



# The Flight Recorder

Tri County R/C Club



May 2017

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Pictured above: Dave Rallens presenting a check for \$1000 dollars to Ken Nelson coordinator for food for kids in Marion county with John Kettgen our secretary on his left and Tom Gorth our treasurer on Ken's right, the donation being the profits from our Big Bird fly-in. At right is the sign on their warehouse. This program distributes backpacks of food to 1600 Marion county kids on Friday, otherwise these children might not have meals all weekend. Dave will elaborate more on the program at our meeting Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May.

The fly-in was not very successful in drawing pilots, I believe the cold windy weather the week before was a factor for visiting pilots, but lack of participation by our members was disappointing. We had a very good crowd of spectators, but just a few planes flying, but the few guys that did fly used up a lot of fuel trying to keep something in the air all the time, thanks guys.

Joe's gang in the cafe did their usual tremendous job both at the fly-in and our club picnic two weeks later, I know I ate too much and just scratched the surface of all the great dishes brought by our members, and of course the offerings from the cafe. It was a great day, got to see a lot of folks we haven't seen in a while and the weather was perfect.

Our next event is the electric fly-in Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> so you've still got plenty of time to charge up your batteries, page 4 is the event flyer with more information, if you can help contact Bruce Richardson, his contact info is on the flyer.  
See ya at the field!

Dave Small

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## Next Meeting Saturday

## May 6th 9:00 AM

## at the field

## Minutes for the Tri-County R/C Club – April 1, 2017

The monthly Tri-County R/C Club meeting, was held on April 1, 2017 with for Dave Rallens presiding. Previous month's minutes were accepted as read. There were 24 members present.

- John Kettgen mentioned that we have both of the clubs "Real Flight" simulators back, and are available to any club member in good standing. Please see John if you would like to borrow one for home use.
- John, again, mentioned that we still have Gold Club patches, (five year) and Gold Club pins for those who want them. There are some left over for those who need an extra. Please see John after the meeting. Steve Tibbetts is selling some of his RC equipment and will outline what's available. If you miss him at this meeting his home phone number is 352-746-2283. Please give him a call.
- Tom Gorth gave the Treasurer's report. As always, if you need details, please see Tom. Tom mentioned that we have 121 members, including 7 honorary.
- Dave Rallens mentioned a special thank you for all that helped with the work in "sprucing" up the Flight Shack, Cook Shack and grounds. Everything looks GREAT!
- Terry Bingham reminded everyone of the up and coming Big Bird Fly-in on April 8th. All appears to be going well and a thank you to all that have volunteered. Steve Tibbetts mentioned that the Star Banner had a nice "blurb" on the up and coming Big Bird.
- Tom Gorth again mentioned that we will be raffling off a beautiful German Stukka, built by Stan Barr, a club member who recently passed away, Stan was a master builder, at our Big Bird Contest. The cost of tickets is (3) for \$5.00. He is selling tickets up front---proceeds from Big Bird will go to a local charity. The plan was donated by Stan's family.
- Raymond Forbes, our Safety Chairman, mentioned that an incident had occurred recently, where an airplane had crashed on the other side of Bridges Road. Apparently he lost his battery and the plane went down. Please assure that your aircraft is secure and that all hardware is tight.
- Norman Albert said that he only had one trainee at present.
- Joe Dias mentioned that he had barbecue chicken for the Big Bird with potato salad---yummm. So come on out and have a ball! Joe also said that he was cooking for the picnic as well--remember the date is April 22, 2017. Everyone should bring a covered dish and an appetite. A special treat will be the "ham" that Rafael Figueroa is donating to the picnic. The picnic will start at around 11:00 A.M. and should be over by around 1:30 or so.
- Bill Beckett suggested that we put a roof over the lawn mower repair station to facilitate repairs on hot and/or rainy days. This will make Bills job a lot easier. Everyone thought it would be a good idea. George Derewenko suggested that we set up an escrow account for Bill Beckett to allow some flexibility to him to buy much needed parts and lawn mower repair items. This should "untie" some of the wait time and will make it easier for him. A real special thank you to Bill Beckett. Chris mentioned to take it easy on our head mechanic.
- John Kettgen will buy a get well card for Dick Lafontaine and get everyone's signature. Dave Small will send out Dick's temporary address, in Georgia, and phone number to all club members, if anyone would like to call to wish him well.
- A suggestion was made to reintroduce the noise limitations. This will be further discussed. Would the person who has the Db meter please come forth and see John Kettgen. Thank you.
- 50/50 won by Jerry Dittmar Door Prize won by Bob Myers
- Motion to adjourn meeting by Ralph Rogers, seconded by Keith Young, so moved.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:35 A.M, John Kettgen, Secy for Tri-County R/C 4/15/17

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## NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA 2017 R/C & SPECIAL EVENTS

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. Ocala  
**Sep 16 17th** Yeager Warbird Fly-In Tri-County Dunnellon  
Oct 14 **4th** Hellings Benefit Fun-Fly H.A.M. Brooksville  
Oct 21~22 Florida Soaring Society F.S.S. Alachua  
Oct **15h** I.M.A.C. O.F.M.C. Ocala  
Oct 4th 12 O'clock High F.T.E. Lakeland  
Oct 7 **17th** Open Fly-In O.T.O.W. Ocala  
Oct **16th** Salute to Vets O.F.M.C. Ocala  
Nov 18~19 Tangerine Soaring Competition Orlando Buzzards Morriston  
Nov 18 8th Big Bird H.A.M. Brooksville  
**Dec 2 19th** Santa Fly-In Tri-County Dunnellon  
Dec 16 **8th** Cool Deals Swap Meet H.A.M. Brooksville

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List updated Jan 16th. 2017*

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

# 8th Annual All Electric Fly-In



June 3, 2017



Electric airplanes only, ducted fan jets, helicopters large and small are welcome.

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**TRI-COUNTY R/C CLUB**

- ◆ June 3, 2017
- ◆ Rainbow R/C Park, Dunnellon
- ◆ Location: East of Dunnellon
- ◆ on S.R. 484 to Bridges Road, then follow signs to the field.
- ◆ Pilot registration starts at 8:30.
- ◆ Pilot meeting 9:00
- ◆ Landing fee \$5.00
- ◆ Parking donation for non-flyers \$2.00.
- ◆ **Rainbow Cafe OPEN**

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