Church of Grandview
<b>Apr 3</b>	RCSF Club Fun Fly
<b>May 6</b>	RCSF Club Meeting – At the First Baptist Church of Grandview
<b>May 8</b>	RCSF Club Fun Fly
<b>Jun 3</b>	RCSF Club Meeting – At Stamm Field
<b>Jun 5</b>	RCSF Open Fun Fly
<b>Jun 19-20</b>	KCRC Annual Pattern Contest
<b>Sept 10-12</b>	KCRC 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fly-in
<b>Sept 23-26</b>	US Scale Masters Championship – Gardner Airport
<b>Sept 25</b>	RCSF Club BBQ
<b>Oct 2</b>	Harvesters Fun-Fly Benefit

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### Calendar of Events – Full Scale

<b>June 19-20</b>	WWI Replica Fighters Fly-in, Gardner Kansas
<b>June 25-26</b>	Vintage/Antique aircraft fly-in, Gardner, Kansas
<b>July 27 - Aug 2</b>	EAA annual bash, Oshkosh
<b>Sept 4</b>	National antique aircraft fly-in, Blakesburg, Iowa

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**For Sale:** Used riding lawn mower, \$150 or best offer. This mower served the RCSF for many years and is in need of a new home. It's got a good engine, but usually needs some help getting the steering to work well. If you are mechanically inclined and don't mind messing with it some, it will last for some time.

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Spring is here and, unfortunately, it usually brings some critters most of us could do without. So, here's a reminder of how to deal with some of them. 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 your 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.