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Next Meeting – February 9th, 2023



IN THE PITS

by Mike Laible

At the last meeting which I thought was suppose to start at 6 PM but some thought at 6:30 PM. Well it seems I or we got confused about what time the meeting started. So we took a vote – no arguments and we all agreed – 6:30 pm, second Thursday. Alright, meeting over we made a decision!!!! So, the meetings are at 6:30 PM

Last meeting we discussed membership dues, field improvements, Warbirds over JSC (WOJSC), and a fun fly club picnic.

First the discussion taking place is to illuminate the \$60 new member and \$40 members to one price of \$50 period. As everyone knows prices have gone up and our main expenditures are the porta can, canopies, general maintenance, and every 5-7 years field sealer. WOJSC usually brought in \$500-\$800 a year. We have missed that income during COVID. We will continue to have discussion on the dues.

Second, field improvements. We do have low spots and the drainage is not the best. Several members have done an analysis on this and would take some major improvements. But for now it is clear we need the runway sealed. I have started the

discussions with NASA and I expect that to move forward. The one item that stopped us last time is how we can get funding to NASA. Anyway, hopefully we will soon be looking for a contractor (just maybe NASA may find a pot of gold somewhere). Other improvements are getting additional bungees and two spare canopies.

Third is WOJSC. I have the date saved on the AMA calendar. In fact I kept it going through COVID so not to lose the fourth Thursday in April. We are moving forward and I have submitted the proposal to NASA. Should know more by the time of the meeting.

Last, a get together. I mean a good old fun fly and some good old brauts on the smokie. Its time for us all to get together and relax. The Rocket Club will be launching every Saturday in March so we may have to have it on a Sunday in march or first weekend in April. Either way, plan on a spring fling.

However, we will have to get approval from Mr and Mrs caracara. I think if we toss them a braut they will be fine.



See you at the field!!!!

Mike

January Minutes

by Kent Stromberg

Minutes 01-12-2023

Members present - 19

Membership report - 30 renewals received
66 members 180 guests.

Discussion of data base and recent missing
list at guard shack-this has been corrected

Treasurer's Report - \$7637.88 on hand.
Have not written checks for Christmas party
yet.

Special thanks to Rex for his efforts in making
the dinner a success.

Moving to 6 month billing on Port o Can
691.38

Signs for emergency number and Dispatch
number are ordered. Brian Printing CLUB ID
CARDS – these don't allow field entrance
still. Use drivers License.

AMA charter being sent to national

Brian requested ok to order new canvas for
flying site

safety Report - no problems known but a
reminder to all to get into flight box when
piloting you plane

New Business – discussion of applying with
AMA to have NASA as a designated flying
site

Motion made by Mike to start meetings at
6:30 2nd by Keith approved by all

Lets organize BBQ and fun fly in March will
work on details next meeting.

Old Business - discussion of War Birds over
JSC. Mike working on NASA approval –
needs Ideas and help from club members

Announcements – 3-14-2023 Lone Star flight
Museum 10:00 to 2:00 Lego day need r/c
Flyers. If interested see Joseph Schmidt

Rocket club will be flying every weekend in
March so traffic may be heavy

4-8-2023 Alvin Big Bird

4-18-1023 Prop Nuts

4-22-2023 War Birds over JSC

4-24-2023 Austin Jet

Show and tell - Joseph brought in a CL Antics
Plane originally outfitted by George Lumpkins
and then bought by several people and
eventually Joseph. It is featured I 01-2023
edition of Aviation Magazine page 44

Keith – showed and talked about his new
Bear Cat he recently acquired

What's Up Around the Club

by Mike Laible, photos by the cloud

Well, I looked at my pics and I guess I didn't
take a lot pictures this monthor even at the
club meeting. So with that said I will use the
old group me pics. However the first one I
did take. Coming into the field I noticed this
proud buck. I think I counted 12 points and
he knew it!!!!



So this is a where's Waldo encounter but lets call it, "Find Fitz". What country is he in?



Another good one. Tom Altmeyer sent this photo of his dad and him into Group me. He mentioned it was around 1980 – wow, 40 years ago!!!!!!! Whos that guy on the right!!!!



The pic above is for a shout out to James Lemon. Lets thank him for all the work he does to keep the pilot boxes in there proper space. Thanks James!!!!



Now for a couple of wild and crazy guys flying some F-16. Mark and Mike show. Well, actually the pictures show Mike and Mark. Anyway, two new members since June and they have put in some impressive air miles!!!! Way to go guys. As I write this I just witnessed Mike fly his F-18, screaming, and landed safely. I thought we were going to have to adminster CPR (joking Mike), but as I have said many times, "Isn't that the greatest rush" making a successful hard flight.



Yes, Mark does fly prop planes!!!!



Last pic is Cecil Sorrels. Cecil moved to north Dallas to be near his son. This was about 10 years ago. However he was a active flyer and had tons of electric planes. Father time always catches up to us but Cecil is still flying and keeping them in the air. Miss ya Cecil !!!!

Renmeber, Fly till your wheels fall off.

That's all for now. Have fun and be safe. It's a privilege to fly at the best sight in the Houston area. I really look forward to this year. I will retire from the aerospace industry this year and will miss working in the industry. I must say that in 1990 when I joined JSC RCC it was the best move I ever made. It's been a family of like minded people – fly, to infinty and beyond.

Godspeed,

Mike

Upcoming Events

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