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Club Upcoming Events

Club Meeting – Apr. 1st at 6:30 PM
at our Airfield

Meeting Notes

**Our April 1st Meeting is Monday
6:30 PM, at our Airfield**

March's Meeting was held at Jerry's Hangar, we had 8 members show up. Thanks Jerry! We had a short business meeting.

We had more discussions regarding the farmer's tiling. Mario was going to talk to the farmer. We had one of our club's founding members rejoin after retiring. Please welcome Mark Kirby.

RETURNING 7 TOWERS MEMBER

I would like to introduce myself as a renewing member of the club. My name is Mark Kirby and I live in SW Arlington. I was one of several founding members of the 7 Towers RC Club (in 1989). However, many of us were already flying on a "renegade" vacant field in Kennedale on the NE

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corner of the intersection of Treepoint Drive and Silkcrest Trail - east of Little Road and south of US287) as early as 1987. We arrived at the name of 7 Towers because there was a nearby and abandoned radio (or repeating) station north of Treepoint (west of our field), which had 7 radio towers.

Over the course of a year or so, we had a formal lease from the landowner (I believe it was a real estate developer – plans were for a grocery store), incorporated the club as a non-profit organization, and had a smooth, grass runway with very little improvements (not even a Port-A-Potty). By 1990, we had almost 100 members.

I started the flying hobby through a co-worker (Ralph Heinefield) at Vought Aircraft. I spent many hours on a trainer cord with him gaining skill in flying my AeroStar 40 high-wing trainer. After a year, I built a Sport 60 and flew it for a few months before crashing it when it got out of range and lost reception. I then built a Gentle Lady and flew it at the field, along with my AeroStar 40 until I married

in 1991 and abandoned all of my expensive hobbies (the trainer was destroyed in 1992 after showing my pregnant bride how it could loop; I hadn't changed the year-old rubber bands which held the wing - bad idea!). All I had remaining was a Super Chaos 60, a Kleberg Wing, and a Prodigy glider (all new in the box), and an almost-completed Cirrus sailplane. I've recently discovered those 3 dusty kits in a closet, along with most of my balsa building tools, supplies, and 2 field boxes (holding a dozen Cox .020, .049, and .051 glo engines from my older control-line passion and to power my gliders using an engine pylon). I was informed by my wife that the Cirrus was put in the trash some time ago!

Since I have recently retired, I needed to occupy more of my free time. I remembered the fun of model aircraft building and flying, so I visited a couple of hobby shops and re-acquired the flying urge. A search of the internet revealed that 7 Towers was still in existence! I just HAD to re-join. So I did!

Since a hunting accident 2 ½ years ago resulted in the amputation of my left hand and wrist, I bought a glider to get re-started. It's a FlyZone Calypso RTF with a folding prop and electric motor. Battery technology has really improved from Ni-Cad's! No more bubble memory, cycling of battery packs, messy fuel, or glo plug engines for me!

I hope to see all of you at the field (as soon as the winds get below 25mph) or at the monthly meetings.

Mark

Thanks a lot Mark, now we finally know where our club name originated!

Notice, Our road to the airfield has been re-routed. Turn to the right after crossing the storm channel to drive down to the dike and our airfield entrance.

The Gate Code has been changed and only

members with paid up dues were notified by email. Don't miss out on any nice spring flying because you forgot to pay your dues.

**Club Dues for 2013 are now past due!
Please mail your dues to the PO Box or bring them to the meeting.**

If you notice something or someone suspicious, please call or text the Landfill Manager, Louie Patino at 214-206-5350
Let him know you are a member of the model airplane club. Thanks

We remind all fliers to **use catch bottles** to contain the overflow when refueling your powered aircraft. This prevents damage to our worktables, runway, and grass. It also prevents the landfill from getting in trouble for fuel spills on the floodplain. **Do not fuel your aircraft on the worktables.**

**Club Dues for 2013 are DUE!
Members: \$60/year, over 63 Senior: \$40/year**

ROOKIE RACING

Duane Riedel has changed our club's Pylon Racer Specifications to allow 40 to 46 ball bearing engines and open sport propellers. We welcome new fliers but ask that no hopped up race planes participate. The AMA maximum speed limit is 100 mph. Come out with a 40's size airplane and test your skills flying in traffic.

Duane Riedel coordinates the Rookie Races.

Please pick up after yourself at the airfield, remove trash, and put the chairs away when finished.

Please make sure the gate is closed behind you if you had to open it to enter or leave.

Larry Nelson – STRCC Secretary

Seven Towers Radio Control Club

Arlington Texas

(AMA Charter No. 2421)

Membership Application

Name: _____

Date: _____

AMA Number: (Mandatory) _____

Radio Frequencies: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

e-mail or paper copy newsletter: _____

Flying Experience Level:

Beginner: _____ **Novice:** _____

Advanced: _____

Special Interests: _____

About The Club:

The Seven Towers RC Club (STRCC) is a relatively small club with roughly 35 members. Most of the folks are very laid back and are in the hobby strictly for pleasure. STRCC holds monthly meetings, usually the first Monday, to share info & swap stories.

We are chartered with the Academy Of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and are governed under their guidelines as well as some of our own club rules. The AMA provides many services but the main benefit is

insurance. They provide liability coverage for each member at a very affordable rate. The cost is about \$58 per year. (That price includes a great monthly magazine)

Our club rules mandate that each person must be a current (or have at least applied for) AMA membership before becoming a STRCC member. This greatly reduces the clubs insurance rates and allows us to lower our membership costs.

The annual membership for STRCC is **\$60** per year.

Seniors 63 or greater are **\$40** per year.

To join STRCC during the year, new membership dues are prorated at \$60/year (\$6/month remaining).

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