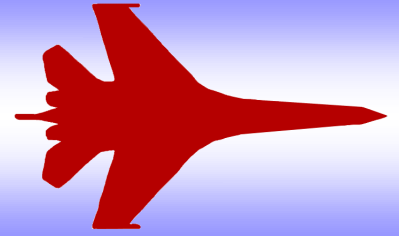


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President's Comments

We have had an impressive number of new members lately so please join me in welcoming them when you run into them at the field, and offer assistance if needed. These new members will bring fresh enthusiasm and ideas on how to keep things improving in our club.

MacDill Update

As of this date, due to a change in their procedure, I've been told that we would have to purchase display space if we want to provide a display at the 2022 Airfest, scheduled for March 26-27. A quick survey of those that had expressed interest in participating resulted in a unanimous decision to cancel.

Spring Swap Meet

A reminder that the Spring Swap Meet will be held at the field February 26, 2022. Bring out those extra planes, boats, cars, parts, etc. etc. etc. and make someone's day by providing a bargain!

Safe Flying,

Don Riek



Sunrise at the airfield-Picture provided by Devin Allen

TRAC MINUTES

January 8, 2022

Meeting Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Don Riek at 11:00 a.m. with 26 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	\$ 2,377.72
Expenses	\$ 729.12
Closing Balance	\$ xxxx
Runway Fund	\$ 200

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

New Members/New Pilots

N/A

Safety block

Over the Christmas Holiday someone not on TRAC property has shot a vehicle, a person, and shot at another person with a pellet rifle. Don Riek has reached out to the people over at Watkins Asphalt to see if they have had any such incidence, but someone witnessed someone on the Watkins property ride up on an ATV right before the vehicle was shot so we aren't sure if they did it or not. So just be careful and watch around while flying and watch for each other.

There was an accident that happened under the shelter where someone started their electric plane on one of the tables and it hit a member in the back, luckily the member that was hit only suffered a torn shirt and a minor cut, but this is why you are only allowed to connect the battery at the flightline and not under the shelter ever.

The no flyzone areas were more clearly defined and for those that are unsure or don't know, there is no flying north of the runway, no flying to the north of the sign at the west end of the field that say "No Fly Zone, no flying on the west end of the shelter.

Unfinished Business

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

AMA Renewals are coming due for many of us and this is just a reminder in order to fly at TRAC you have to have a current AMA Card.

FAA registration/TRUST test reminder it is recommended that everyone take the TRUST test it is very easy and no one should have any trouble passing it, and Devin has created a link to the test in the Membership section of the website.

The Spring Swap meet will be held on February 26th at 8:00 am, there are links all over the website with more information and if you have any questions reach out to Vince Cesario.

Flight Tables: A decision has been made to go with 2 designs and construction will start soon with a budget of around \$600.00 per table. If you see Frank Knowles be sure to go up and thank him for the 2 new stands that he built and brought out.

2022 Club Membership cards are available from see a Club officer except Devin to get one if needed.

Next time when you are out at the field take a look at the trash pens that Don Riek built, hopefully this will stop the Watkins' dogs from dumping trash all over the field.

New Business

We will be updating the Constitution to reflect the new membership Fees

Wayne Mosier motioned that we remove the Associate Membership, it was seconded by Mike Gutzmer and voted unanimously by the rest of the members present.

There was discussion to create a Seasonal Membership for our members that don't live in Florida all year long, there will be more to follow in the next meeting

Chuck Wolfe has expressed a desire to step down as the clubs treasurer he's only been doing it for over 30 years, so we had a motion by Wayne Mosier that was seconded by Ivan Peck and voted unanimously by the members present to create a Assistant Treasurer and Tim Haas has volunteered to take on the task, so if you see Tim Thank him for taking on this very important task.

New Business-Continued

It's that time of year when the gate code gets changed and James Chambers pick a combination that is significant in America's air power history and used something related to the Mighty F-4 PhantomII. See a board member or club officer for the new digits.

Devin has created a new link in the web site called Members Gallery he took pictures of the members that brought their favorite plane or two to the meeting and has posted them for all to look at ,so go on the website and check them out.

Show-and-Tell

That sneaky dog James Chambers was the winner of the SIG Kougar that was donated by Mike Gutzmer, the raffle netted the club a respectable \$255.00.

Meeting Adjourned at : 11:51 am



Upcoming Events

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

TRAC - Fall Swap Meet, Saturday, February 26, at 8:00AM

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

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



Don Riek builds a fence around the garbage cans to keep the dogs out.



2 new tables where built for the club.



A line of sticks. One nitro, 2 electrics and one baby stick electric at the end.



At the field with Devin

Today I'm at the field with: Chris Finn

So Chris what are you flying today

Old School Laser 2000 30%

Can you tell us a little bit about it like motor, wingspan, features

It's made by Old School, has a 88 in wingspan, and a DLE 55 gas engine

What is it made of

Plywood and Balsa with Monokote covering

How long did it take to get it flight ready

It took about 4 weeks but I took my time with it

Is it hard to takeoff or launch

No it's easy to fly

How does it land

Nice and slow

What made you decide to get one

I was looking for something to fit in my trailer and something I could use my DLE 55 on

Would you recommend it to your friends

Yes as a recreational flyer

What is your favorite thing about it

It handles the wind very well

What would you change to make it better

More control authority

How long have you had it

A Few Months

Where did you get it

From a guy in Palm Coast

Do they still make it

Yes

What skill level would you say could fly it without too much difficulty

Intermediate but it borders like a trainer

