

Rio Grande R/C Flyers



The Fly Paper

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News Letter
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Happy New Year

The January 2008 meeting of the Rio Grande Flyers was called to order promptly at 7:05 PM by our club president, Bill Robinson. There were approximately 43 members in attendance.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the December meeting as published in the news letter. The motion carried unanimously.

Roger Bell, treasurer, reported that the current balance in the treasury is \$2344.00. A motion to accept the report was made, seconded and approved by all.

Some safety issues were discussed pertaining to non-flyers past the yellow lines. Everyone needs to be aware of this and make sure your guests or children not involved with the flight stay behind the double lines. We encourage guests to come out and watch but we must also do everything we can to keep them safe.

Bill reminded everyone the 2008 membership dues are now due. You may now pay your dues via the club web page using Pay Pal. By using this method to pay, your membership card will be completed from the data you use on the web page. Several of us used this method already and it went smooth as silk. You may still pay the old fashion way. A membership card can be downloaded from the web site or you can get a copy from some of the officers. Just fill it out and turn it in to one of the club officers along with \$50.00. If you need to pay by check, make the check payable to Roger Bell.

Last month Bill talked about a survey to get suggestions on what activities members would like to see happen

February Meeting Notice

The February meeting will be held on Wednesday February 6th at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be at the New York Deli, located next to Broadway hardware on Dove avenue in McAllen .

The club usually arrives at 6 PM for dinner with the meeting beginning at 7 PM.




this coming year. The survey is to run through January. Midway through the survey period it looks like the steak fry is very popular. The cat fish fry is running a close second. Having a quarterly fun fly is also very popular. If you have not already done so, please complete the survey form, either on line at the club web site, or a paper survey form, there were some on the clip board at the field, and turn it in to one of the club officers. Bill will compile the results and we will try to make the most popular suggestions happen. He did ask for someone to volunteer to chair the quarterly fun flies. Anyone interested in leading a committee of volunteers to make the fun flies fun, give Bill a call.

Club Shirts & Custom Items

The club has contracted with EmbroidMe for club related graphics and Logos. You can take your shirts to the store and they will embroider them for you. It takes about a week.

Price List :

- Option 1 Large logo on back Name on right chest \$23.00
- Option 2 Opt1 + Small logo on Left Chest \$30.00
- Option 3 Opt 1 & 2 + American & Texas flags 1 on each sleeve \$40.00



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Several members mentioned that they would like to see some combat flying and pylon race as a couple of events. Bill also said that someone mentioned having a kind of winter Texan fun fly held during the week. Of course you don't need to be a winter Texan to join in.

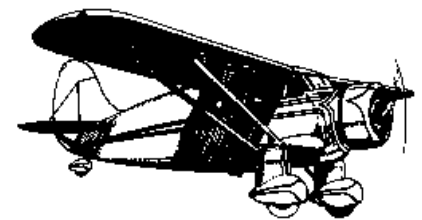
Bill also mentioned that he has two styles of hats still available. One style sells for \$11.00 and the other \$13.00. If you need a hat, see Bill.

On the order of new business, it was mentioned that the stripping at field needs redoing. Roger and Fred will get together to get this accomplished.

The SMASH club will hold their annual swap fest in Harlingen on Saturday, January 19, 2008. See page 3 or the web site for details.

The next Saturday, January 26, 2008, is the annual SMASH fun fly at Rio Hondo. Pilot fee will be \$15.00 which will include lunch and dinner. General admission \$5.00. Flying is going to be from 9a.m. to 5p.m. See page 5 for all the details. Several members are planning on going in

as a group. Talk to Bill or Roger if you are interested in going in with the group. Be sure to wear your club shirt and hat. They really supported our fun fly so lets turn out for theirs and have lots of fun, food and camaraderie.



On February 29th. through March 2nd.the annual Tejas Big Bird fly in will be held at the Wesleco airport. This is an IMAA sanctioned fly in and only airplanes meeting the IMAA rules will be allowed to fly.

Someone mentioned that with the new G4 Flight Simulator, one can take photos of a flying field and import them into the simulator and you can practice on a field you are familiar with. Art also mentioned that he has fuel, 10 & 15%, available at a very reasonable price. He also has lots of other things needed for this hobby..

On a sadder note, Bill just found out that one of our former members, Walt Passmore, passed away yesterday, January 8th. He will be missed. No other details are available at this time.

A new member was introduced to the club. His name is Wayne Mitchell from Regina, Canada.. Welcome to the club Wayne. Hope to see you at the field often.

A big round of applause was given to the staff of the New York Deli for the excellent service they gave us during the meeting.

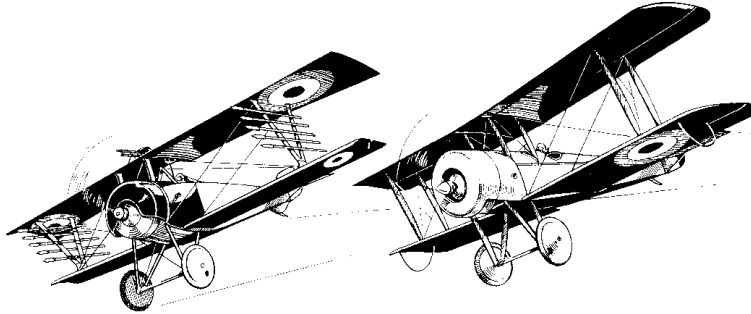
A motion to adjourn was make and the meeting ended at 7:30p.m.



Dead batteries are free of charge.

RC Stuff for Sale

Great Planes G2 Flight Simulator. Asking \$95.00
Contact George Glendenning
956-821-961



Rosemary Wolf may still have some R/C products from
Milt's collection. He did have lots of stuff

Contact Rosemary at 240-3323 (cell).

BUY-SELL-SWAP MEET

12TH ANNUAL

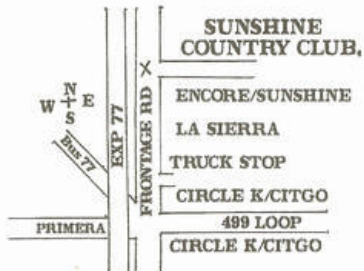


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2008 Activity Survey

This survey is intended to identify the types of activities the Rio Grande Flyers Club Membership would like to have in 2008. The survey will be open from December 5, 2007 to January 31, 2008

Fun Fly's

Are you interested in regularly scheduled competitive fun fly's?

- Monthly Bi-Monthly Quarterly Yearly None

Fun Fly Events

What type of events should we have?

- Night Fly Pylon Race Pattern Contest Egg Drop Timed Flying Events Combat

Social Events

Dinner and Flying at the Penitas Field

- Prime Rib Fried Catfish Sirloin Burger's and Beans None

Annual Fun Fly

Should the RGF hold its annual fun fly on Sunday November 16 2008?

- Yes No

RGF Road Show Team

Are you interested in attending local and regional flying events as a Club?

- Yes No

Additional Comments / Suggestions



Please complete the above survey and mail or hand it to one of the club officers:

Mail : Bill Robinson
2717 Bluebird Ave
McAllen TX 78504

You can also complete the survey on line at <http://billr.org/rgf/rgfSurvey2008.asp>



From FM106 in Rio Hondo, TX., go approx. 1.5 miles South on FM 1846 (S. Reynolds St.). Turn west on Parkway Ave. at S.M.A.S.H. sign. Follow caliche road through gate and across low water bridge to flying site



Questions ???
Contact: Tex Long
(956) 423-1631

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Proudly presents:

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A Remote Control Model Aircraft Air Show!!!

DATE: January 26, 2008

TIME: 9:00 am till 5:00 pm



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Pilot Landing Fee: \$15.00 — Includes lunch and dinner!

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