



Fort Worth Thunderbirds
Radio Control Association Inc.
The Pilot's Log



Issue, 6210 October 2024

Next club meeting: October 28 - 7:00 pm - Location - CERA, 3300 Bryant Irvin Road

Presidents Corner: by *James Meadows*

Well it's October and that also means its nomination deadlines for open officer positions. Nomination for office will conclude this month at the annual membership meeting with voting taking place in November. We are also accepting nominations for Thunderbird of the year. The latter should include a support statement detailing why the nominee should be recognized.

In addition to the administrative processes in October we also will kick off our annual holiday toy drive benefiting Cooks Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. A collection box will be placed at the field during the Electric Expo on Oct 26th to receive donations of unwrapped toys. In addition to toys the hospital has a need for new children's books which can also be dropped off at the toys drive collection point at the field. Collections will continue till the first week of December. Members may also bring any donation they have to our annual membership meetings. If you missed our Membership Appreciation Day (MAD) you missed a really good time. The weather was spot on perfect for the majority of the day, with a great Taco meal catered by Wayne. Several raffle items for attendees and members who participated in the fun-fly events of Climb and Glide, Spot Landing and what I call Plane Kaos a takeoff of musical chairs. We had over 40 members attend and 14 fun-fly pilots and others pilots who enjoyed the event. On behalf of your Board members: Thanks to each and everyone of you for being a Thunderbird.

See you at the electric Expo 26 October 2024. It's going to be great!

James

Vice Presidents Corner: by *Rob Lowe*

Hello Thunderbirds! Happy October! Our recent Member Appreciation Day was anything but scary. We had a fantastic turnout, great food and one of the best fun fly type events in recent years! Thanks to all who helped pull this together. Like any event, it takes a village and this one was no exception. Kudos to all who participated- we had a higher level of flight participation that I can recall. It really made it fun for all. Just a reminder I, this event replaced our Holiday/Christmas event for this year. Please confirm provide feedback to your officers on how these events meet your needs and desires.

Please see President Meadows article here for info on elections etc. Thanks in advance for your active engagement and participation in YOUR club.

I hope to see you at the field soon. Here's my virtual "Low Pass Salute" to you Thunderbirds! See ya soon.

Rob

Secretaries Corner: *by Mike Schroeder*

Thunderbird Meeting Minutes September 23, 2024 - Meeting at CERA

Meeting starts at 7:00pm:

James welcomed everyone and asked if there are any new members or guest. Daniel Ver-Burgos is a prospective new member visiting the Thunderbird club.

Events Recap

Warbirds over Benbrook: CD Dave Williams thanked everyone who helped out in running the event. There were 31 pilots and many guests in attendance. The weather was great and there was only one lost plane and Woody says it is somewhere out in the jungle of trees. There was a Memorial Jet flight to honor Joey and JT Model shop for all he has done for the club.

Electric Event: This event is coming up October 26 Tom Blakeney is the CD. More information to come.

Reports

Secretary Report by Mike Schroeder: Motion to not read the minutes by Bill Lake, second by Mark Johnson. Show of hands and all were in favor to not read the minutes except Fred Neal who opposed.

Safety Report by Sam Corlett: Sam gave us a very inept talked about the job of a transmitter—receiver and the ESC about how they work and how they do the job of FAIL SAFE. The understanding of how each brand of transmitter— receiver do the same thing but in different ways. The understanding of this and the default if there is an issue of transmitting. Sam made the motion that to not let anyone fly an electric plane at the field as most people are not familiar to how all this works and do not set up their radios with a proper Fail Safe. The motion was an attention getter and not a real motion. Every pilot should visit their radio ever so often to make sure nothing has changed and everything is working properly.

Treasurers Report by Chris Berardi: Nothing to report at this time

Vice Presidents Report by Rob Lowe: Nothing to report at this time

James donated a RC Predator Drone plane for the Electric Fly-In that is on October 26

Old Business

SAFETY: James brought up that we have to follow the safety rules that have been posted. The rules were made by club members and revised over time. There are some members who believe that some of the rules are silly and don't need to be followed but if everyone is picking and choosing what they want to do, then the safety is not there. The rules are there to protect all and we all need to follow the rules. Flying over the parking lot, start up in the pits (electric or gas), taxiing past no run red line,

SAE: Glen Cashion things are starting in October and he is very involved with it now. There is a push by SAE to add a High School component to the SAE competition and that things are still in the works. It would be on a separate event day.

SCOUTS: A local Scout troop has contacted James and wants to work on a Merit Aviation badge. Details to come.

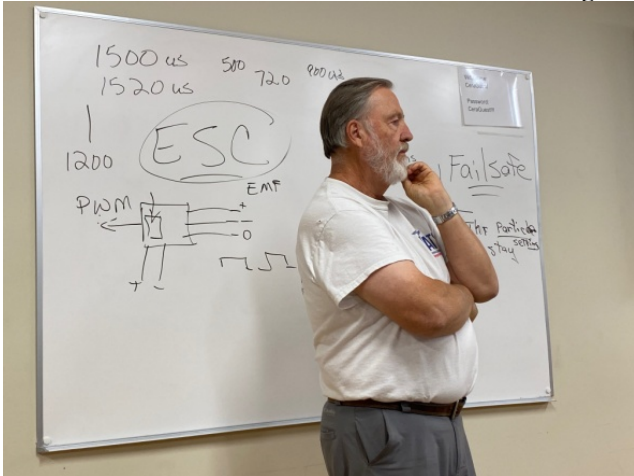
FIELD MAINTENANCE: Lawn Crew is still mowing on Fridays so give the guys the room to mow on Friday mornings.

Motion to end the meeting by Dave Williams and second by Pete Lucas. Show of hands and the meeting adjourns at 7:55

Thunderbird Members in Attendance

Fred Neal	Bill Lake	Pete Lucas	Woody Lake	Mike Schroeder
Ian Waring	Dave Williams	Robin Blakeney	Mark Johnson	Glen Cashion
Jame Reston	Jaye Kordic	Ken Killgo	James Meadows	Scott Hayes
Allen Trefger	Rick Kraft	Sam Corlett	Ron Anderson	Terry Davis
Rex Anderson	Gary Schindler		Guest- Daniel Vera-Burgos	

Photos of Sam explaining the interaction between the ESC, Receiver, and Servos. He also discussed the functionality of a Fail/Safe setup and potential facilities and results.
 Next month the lesson will be 'Needle Point' for beginners.



From the Treasury: By Chris Berardi

No Report this month.

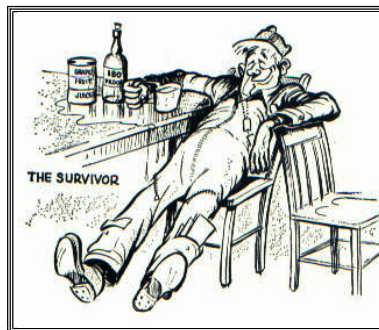
Membership Update

Here is our latest membership count as of 04/15/2024.

Membership Type	Count
Individual	104
Family	5
Associate	2
Life	15
Service & Gift	1
TOTAL	127

Safety Officer submission: by Sam Corlett

Let's be safe out there folks.



Officer Elections

Officer Nomination

October is the Thunderbird Officer nomination month and we only have several more weeks to receive nominations.

For this upcoming election, there will be vacancies in the President and Vice President positions. As of this writing, we have two nominations, one for each of those positions, nominated, seconded and accepted by the nominee(s). Their nomination letters are attached for your information.

The current office holders for Treasurer (Chris Berardi), Safety (Sam Corlett) and Secretary (Mike Schroeder) are willing to serve again, thus will be running for reelection. Nominations are open to run against them, if interested.

Nominations may be submitted to any club officer but must be seconded and accepted by the nominee.

Nominations will close at the end of October.

Officer election will be held at the November meeting.

Nomination of:

RONALD ANDERSON for the position of President

Fort Worth Thunderbirds Radio Control Association

Ron Anderson has been a stalwart participant and supporter of the "Thunderbirds" since his relocation from the Houston area to the Fort Worth area three years ago.

Ron has a vast technical background in all things mechanical. He has spent 60 years designing, building, repairing and flying everything from free flight to control line to radio control. Following three years as a crew chief on Army Hueys, Ron went on to complete 50 years as an FAA certified mechanic. He has selflessly dedicated that experience and knowledge to assisting other club members and visitors to the field to better understand airplanes and aerodynamics.

Never one to cast negative vibes, Ron has demonstrated his calm personality and leadership abilities throughout

his time with the Thunderbirds. He has also dedicated his time to providing regular support to club functions despite a long commute between his home and Thunderbird Field. He has been a constant and reliable volunteer working on airfield maintenance, supporting Thursday training days, SAEs, New Years and Independence Day special events, Warbirds, Electric Fly, and Float Flies, to name just a few. Whether actively flying or not, Ron has always been relied on to be present and offering a helping hand wherever and whenever needed.

Ron has also rarely missed attendance at the monthly club meetings. That in and of itself, defines his allegiance and involvement in the club's activities and future success.

In summary, Ron Anderson has displayed the knowledge, experience, confidence and ability to lead the FW Thunderbirds into a highly successful future.

Nomination of:

MARK JOHNSON for the position of Vice President,

Fort Worth Thunderbirds Radio Control Association

Mark Johnson started flying RC airplanes in 1985 and has been a member of the Fort Worth Thunderbirds Radio Control Aircraft Association since 2021. During that time, Mark has involved himself selflessly in many activities solely for the benefit of the club and its members.

As a regular participant in the monthly club membership meetings, Mark can be counted on to provide wise counsel and fresh ideas for improving the club. For the past several years, he has been working tirelessly on airfield maintenance, personally contributing to the well recognized quality reputation Thunderbird Field enjoys. Whether it be mowing, trimming, edging or grass blowing, Mark is there and working without complaint. Whenever the equipment shed has needed cleaning and

reorganizing, the field manager could always rely on Mark to lend a hand.

Thursday training days are almost always supported by Mark and his willingness and patience have contributed to ground training of new visitors to the field. Whenever someone needs assistance launching or recovering an airplane, Mark is there to lend a hand. As a military veteran and experienced medical technician, his only questionable attribute is his past willingness to voluntarily jump out of perfectly good airplanes.

If the club wants a solid performer, highly motivated and dependable leader, Mark has demonstrated that he is of that caliber. He has been a highly reliable participant in almost every event conducted at the field. Mark knows the club, understands its challenges, respects all of its members, and is unquestionably capable of leading and growing the club into the future

P-47

Battle damaged P-47 home safe at last.

Ian: On the way out from the field I had another look for Woody's P-47 on the south side of the road and found it, about 20-30 yards into the woods, on the ground, under a tree. The wing looks like it has been chewed up a bit by critters and the right MLG was missing but Woody thinks he might be able to repair it. Yea right!

Woody: Checked the status of the P-47 and surprisingly all servos worked except the right aileron. Gear, what was left, still worked and the gyro is functional as well. Parts are hard to find as this model is discontinued. Still looking and hoping. A really big thank you to all those folks that helped in the search and recovery effort



Members Fun Fly



2024 CALENDAR

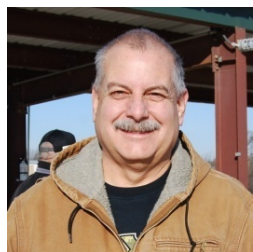
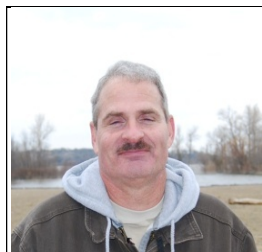
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October 26	Tx Electric Expo	Tom Blakeney

First weekend in December is the CORP youth deer hunt

December Christmas Party

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POSITION	BOARD MEMBE	EMAIL
President	James Meadows	president@fwthunderbirds.org
Vice President	Rob Lowe	vicepresident@fwthunderbirds.org
Secretary	Mike Schroeder	secretary@fwthunderbirds.org
Treasurer	Chris Berardi	treasurer@fwthunderbirds.org
Safety Officer	Sam Corlett	safetyofficer@fwthunderbirds.org



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Project List

FW THUNDERBIRDS
2022 PROJECT LIST
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Project #	Proposed Project	Summary of Project	TYPE	EXPENSE	POC	Status	Notes
1	Update Freq Board	Update signage a use or Freq. board	self	\$100.00	BOARD	AWAITING ACTION	Update Boundries and rules
2	Lost Aircraft Security	Provide a means to secure lost aircraft Found and returned	self	\$100.00	MEADOWS	Purhase approved	
3							
4	Additional Storage AREA	Utilize Cargo container	self/contract	\$20,000.00	Chris	Hold	Would it require Lease mod?
5	Weather Station	complete with camera and Data port	Self	\$	Chris/Mike	Discussion	Allow member or guest to see and look at actual Field conditions
6							
7	Members Walkway	Personal engraved brick pathway from Pit area to Flagpole	Everyone		meadows	Discussion	Membership due details
8	Toilet	Real Toilet	combo	?	Meadows	Discussion	asked the Corp about co-op agreement
9							
10							

Flying Field Rules

Academy of Model Aeronautics National Model Aircraft Safety Code

Effective January 1, 2018

A model aircraft is a non-human-carrying device capable of sustained flight within visual line of sight of the pilot or spotter(s). It may not exceed limitations of this code and is intended exclusively for sport, recreation, education and/or competition. All model flights must be conducted in accordance with this safety code and related AMA guidelines, any additional rules specific to the flying site, as well as all applicable laws and regulations.

As an AMA member I agree:

- I will not fly a model aircraft in a careless or reckless manner.
- I will not interfere with and will yield the right of way to all human-carrying aircraft using AMA's *See and Avoid Guidance* and a spotter when appropriate.
- I will not operate any model aircraft while I am under the influence of alcohol or any drug that could adversely affect my ability to safely control the model.
- I will avoid flying directly over unprotected people, moving vehicles, and occupied structures.
- I will fly Free Flight (FF) and Control Line (CL) models in compliance with AMA's safety programming.
- I will maintain visual contact of an RC model aircraft without enhancement other than corrective lenses prescribed to me. When using an advanced flight system, such as an autopilot, or flying First-Person View (FPV), I will comply with AMA's Advanced Flight System programming.
- I will only fly models weighing more than 55 pounds, including fuel, if certified through AMA's Large Model Airplane Program.
- I will only fly a turbine-powered model aircraft in compliance with AMA's Gas Turbine Program.
- I will not fly a powered model outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for myself or my helper(s) located at the flightline, unless I am taking off and landing, or as otherwise provided in AMA's *Competition Regulation*.
- I will use an established safety line to separate all model aircraft operations from spectators and bystanders.

For a complete copy of AMA's Safety Handbook please visit:
www.modelaircraft.org/files/100.pdf

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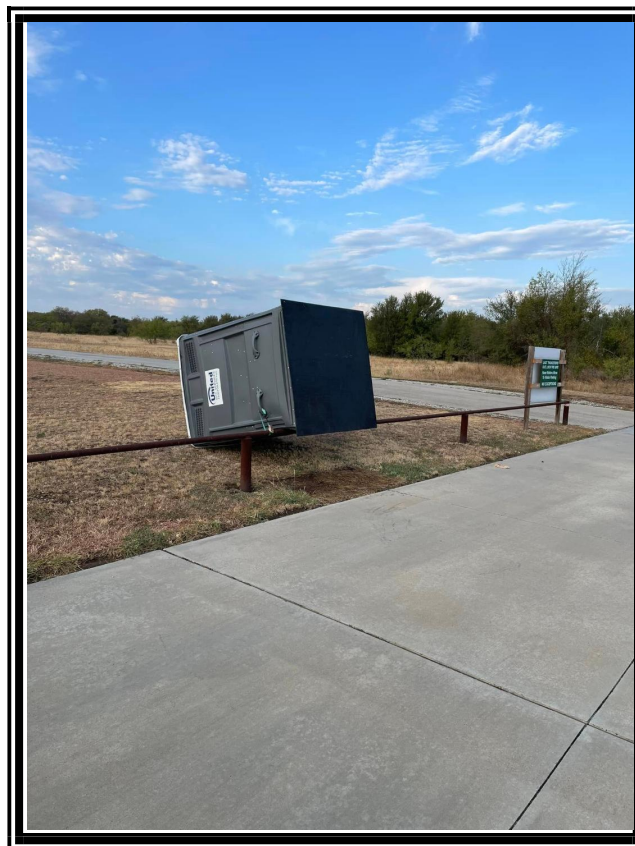
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THE FORT WORTH THUNDERBIRDS RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION
 ALL AMA, CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY TO EVERYONE FLYING HERE.

1. Neither the Thunderbirds nor the Corps of Engineers is responsible for accident or injury.
2. Place your AMA card in the proper slot above before turning transmitter on.
3. All engines must have effective mufflers.
5. Fly from the station nearest the downwind end of the runway. In case of a crosswind the first pilot to fly will select the station.
6. Aircraft must follow the takeoff and landing pattern in effect.
7. Landing aircraft have the right-of-way over aircraft taking off.
8. Running aircraft shall not be left unattended.
9. No more than 5 pilots shall fly in each designated zone at one time.
10. LMA rules are posted in the bulletin board

Humor



OOPS!

Additional Fun Fly Photos



Raffle Winners



Tab Bowlin

Kraig Rodgers

Bill Lake

Mark Davenport



Woody Lake

Dave Williams

Fred Neal

Events



The Fort Worth Thunderbirds present



T.E.X., The Texas Electric eXpo and Tailgate Swap Meet October 26, 2024



Come join us at Thunderbird Field for the best electric event in the area! Lots of relaxed flying, fun and fellowship. Event hours are 9AM until 4PM. Pilot briefing at 9AM. AMA required. Bring your unwanted RC stuff for a tailgate swap meet!

All types of electric aircraft are welcome. Landing fee is \$25.00 and includes lunch from the Thunderbird Grill! There will be a great RAFFLE!

Event Director: Tom Blakeney. Contact at 817-734-1917 or tombrokeney28682@yahoo.com

Directions and field information: <https://www.fwthunderbirds.org>

