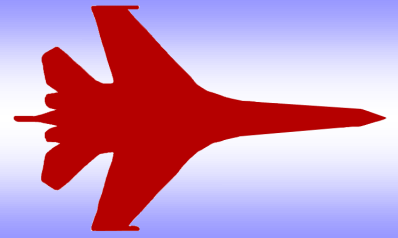


# TRAC News



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## December 2022 Issue

### President's Comments

#### Open House

Nice weather and a fun group of people enjoyed our open house November 19<sup>th</sup>. Plenty of food was shared, with thanks to Steve Risner and Ivan Peck for manning the grill, Debbie and Vince helping out on the serving line, and James Chambers for collecting donations.

In addition to the \$275 from TRAC, donations collected totaled \$225.

This made a total donation to Metro-

politan Ministries of \$500. On Mon-

day, VP James Chambers delivered the cash to appreciative MM volunteers.



#### Thank You

A big thanks to Wayne Mosier for his donation of a nice shipping container to replace the worn out unit that has served for many years. This should make having the everyday supplies easier to access when needed.

#### TRAC Election Results

I would like to personally thank the recently re-elected Officers and Directors for their support over the past year. Couldn't have done it without you guys!

#### Club Cards

2023 club cards will be available at the December meeting for those that have renewed their AMA for 2023. Please remember that after December 31, if your AMA has expired you can not operate an aircraft until you renew.

Safe Flying,  
Don Riek

# **TRAC MINUTES**

**November 12, 2022**

## **Meeting Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Pres. Don Riek. at 11:00 a.m. with 19 signed-in members present.

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

## **Treasury Report**

Tim Haas presented a detailed treasury report and break down of expenses.

Beginning Balance	\$ XXXX
Income	\$ 822.41
Expenses	\$ 679.54
Closing Balance	\$ XXXX
Runway Fund	\$ 2611.65

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

## **New Members/New Pilots**

Paul Rainville

Brian Rose

## **Safety block**

Reminder, per AMA safety rules, please do not fly over workers while they are cutting the grass.

## **Old Business**

Addition flight tables that will be built in traditional style no update

Open House/Thanksgiving fundraiser will be November 19<sup>th</sup>

Fall Swap meet will be December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Election of Club Officers, The current Officers were re-elected unopposed,

Thank You, Don Riek, James Chambers, Devin

Allen, Tim Haas, Bob Boetger, and Vince Cesario

## **New Business**

STOP throwing cups in the Port-o-Let toilet, the people that maintain it will not clean them out because it will damage their machine. If you see someone walking in with a cup and not come out with it please let one of the officers know who it is so we can talk to them.

Reminder our Approved flying hours start at 8am. Please do not fly or start engines before then, this goes for all aircraft electric or fuel.

Discussed purchasing a new storage shed and will have more details in the future

## **Show-and-Tell**

Don Riek showed us his scratch built X700D he built by using Dale Harwell's plane and has it saved in his CNC machine and will be selling them so if you are interested see Don.

**Adjournment** 11:35 am



## Upcoming Events

**TRAC - Swap Meet at Field, Saturday, December 3, at 8:00AM**

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

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

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

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

## THE HISTORY OF THE STIK

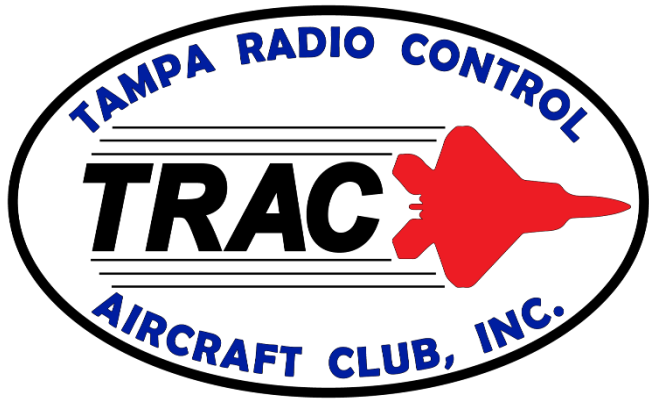


PHIL KRAFT PIONEERED PROPORTIONAL RADIO CONTROL AND IN 1964 DESIGNED A SIMPLE AND ROBUST TEST-BED THAT LATER BECAME KNOWN AS DAS UGLY STIK. IN 1966 HE PUBLISHED PLANS DRAWN BY HIS FRIEND GEORGE WALKER IN THE GRID LEAKS MAGAZINE, AND HIS FRIEND JIM JENSEN BROUGHT OUT A KIT. BOTH THE DESIGN AND THE KIT QUICKLY BECAME FAMOUS, AND MANY MODEL FLIERS HAD ONE OR MORE OF THE ORIGINALS OR THE NUMEROUS VARIANTS COMING UP SOON AND UNTIL TODAY.

IN THOSE EARLY DAYS, MODELS AND EQUIPMENT WERE QUITE EXPENSIVE SO BOTH HAD TO BE SIMPLE JUST TO BE AFFORDABLE. NOW THE STIK WASN'T ONLY THAT BUT ALSO VERY VERSATILE. THE SAME ONE MODEL COULD BE USED AS A BASIC TRAINER AND THEN CONVERTED TO AN INTERMEDIATE AND FULL AEROBATIC TRAINER, ONLY BY ADDING ENGINE POWER AND CONTROL THROW. AND IT WAS SO GOOD-NATURED AND RUGGED THAT IT REALLY HAD A CHANCE TO SURVIVE ITS PILOT'S LEARNING CURVE FROM THE BEGINNINGS TO THE LAST STAGE. THEN, IT WAS A SPORT AIRPLANE THAT COULD BE RECKLESSLY KNOCKED AROUND – PERHAPS THE FIRST FUN-FLY MODEL.

PHIL KRAFT'S ORIGINAL UGLY STIK, (FROM THE 60'S EXPRESSION, "IT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS HIT WITH AN UGLY STICK") HAS TO BE THE MOST COPIED AND CLONED RC PLANE EVER. IT HAS TO FLY WELL OR NO ONE WOULD BUY THE THING! ANY OF THE "STICK" TYPE PLANES, BIG STICK, SWEET STICK, LITTLE STICK, MIDDLE STICK, JOSS STICK, UGLY STICK, SUPER STICK, WOULD BE A GREAT FLIER. THEY CAN CHANGE THEIR SPOTS FROM MILD TO WILD DEPENDING ON THE ENGINE AND CONTROL SET-UP. YOU CAN LEARN TO FLY ON ONE AND THEN YOU CAN CHANGE TO A LARGER ENGINE AND DO ANYTHING YOU WANT AND STILL LAND LIKE A TRAINER. I LIKE THEM BUILT WITHOUT DIHEDRAL AND WITH A .60 IN THE 40- SIZED VERSION. THE TROUBLE WITH RECOMMENDING A STICK IS THEY HAVE NO PIZZAZZ AND MOST HAVE GONE OUT OF PRODUCTION. «





# FALL SWAP MEET

R/C Airplanes, Boats, Cars,  
& Helicopters

All types of models, modelers, and gear are welcome!

**SATURDAY - DECEMBER 3, 2022**

**Location:** **TRAC** flying field - 7208 Taylor Road, Seffner, Fl

**Date:** Saturday, December 3 open to the public at **8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.**

**\$1.00 Parking Donation** per vehicle.

**For Vendors**, the gates open at 7:30 AM. Swap spaces are \$5.00 each. Each vendor will receive general admission, and a 15' X 20' swap space. Limited table space available - first come, first tabled!

**TRAC** members pay \$5.00 per swap space after the first \$5.00 in sales, with a current **TRAC** membership card.

For info, call: **Bob Boetger** (813) 781-6246

Details about **TRAC**, and a map:

<http://www.tractampa.com/>

## **DIRECTIONS TO THE FIELD**

The field is located at **7208 Taylor Rd**, just north of I-4, off Exit 10

- Take Exit 10 off I-4, head North on County Rd 579 for 1 mile
- Turn East (right) onto Pruett Road
- Turn South (right) onto Taylor Road
- Look for the **TRAC** sign.

(Field is next to Bing Park, South of park)

GPS coordinates N 28 01.061' W 082 17.622'



The Fall Open House was a great success. Here are a few pictures of the event.

