

Rio Grande R/C Flyers



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Meeting Minutes October 1, 2008

Art Ratley, Secretary

The October 2008 meeting of the Rio Grande RC Flyers was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Rick Martinez. There were approximately 17 people in attendance at Rudy's Bar-B-Q restaurant in Pharr.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

Roger reported that projects at the field had been completed. Numbers had been replaced and repaired on the Frequency board. The trophy from the Tri-club fun fly had been engraved and was on display. Tickets were passed out for the Grand Raffle and the balance in the treasury is \$1,018.00.

Rick Martinez reported no serious safety problems, but did mention that we need to be careful to observe the rules and activity in the pit area.

Rick reminded everyone about the Oct. 5th and 6th Jim Rice Memorial event in Kingsbury, Texas. Flyer is on the website. Other dates to remember: Oct 12th Club Fun fly, 2:00 P.M. The November 1st trip to Bennack field may need to be rescheduled. November 23rd is the Annual Fun Fly with all clubs invited. 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Landing fees to be decided later.

Club dues will be due in January. New members who join in October and November will be paid through the next year.

November Meeting Notice

The November meeting will be held on Wednesday November 5th at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be at Rudy's restaurant, located at 209 W. Nolana In Pharr. The club usually arrives at 6 PM for dinner with the meeting beginning at 7 PM.



New business: The suggestion for the "Spad Olympics" was discussed and some interest was shown, but no action was taken. More discussion was suggested for the next meeting.

Nominations for club officers will be taken at the November meeting, with the election to be at the December meeting. Give a lot of thought about who you want to lead the club next year.

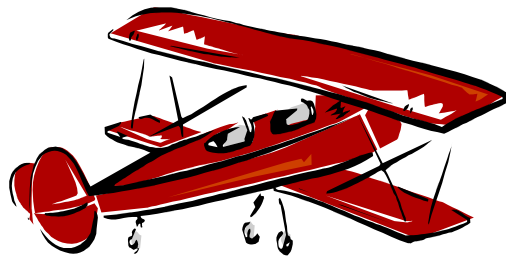
Positions available are:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Safety officer
Field Marshall

Dan Sanders was introduced to the club as a guest and possible new member. Dan is a very experienced pilot, an AMA member, and has received all the information about the club from the website. We welcome Dan and hope that you will become a member of the Rio Grande RC Flyers Club.

Jim White has three planes for sale. Anyone interested, may contact Jim at (956) 702 7936.

Next meeting will be November 5th at Rudy's Bar-B-Q. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.



From the Suffolk Aero Modelers, Long Island, New York How's Your Nicads?

by Ted Brindle

The Nicad batteries that we use in our transmitters and aircraft wear out with time. If you have a battery pack that is more than three years old, you should be keeping a close check on it by cycling every month. If it is five years or older, you should replace it and be sure to properly dispose of the old cells. So, how do we tell the age of our batteries?

Most Futaba battery packs and individual Sanyo battery cells (which most OEM radio manufacturers use) have a two-letter date code stamped somewhere on the pack or cell. The first letter of the code is the year of manufacture and the second letter is the month of manufacture. 1996=A, 1997=B, 1998=C, etc. January=A, February=B, March=C, etc.

If you have a battery or pack with a date code of IB, it was manufactured in February of 2004. Probably still okay but keep a close check on it. The pack in my 8UAF transmitter was ZF, or June of 1995 so I replaced it. I found one pack with a date code of WC which translates to 1992; replaced that one without question. →

The Big Free Raffle

Every Monthly meeting you attend you will receive a ticket for a chance to win a Spektrum DX7 radio. The Radio will be awarded at the December 2008 meeting.



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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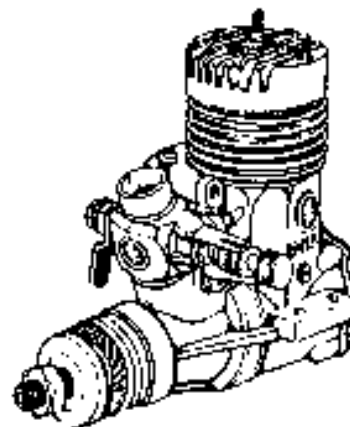
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Tips & Tricks

Cooling Your Engine

If your engine is running hotter than you would like, how can you cool it down? Most people make the mistake of thinking more is better when it comes to the air inlet at the front of the cowl. This is a common error and, while it seems logical, the reverse is actually true. To properly cool your engine, you need more outlet, not more inlet. You want at least 2:1—preferably 3:1—air out to air in ratio. Otherwise, it makes a dam and the air cannot come into the cowl because it has nowhere to go out of the cowl. If you engine is not cooling properly, try blocking off the other air inlet or opening the belly of the cowl further.



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**Annual
Fly, Food & Fun
Fly-in
Sunday November 23**

Where: Rio Grande Flyer Field—Bell Farms Property
Penitas TX.

When: Sunday November 23
10 AM Flying Starts
4 PM Dinner

Aircraft restrictions—None

Flying demonstrations—None

Dinner—Registered Flyers and 1

Guest Included in Landing Fee

Covered Dishes & Desserts Welcome

Bring your own beverages.

Public Address system — Talk Louder

Spectators: This is a non-advertised event no spectators are expected
to attend.

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