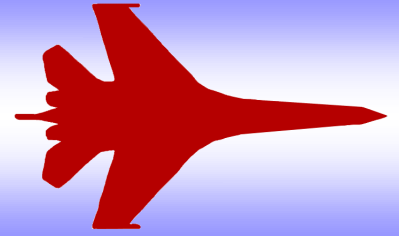


TRAC News



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New President's Comments

Please join me in thanking Scott Kantrowitz for his 16 years as President of TRAC. As newly elected President, I hope to represent TRAC members as competently as Scott has for all these years. We have a solid core of members and we all should encourage new fliers to participate in TRAC activities.

Upcoming Projects

Several areas of concern will need attention in the near future. The flight tables are in poor condition and beyond repair. That said, they will be replaced with new ones. If anyone has a particular design in mind, please communicate that to one of your TRAC officers. We will come up with a replacement design and go forward with building.

The picnic tables are also in need of repair/replacement.

The storage trailer access has been addressed but the trailer itself needs to be cleaned out and prepped and painted on the exterior. Anyone with sign painting skills would be appreciated to repaint the TRAC logo on the trailer. Volunteers should contact a TRAC officer to coordinate.

Open House Recap

TRAC's annual Open House/Thanksgiving fundraiser was a success despite wind and an intermittent light rain. Thanks to everyone who helped out from setup to cooking, serving, and cleanup. There were 24 registered participants and some impressive flying in very windy conditions.

Generous members and guests donated a total of \$600 cash and 31 pounds of food which Vice President James Chambers delivered to Metropolitan Ministries Saturday afternoon.

Safe Flying

Don Riek

TRAC MINUTES

November 13, 2021

Meeting Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Scott Kantrowitz at 11:00 a.m. with 24 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	\$ 9,936.05
Income	\$ 774.90
Expenses	\$ 981.79
Closing Balance	\$ 9,729.16
Runway Fund	\$ 140.00

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

New Members/New Pilots

N/A

Safety block

Devin Allen brought up that when buying an older plane and not knowing its history it is a good idea to put a strip of monokote across the leading edge of the wing to help prevent the older covering from failing like in the pictures below.



Unfinished Business

The new TRAC road sign is now at the vendor for completion

We are looking for some design ideas for the TRAC shed door and some volunteers to replace it when it cools off. We are also considering replacing the shed with a storage container but more discussions to come.

Mike Gutzmer is donating a new Sig Kougat to be raffled off for the club, tickets are \$5.00 each don't miss your chance to win this beautiful airplane

Charity/Open House Event: Saturday, November

20 @ 9:00am – Bring a donation preferably monetary for Metropolitan Ministries, TRAC in the past has always written a check to them for \$275.00 and Don Riek made a motion with Donny Hardaway seconding it and the club unanimously voting we do it again this year.

TRAC will be having a Fall Swap Meet Saturday Dec. 4 @ 8:00 am vendors can setup their table starting @ 7:30 am

We discussed the motions presented the last 2 meetings to raise the initiation fees, dues, and rejoin fees.

Motion 1 was to raise the Initiation fee to \$100.00, up the rejoin fee to \$50.00, and leave the dues at \$100.00 per person and \$150.00 for families.

Motion 2 was to up the Initiation fee to \$75.00, the rejoin fee remains \$35.00 and up the dues to \$125.00 per person, \$185.00 for families and \$35.00 for Juniors.

Both were voted on and Motion 2 was the winner the new rates will take effect January 1, 2022.

New Business

Art Werner one of TRAC's long time members and one of the nicest guys you could ever meet passed away and one of his last wishes was to donate all of his RC planes and gear to the club that we auctioned off last month and netted \$1200.00 to the club. He also had another wish of having his ashes dropped from an airplane over the field, John Heald is working on a way to perform this from his RC Cargo plane.

The TRAC Officers election was held and as you may have heard Scott Kantrowitz (See Scott I got your name right this time) is stepping down after 16 years of service. If you see Scott out at the field tell him Thank You for all his hard work, time, and dedication to the club.

Don Riek was nominated by Roger Baker to replace Scott as President and was voted in unopposed. Congratulations Don!

James Chambers has volunteered to remain Vice-President for another year and was voted in unopposed. Thank You James!

Devin Allen has volunteered to remain Secretary for another year and was voted in unopposed. Thank You all for letting me carry on another year.

Chuck Wolfe has volunteered to remain as Treasurer for one more year and was voted in unopposed. Thank You Chuck!

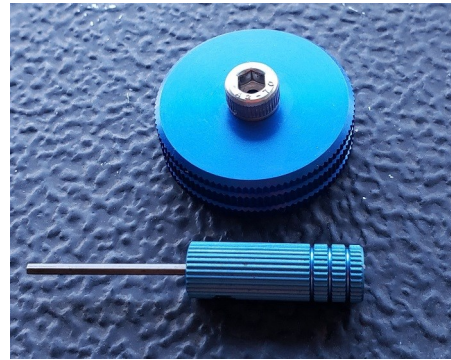
Bob Boetger has volunteered to remain as Director for one more year and was voted in unopposed. Thank You Bob!

Don Riek nominated Vince Cesario Sr. for the open Director position left by Don and was voted in unopposed. Welcome back to the Board Vince!!

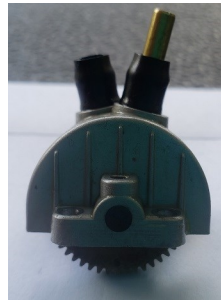
Show-and-Tell

Devin Allen brought out 2 specialty tools for working on Saito Engines apparently he really likes Saito. The first tool was for setting the valve lash and the second was to set the timing perfectly everytime.

The valve lash tool you simply place the big round tool on the lock nut to loosen and tighten it and the skinny tool is used to open or close the gap and lets you have a better hold when you tighten the lock nut after you adjust the valves.



The timing tool is inserted into the intake side of the cam timing gear housing and engages a little hole on the cam gear and locks it in place when you install it on to the crankcase lining it up to top dead center everytime.



Adjournment 12:20 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- TRAC - Fall Swap Meet, Saturday, December 4, at 8:00AM**
- TRAC - Club Meeting at Field, Saturday, December 11, at 11:00AM**
- TRAC - Club Meeting at Field, Saturday, January 8, at 11:00AM**
- TRAC - Club Meeting at Field, Saturday, February 12, at 11:00AM**
- TRAC - Club Meeting at Field, Saturday, March 12, at 11:00AM**



Thanks to
Don Riek, Bob Boetger,
James Chambers, Ivan Peck
They took the shed from this



To this





At the field with Devin

I'm with George Wenzell

So George how long have you been in the hobby?

20 Years

What attracted you to the hobby?

My Stepson he was in the hobby and I followed

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

Andy and Goody taught me how to fly

What was the first plane you ever flew remote control

Andy's own designed Stik

What was your favorite plane you ever owned and why

My Stik that was designed by Andy it agile and will do everything you want

What was your least favorite plane and why

Can't really think of one

Do you have any planes with a special sentiment?

My Stik that Andy designed I flew that with my son I still have it and cherish it

What did or do you do for a living

Jeweler

What are some of your other hobbies or interests?

Golf

Did you serve in the Military?

No

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

All 3

Out of the Nitro do you prefer 2 stroke or 4 Stroke

2 Stroke

Are you more of a builder or a flyer?

Both

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

DA 50cc Yak

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

Buy good equipment invest in the best that you can

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

Vince Jr., Brad, Jamie

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

More young people

What would you like to see less in the hobby?

Bickering

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

What goes around comes around



Mike Myers T-28 had a bad day.

