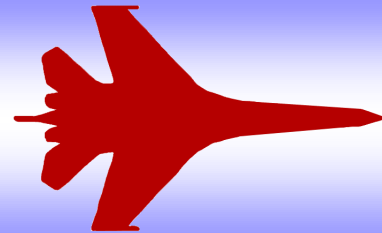


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Auction to support our runway!

There will be a small auction immediately after the 8/14 club meeting of items recently donated to the club. There will be no minimums, no reserves, and everything must go; all proceeds go to the **TRAC** Runway Fund.

There are three aircraft (SIG Kadet Senior, Thunder Tiger Windstar, and a 54" Piper Cub), a nice float plane with a mis-matched wing, solo fuselage, wings, transmitters, field boxes, custom field cradle, extra landing gear/wheels, etc.

Be there and show your support!

TRAC MINUTES

July 10, 2021

Meeting Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Scott Kantrowitz at 11:00 a.m. with 18 signed-in members present. Motion to accept minutes of last meeting was made, seconded, and passed.

Treasury Report

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

Beginning Balance	\$ XXXX
Income	\$ 330.91
Expenses	\$ 165.50
Closing Balance	\$ XXXX
Runway Fund	\$ 9936.65

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

New Members/New Pilots

Roger Baker. Welcome to the club!

Safety block

We had an incident when someone was standing in the middle of the runway flying while others were also flying. This is not permitted...all flyers have to stand behind the gates at all times.

Unfinished Business

The new TRAC road sign has been approved and ordered from the sign maker.

Tail holder update we are still waiting to hear from Zach but we had some suggestions on what parts and sources.

New Business

James Chambers has been in contact with the heads of the parks department about possibly getting some funds to help us with the runway repair it is looking very promising, and they are going to send some people out to inspect our runway to determine what needs to be done, so if anyone from the county comes out let them have access to whatever they need and as always be polite.

Show-and-Tell

John Heald showed us his 3D-printed Eclipsion Model T. It was a really cool looking design but when John went to maiden it, the CG was a little off and it crashed. The good news is John can just print the new parts and give it another try a little later.

Eric Randall was up next with his modified Phoenix Sonic. He added larger control surfaces for better control and added 2 wing mounted .15 engines to go along with the .46 size motor mounted to the fuselage. Eric was able to setup differential thrust mixing and additional control surface mixing. Unfortunately when it came time for the test flight he had a throttle servo failure and will have to try it at a later date.

Last up was Devin Allen...he showed his method to identify props he uses, since he only flies 4 different sizes of Saito motors, he uses 12 and 13 inch diameter props, but the pitches he uses are 6 and 8 so he paints the 6 inch pitch prop tips yellow and the 8 inch pitch props white. It makes it much easier than trying to read the small print on the props.

Adjournment 11:44 a.m.



At the field with Devin...

I'm with Wayne Mosier

So Wayne how long have you been in the hobby?

40+ Years

What attracted you to the hobby?

My father introduced me to the hobby.

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

My father helped me.

What was the first plane you ever flew remote control?

Skyward 40 trainer

What was your favorite plane you ever owned and why?

Basically, any of my gassers.

What was your least favorite plane and why?

Tiger 30 because it was sluggish and not responsive.

Do you have any planes with a special sentiment?

No, not really.

What did or do you do for a living?

My family owned a an Air Conditioning business and I also was a professional wrestler for 4 years.

What are some of your other hobbies or interests?

Muscle Cars and Motorcycles

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

No

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

I'm a Gas guy because they are a little more

realistic sounding.

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

N/A

Are you more of a builder or a flyer?

I prefer to fly but I do know how to build also.

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

A Pilot kit with a 30 cc gasser

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

Get with a good instructor and get good equipment.

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

Vincent Cesario, Vincent Cesario Jr., Hunter

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

More younger people to take interest in the hobby.

What would you like to see less in the hobby?

Breaking the rules

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

Lead by Example



Please forward any pictures or articles of interest for publication in the **TRAC** Newsletter to John!

Safe Flying - JJH

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Saturday Afternoon Fun

Club VP James Chambers brought out his *super nice* Super Cub from Dave Patrick Models. James hadn't flown it in a while, so he changed out the batteries and such, and on a previous Saturday afternoon we worked to check the control functions and engine tune. He also went over all of the UltraCote seams with a covering iron for good measure. After some fine tuning of radio endpoints for throttle, it was time for takeoff. Once airborne, all seemed to be going well, but suddenly there was a flutter of yellow, the plane became sluggish in the roll axis. There was also what appeared to be a strip of covering streaming from the tail. James expedited a safe landing and taxied in with a new airfoil design for a Super Cub! :-)



TJ Shannon's really nice MIG-29 twin EDF



Upcoming Events

TRAC - Club Meeting at Field, Saturday, August 14, at 11:00AM

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

TRAC - Club Meeting at Field, Saturday, October 9, at 11:00AM

TRAC - Club Meeting at Field, Saturday, November 13, at 11:00AM

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



Note about the gate...

The gate was left open and unlocked the third week in July. When members arrived to fly, there were two people sleeping on the benches. This could have been a bad situation for all parties involved. Please remember to close and lock the gate if you are the last one leaving the field. If the port-a-john truck or the mowers are in the park and you need to leave, make sure they know they have to secure the gate.

