

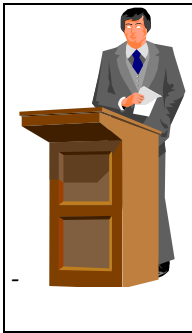


ETAM Tailwind

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President's Corner



Memorial Spring Fun Fly

Our spring Memorial Fun Fly was a great success. Twenty six pilots registered and a great day of flying was enjoyed. Finally the

long record of bad weather fun fly events was broken. The parking lot was full with 32 vehicles counted and one head count of 45 people gathered for the fun fly. We enjoyed visitors from Texarkana, Tyler, Nacogdoches, and Shreveport.

Congratulations to raffle winner Kerry Snider of a Hanger Nine 10cc Ultra Stick. Much thanks Bobby Bounds for serving as event director and to Linda Acker and Gail Still for their efforts with lunch.... Y'all did great jobs.

Fun fly events twice a year provide several benefits to the club. They serve as a special time to get most of us together, share flying with visiting club members, provide entertainment to the community, and make a few dollars to help our budget. Bobby Bounds reports that the club netted \$1,064 from the good pilot turnout and robust raffle sales.

Fun fly pictures should be or will be provided soon on the club website @ easttexasaeromodelors.com

Membership

Current membership stands at 28, which shows some increase from the start of the year. Welcome to those who recently joined and forgive me for not having all of those names. I've some but not all so out of concern to not recognize someone, I'll restrict the welcome to all who recently

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joined. We hope the club will meet your flying needs. An important point needs to be reaffirmed, ETAM bylaws detail that our club exist to promote all aspects of aero modeling. That means that we are not a club of any specific discipline of model aviation but a club that supports all facets. We thus welcome and serve all aspects of aeromodelling.

Keith and Judy Tucker

Keith and his wife have retired and moved back to where they hail from to be close to aging parents. We wish them much happiness in their journey ahead and understand the reasons. You will be greatly missed and we continue to value the many years of your involvement with the East Texas Aero Modelers. Much thanks for an always generous spirit given to the East Texas Aero Modelers.

Field Upgrades

Thanks goes to John Duey for providing three airplane stand upgrades for the field. Let's do our best to park these under a pavilion after using so as to extend service life.

Flying Field

Continued thanks go to Mike Mansfield for his efforts to provide runway mowing. Thanks also to Joe Acker for his efforts at weed control and right of way mowing of the entrance road. A general thanks to all membership for the excellent job of keeping the field clean of trash, keeping the gate locked when the field is not used and locking up the electrical panel after use. These disciplines are greatly appreciated and help ensure that we keep our commitment as good stewards to the county property that is provided for ETAM use.

Most club members know that the greatest flying field expense is our porta potties requiring nearly half our yearly budget. At the first of this year, officers were faced with the reality that membership dues at current numbers would fall slightly short of sustaining even our quite austere budget. A question existed about how much fun fly profits would help support the budget and officers elected to hold dues as long as fun fly proceeds filled the gap. They are doing that, and as long as they do, dues will be held to current levels. Thanks again for the great support for the fun fly events.

Shirts and Hats

Always use good safety practices at the field!

Thanks go to Bobby Bounds for his efforts with ETAM club hats and T shirts. There are still a few shirts from the latest order to be delivered and I've got those in my possession for delivery. There are two extra hats available at \$14 ea.

Mid America Air Museum Visit

Chad Mertz has promoted and coordinated a visit by ETAM club members to the Mid America Air Museum at Mt. Pleasant airport Saturday June 30th. The plan is to meet or car pool to Gilmer for breakfast at the Black Kettle Café at 8 am. The museum tour starts at 10am. All club members and their guest are invited to share this field trip. For more info please contact Chad at 484-888-1946. Much thanks to Chad for his effort in coordinating this event.

FPV Quad Racing

The club was treated at the fun fly to exhibitions of FPV quad racing. Wow... those things are fast and maneuverable. I apologize for failing to make note of who provided or piloted those flights, but nonetheless much thanks to those who exhibiting and shared their aspect of aero modeling. It was extremely interesting and entertaining to see what they are

doing. If you should read this newsletter, y'all are welcome at the field anytime.

July Business Meeting

In keeping with the past few years' tradition, the July business meeting is canceled... take a break.

Arlyn Stewart

Club Officers

Arlyn Stewart- President

Bob Smith- Vice President

Bobby Bonds—Secretary/Treasurer

Mike Mansfield- Safety Officer

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Next Club Meeting!

Sunday July 1, 3:00



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