



The Flight Recorder

Tri County R/C Club



March 2017

www.tricountyrcclub.homestead.com

Editors Notes

I haven't been out to the field much this month again, but on one of my few trips I ended up going to the emergency room for stitches. I did one of those dumb things, ignored the first rule of safety and all that. I wasn't careful with my little foamy and it bit me, got a number of stitches in my leg for my lack of attention.

It really has been windy and cool, March can do that, I know a few hardy souls have been out but I guess I'm just used to steamy old Florida, seems like time it warms up in the morning the wind is up and I just don't do a lot of wind anymore, never was a big fan. But it is a good time to get things done, I sent an email around a bit ago from Wayne Briant requesting help on March 18th, I'm sure everyone has a skill that can be useful, Wayne's contact information is on the third page, let him know what you would like to do, its a good way to meet new friends and interesting people and of course help keep our club in great shape

We are getting very close to the big bird fly - in, there is a poster on page four with all the information, if you can help please contact Terry Bingham his phone and email are on the poster. If you have a big bird you still have plenty of time to test fly it and get it ready for the event.

I did see a lot of the gang in Perry GA for the annual big bash, we all had fun, and made some great deals, in fact Terry Weaver bought back a plane he sold last year, I have always felt we just move stuff around, nobody seems to come back with less than they sold or traded.

See ya at the field,

Dave Small

**Next Meeting Saturday March
11th 9:00 AM
at the field**

Minutes for the Tri-County R/C Club – February 4, 2017

The monthly Tri-County R/C Club meeting was convened on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017 by our President Dave Rallens, presiding. There were 31 members and guests present. A motion was made by Dale Curran and seconded by Joe Olson to accept last months' minutes. Minutes were accepted as written, by the membership.

- John Kettgen mentioned about our member Terry Austin's passing and said a few nice words about Terry and his love for the club and how he loved to fly R/C airplanes. Once he got his certificate he would have loved to fly "gliders". Rest in Peace Terry, we miss you already.
- John further mentioned that we have Gold Club patches, (five year) and Gold Club pins for those who want them.
- Tom Gorth gave the Treasurer's report.
- Wayne Briant mentioned that he and his help had added a new gate. Nice job Wayne and also for work on the "pump House" cover and insulation job.
- Wayne is looking for some help for future work projects that will be starting in March 2017
- Wayne is presently collecting maintenance hours and is requesting, that if you have not filled out a Greenways Volunteer form, please do so, and give to Wayne.
- Terry Bingham, our Big Bird CD, mentioned that he is considering a TCRC Float for the Christmas parade this year. He is requesting help on making one with final decisions forthcoming. Please see Terry with help and some ideas.
- Tom Gorth mentioned that we were doing great with membership: 120 members so far.
- Joe Dias was not present, but Rafael Figueroa said that he was going to take over the drinks.
- Raymond Forbes, our newly elected Safety Chairman reiterated to PLEASE STAY AWAY FROM BRIDGES ROAD, when flying toward the West end of the field.
- The 15th "Big Bird Fly-in" on April 8th is approaching very rapidly, Terry can use all the help he can muster--so please step up to the plate and volunteer.
- Orval Altwasser was introduced by our Chief Pilot Trainer, Norman Albert, as a new pilot from Saskatchewan, Canada. Welcome Orval---surely hope you don't plan on commuting every day.
- Also introduced was James Giannetta who mentioned that he was progressing well as an electric trainee and had 7 flights and was focused on safety first--nice James! Good words about Safety. Welcome to you and Orville, both.
- Tom Gorth and Dave Small both mentioned that we must collect ALL maintenance hours for the Greenways Parks and Recreation folks. This will include all administration hours and tasks related--including going to get gas and/or lawn mower servicing. Please cooperate by gathering all hours for Wayne Briant.
- Tom Gorth said , presently, we have 121 members.
- Norman Albert did an excellent job, changing all the locks on our cook shack cabinets to "Heavy Duty Commercial Types".
- Wayne Briant made a motion to move key for cook shack cabinets to a new location. If you need to know---please see Joe Dias/Wayne Briant.
- Chris Wieland mentioned that there was an excellent article on finding a flying site in the AMA journal, we should all read
- Tom Gorth mentioned that our entire TCRC B.O.D. all went to a Greenways user meeting at Silver Springs State Park. The purpose was to assure that we would support Greenways parks and Recreations as needed and to assess if we needed anything from Greenways. Tom gave an excellent presentation to the Greenways folks----and the bottom line is that WE do not need anything from Greenways, we are self sufficient and support ourselves. Tom additionally mentioned that we give back a lot to our community in the form of monetary donations to local charities.
- David Rallens mentioned, "Don't forget our meeting is the second Saturday in March, due to the Perry Swap meet".
- Ken Bonneau, our Good and welfare Chairman, mentioned that he has had a busy month, with the passing of three of our members; Terry Austin, Louis Lopez and Bob Lehr.
- Steve Tibbetts said that he has airplanes for sale, if interested please see Steve.
- 50/50 won by Rafael Figueroa, Door Prize won by Ralph Rogers
- Motion to adjourn meeting by Raymond Forbes, seconded by Dale Curran, all was in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 A.M.

THE FLIGHT RECORDER

Volume 32 Issue 3

March 2017

In Association With The "Office of the Greenways & Trails"

President - Dave Rallens	(720) 472-0097	dmrallens@comcast.net
Vice President - Norm Albert	(352) 465-1983	NormanAlbert67@att.net
Secretary - John Kettgen	(352) 489-9375	johnruthkettgen41@yahoo.com
Treasurer - Tom Gorth	(352) 216-3820	hiandtom66@gmail.com
Membership- director -Ralph Rogers	(352) 344-4461	rrogers35@comcast.net
Field Marshal - Wayne Briant	(352) 812-3780	wbriant@cfl.rr.com
Safety Officer- Raymond Forbes	(703) 624-0311	minitara@msn.com
Newsletter editor - Dave Small	(352) 586-9143	dgsml1@tampabay.rr.com
Website - Judie Small	(352) 341-3706	judie@tampabay.rr.com
Rainbow café head chef - Joe Dias	(352) 342-2899	cjdias1959@aol.com

Instructor Pilots

Norm Albert (352) 465-1983, Chairman Pilot Training, gas, glow, elec.

Dr. Ralph Rogers* (352) 344-4461 glow, elec.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA 2017 R/C & SPECIAL EVENTS

Mar 7th I.M.A.C. O.F.M.C. Ocala
Mar 25 Fun-Fly H.A.M. Brooksville
Apr 4~9 43rd EAA Sun 'n Fun EAA Lakeland
Apr 8 15th Big Bird Fly-In Tri-County Dunnellon
Apr 6th Kingdom of the Sun Pattern O.F.M.C. Ocala
Apr 7~9 62nd Toledo Model Expo Weak Signals Toledo OH
Apr 22 12th Spring Fly-In O.T.O.W. Ocala
Apr 24~29 15th S.E.F.F. Fayette Flyers Andersonville GA
Apr 21st Spring Fling O.F.M.C. Ocala
Apr 29~30 Florida Soaring Society F.S.S. Morriston
May 3~7 1 29th Top Gun F.T.E. Lakeland
May 13 Big Bird H.A.M. Brooksville
May 13~25 35th Joe Nall Triple Tree Aero Woodruff SC
May 27 14th All Electric Fly-In O.W.L.S. Morriston
Jun 3 8th All electric Fly-In Tri- County Dunnellon
Jun 10 Fun-Fly H.A.M. Brooksville
Jul- 24~30 65nd EAA Air Venture EAA Oshkosh WI
Aug 12 8th Hot Deals Swap Meet H.A.M. Brooksville
Sept 22nd End Of Summer Fly-In O.F.M.C. O n cala
Sep 16 17th Yeager Warbird Fly-In Tri-County Dunnellon
Corrections/Additions to lyslackevents@bellsouth.net ~ List updated Jan 16th, 2017

Area Hobby Shops

NOELL'S HOBBIES
113 N. Main Street
Wildwood, FL 34785
352 - 748-003

ROB'S HOBBY WORLD
8585 S.W. S.R. 200 Ste.
N Steeplechase Plaza
Ocala, FL 34474 352-
854-2799

Website Address

www.tricountyrcclub.homestead.com

**Check the web site for upcoming events,
pictures of events that have happened,
and all the newsletters for the last year**



➔ Rainbow R/C Park, Dunnellon, FL, located east of Dunnellon on S.R. 484 to Bridges Road and then follow signs to the field.

➔ Current A.M.A. card required

➔ Minimum wing span of 80" Mono, 60" Biplane

➔ Pilot registration 8:00, meeting 8:30

➔ Landing fee \$5.00,

parking donation for non flyers \$2.00

➔ Pilot Prizes

➔ "Pilot Choice Award"

➔ Warbirds Welcome

➔ No Turbine Aircraft

**Profits will be donated
to a local charity**

AMA Sanctioned #312

Bring a Big Bird, lawn chair and an Appetite

Rainbow Cafe will be open for lunch

More Information??

Terry Bingham 954-249-5601 scalerctb@yahoo.com

All AMA Safety Rules & Regulations will be STRICTLY FOLLOWED