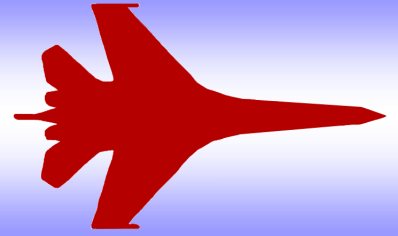


# TRAC News



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## New President's Comments

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and I wish for everyone a safe, healthy and happy New Year!

2022 should be an exciting year for TRAC.. I am looking forward to having new flight tables and picnic tables for the shelter area. Fixing up these areas, along with our newly paved areas, will help attract new members. Please encourage newcomers by offering assistance and explaining the unique requirements necessary to continue use of our field, such as the no fly zone, crossing the fence between us and landfill, pinning up club card before flying, no smoking, etc.

I am hearing from an increasing number of members that have complied with the FAA required TRUST test. GREAT!! The test is very basic, no cost, and now easy to find as Devin has added a link to it on our website.

I would remind everyone that 2022 AMA membership is required to continue flying after December 31st. If you have not renewed, please do not attempt to fly until you do. Be prepared to show proof of compliance if asked, as various TRAC members are monitoring this

*Don Riek*

Former President Scott Kantrowitz receiving a plaque of appreciation for 16 years of service from new President Don Riek.



# **TRAC MINUTES**

**December 11, 2022**

## **Meeting Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by President Don Riek 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 | \$ XXXXXXXX  |
| Income            | \$ 2,516.55  |
| Expenses          | \$ 1,395.43  |
| Closing Balance   | \$ XXXXXXXXX |
| Runway Fund       | \$ 190.00    |

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 he was flying with a member 2 weeks ago and they had a crash at the end of the runway and when they brought their plane back to the stands it caught on fire and there was no means to put the fire out. He suggested that anyone flying Gas or Electric should bring their own Fire Extinguisher in case something like that happens again.



## **Unfinished Business**

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

Thanksgiving/Open House recap: We had 24 people signed up that attended and raised \$600.00 for Metropolitan Ministries. Shout outs go to Don Riek, Ivan Peck, Steve Risner, James Chambers, Vince Cesario, his Sister and his special lady.

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. The Drawing will be held at our next meeting on January 8, 2022

Swap Meet recap the club netted \$92.00 and there were many sales and bargains Thanks to everyone that came out.

Thanks to Don Riek, Bob Boetger, James Chambers, and Ivan Peck on the replacement of the door on the trailer.



## **New Business**

It's that time of year when most of us have to renew our AMA memberships and if you haven't already done so you will need to take the FAA Trust Test when you renew. Devin Allen has added a link to the test to our TRAC web site under the Membership section. The test is basically open book and no one should have any trouble passing it, even Devin passed it on the first try.

We will be looking to build new flight tables in the next couple of months so if anyone has any suggestions please reach out to one of the current board members with any ideas or suggestions.

We will be holding our Spring Swap meet on February 26th, stay tuned for more details.

We had another incident where someone locked the gate locks in a way where we couldn't get in using our lock. When locking the gate lock both locks together so the county can get in with their lock and we can get in with our lock.

Trash Pens: We continue having problems with the Watkins Pavement dogs coming to the field and dumping the trash cans. Please do not feed these dogs it only encourages them to come back and we will be building a barrier around the cans in hopes to prevent them from getting into them anymore.

## Show-and-Tell

Wayne Mosier brought out his \$1000.00 dollar Broken Propeller Christmas Tree built with mostly donated props from Vince and Ivan



Meeting Adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

## Upcoming Events

**TRAC - Fall Swap Meet, Saturday, February 26**

**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**



## *At the field with Devin*

Today I'm at the field with Eric Randall

So Eric what are you flying today  
**SU26**

Can you tell us a little bit about it like motor, wingspan, features  
**It's made by General Hobby, 5ft wingspan, pull pull rudder, 20 cc gas engine**

What is it made of  
**Balsa with Oracote covering**

How long did it take to get it flight ready  
**Mine took a little longer than normal because I had to move the rudder and elevator servos to the back for balance purposes and it wasn't really designed for that**

Is it hard to takeoff or launch  
**No it's quite well behaved**

How does it land  
**Quite easy mine lands even slower since I set it up with flaperons**

What made you decide to get one  
**I bought it to go with an engine I got from Steve Risner**

Would you recommend it to your friends  
**Yes most definitely**

What is your favorite thing about it  
**Its versatility and huge control surfaces**

What would you change to make it better  
**The wing attachment design could be better needs to be stronger**

How long have you had it  
**8 Months**

Where did you get it  
**General Hobby**  
Do they still make it  
**Yes**



What skill level would you say could fly it without too much difficulty  
**Depends on how you set it up but if you set it up with small control throws intermediate flyer could fly it quite well**