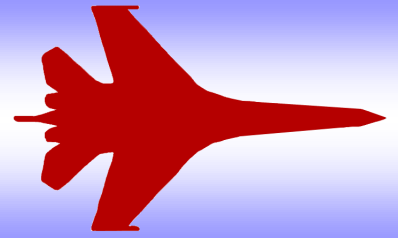


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President's Notes

If you've been out to the field lately you will have noticed some really nice upgrades to our pit and taxi area asphalt. In addition to crack-filling work on the main runway, we had a new layer of asphalt applied to those non-runway areas and it looks great! It doesn't hurt that all new stripes were laid down afterward. The work was facilitated by significant volunteer work (surface and area prep, cleanup, landscape work, etc.) from a great group of **TRAC** members: (alphabetical list)

Club Secretary Devin Allen

Club Director Bob Boetger

Vince Cesario

Club VP James Chambers

Wayne Mosier

Lead Flight Instructor Ivan Peck

Eric Randall

Club Director Don Riek

Steve Risner

James Schuster (new member)

George Wenzel

After the new asphalt was applied, some members noticed the new asphalt edges were steep enough to possibly be a trip/fall hazard and the sharp edges could allow chunks to easily be broken off. So, the volunteer crew "sprang" into action and added sod segments to fill in the areas and smooth the transitions. All in all, a great result directly attributable to club members taking the time and expending the effort (including blood, sweat, and tears ☺) to get the job done. Thank you all very much for making a difference!

Don't forget that we have a Club FUN-FLY coming up on Saturday, May 15 (details on flyer inside). If you've never participated in a FUN-FLY, they are a blast! I urge everyone - *regardless of skill level* - to try it at least once. We have had a student still on a buddy box compete and place in a previous FUN-FLY. If you don't want to fly, event CD James Chambers needs folks to work the stopwatches and be spot-landing judges, and we always need the crowd (a.k.a. peanut gallery) to "encourage" the contestants. ☺

See you at the field,
Scott

TRAC MINUTES

March 13, 2021

Meeting Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Tres. Chuck Wolfe at 11:02 am with 27 members present.

Motion to accept minutes of last meeting was made, seconded and passed.

Treasury Report

Tres. Chuck Wolfe presented a detailed treasury report and break down of expenses:

Beginning Balance	\$ XXXX
Income	\$ 000.00
Expenses	\$ 8779.91
Closing Balance	\$ XXXXX
Runway Fund	\$ XXXXX

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made, seconded, and passed.

[Pres. Scott takes over @ 11:08am]

New Members/New Pilots

New members Bill Purdell and James Schuster -
"Welcome to TRAC!"

Safety block

We had a complaint about people using the taxiway as a runway for their foamies. This is not permitted, you have to use the runways or the ultralight flying area at the northeast of the pits.

There was also a discussion about 3D flying and proper flying etiquette. If someone is flying the pattern and you want to fly 3D you have to get permission first, and if someone is flying 3D and you want to go out and fly pattern, you should wait for them to finish. Let's be courteous and respectful to everyone. This is supposed to be fun for all.

There was also a discussion about wearing masks/ COVID-19 safety. According to our agreement with the county, if you are within 6 feet of someone inside or outside you have to be wearing a mask. There was some discussion about if the county had augmented this and Scott K. is going to reach out to James Crouch to get the facts.

Old Business

Scott K. took down names of the volunteers that helped with the taxiway/pits repaving and re-sodding project
Thanks to everyone who helped!

VP James Chambers was unable to attend the meeting, so we were unable to get an update for the new sign.

New Business

Dale Harwell suggested a Fun Fly. CD James Chambers has said we need 10 flyers to have a Fun Fly. Could be on the 24th of April. Dale is trying to get pilots to sign up.

TRAC flying hours were discussed:

No aircraft

(regardless of power...electric, gas, nitro) are allowed to fly until 8:00 am, and flying stops at dusk.

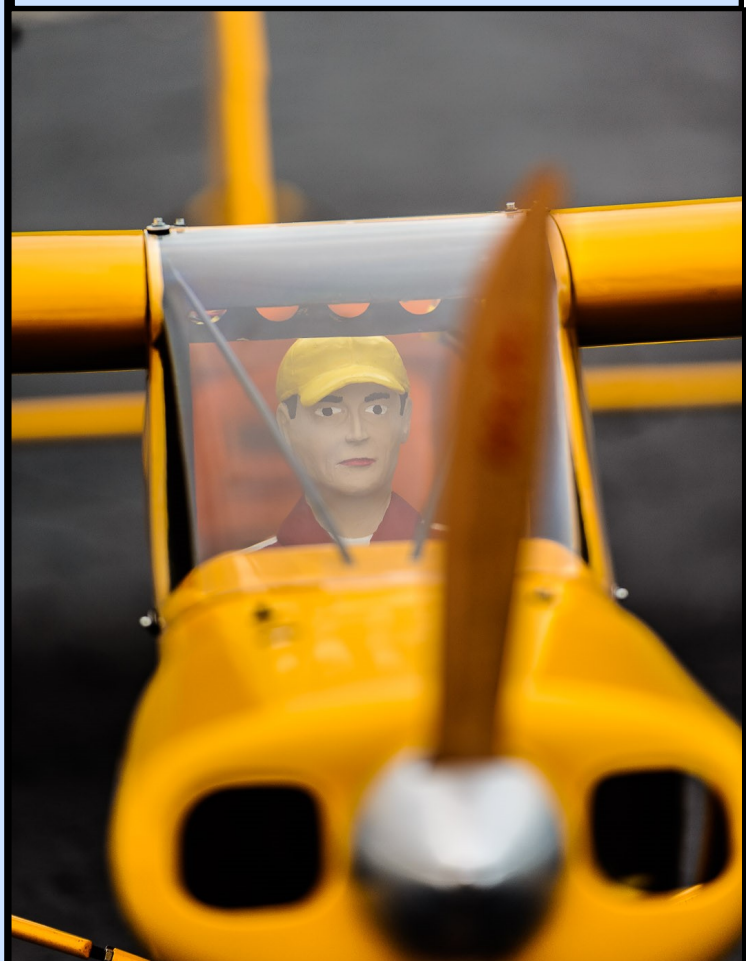
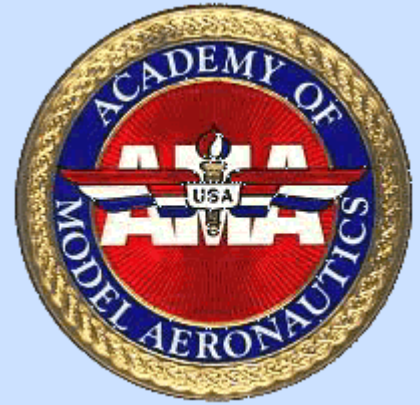
Show and Tell

John Heald talked about printing a baby Cox motor with his 3D printer. He has also printed pilot figures and nose cones for his planes.

Stuart Block lost a Futaba 10J. It was found and put up on the refrigerator, but it is no longer there. If you have it, please contact Stuart or one of the officers.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:48am





Fun-Fly Competition!



Saturday May 15, 2021

Events Start: 9:00 a.m.

Trim Flights/Registration:

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

For more information, call:
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www.tractampa.com



Featuring **FUN-FLY**
Maneuver Sets

• ***Mystery* (to be announced)**

Aircraft Class Determined by CD (James)

*Bonus points for
spot landings & balloon burst!*

Driving Directions to TRAC
7208 N Taylor Rd, Seffner, FL

- 1) Take I-4 to Exit 10 - Mango Road Hwy 579
- 2) Head North .9 miles to Pruet Rd, and turn right
- 3) Head East .7 miles to Taylor Rd, and turn right
- 4) Head South .3 miles to 7208 Taylor Road
- 5) **TRAC** driveway is past Bing Park on right



At the field with Devin

I'm with Vince Cesario today...

So Vince how long have you been in the hobby?

Since 1973 so over 48 years

What attracted you to the hobby?

I was inspired by my uncle who was in WWII and have always loved airplanes

Did you have an instructor teach you to fly RC or were you self-taught

I was taught by a gentleman named John Clark

What was the first plane you ever flew remote control

A scratch built Ugly Stik 60

What was your favorite plane you ever owned and why

The Ugly Stik and the Hangar 9 Ultra Stik because they are the best ones to fly

What was your least favorite plane and why

The hardest plane that I ever owned was the P-51 Mustang it takes off and flies great but landings can be a handful.

Do you have any planes with a special sentiment?

I have 4 scratch built one of kind planes that Glen Roberts who helped build this club from the start willed to me

What did or do you do for a living

I sold material handling shelving, racking, caster wheels, and other things like that

What are some of your other hobbies or interests?

I collect Lionel model trains and have built a layout in my living-room, I also have an interest in cars I currently own a 1967 Chevrolet Camaro and a Subaru STI

Did you serve in the military and if yes what did you do

Yes, I enlisted when I was 18 and was a tank driver for 6 months then I was promoted to Sergeant and became a tank commander in Vietnam.

Are you a gas, nitro, or electric guy what do you prefer and why?

I don't do electric but I have some gas and nitro I'm just not really interested in electric power.

2 stroke or 4 stroke do you have a preference and why?

Both but the YS 120 puts out more power than any 2 stroke because of its super charger that allows you to swing a bigger prop.

Are you more of a builder or a flyer?

I do both

If you could have any RC plane what would it be tell me the model, what power and why?

Giant Ugly Stik powered by gas

For those new to the hobby what are some recommendations you would make to them

When you're new you have to have not just a good instructor, but a great instructor without a great one you just won't progress very far in your flying skills

Who in the club do you think is one of the best pilots?

Ivan Peck he's not only a very good pilot but he's one of the best instructors, and my son Vincent jr. he's probably one of the best if not the best out here, but there are a lot of good flyers out here. With the crosswinds we deal with so frequently you learn how to be a very good pilot especially doing crosswind landings.

What would you like to see more of in the hobby?

I would like to see more military aircraft even though they are more difficult to fly especially during crosswinds on landings

What would you like to see less in the hobby?

I'm not really into the electrics because when you're flying with them they are so quiet it's sometimes hard to tell where they are and without a spotter there is more of a risk for a collision

Do you have a Motto or philosophy you try to live your life by?

One day at a time



Upcoming Events

TRAC - Club Meeting at Field, Saturday, Apr 10, at 11:00AM

TRAC - Club Meeting at Field, Saturday, May 8, at 11:00AM

TRAC - Club Fun Fly at Field, Saturday, May 15, at 08:00AM

TRAC - Club Meeting at Field, Saturday, Jun 12, at 11:00AM



3D Printing: (from John Heald)

This is the Cox motor I printed for George. It is an electric motor mount and dummy glow engine all-in-one.



Safe Flying

Next Club Meeting: Saturday, April 10, 2021