



## **ETAM Tailwind**

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### ***President's Corner***



#### ***November business meeting***

*The first thing to bring to your attention is that at the November meeting on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at the field,*

*according to our bylaws officers will be nominated for the coming year. Those nominations will be voted on during the December meeting. So.... If you are wishing to campaign for one of the offices... your name must be submitted during the Nov business meeting. Conversely.... Those not wanting an officer position should be in attendance to ward off a draft.*

#### ***Toys for Tots fall fun fly***

*Second, is of course our fall Toys For Tots Fun Fly scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> 9am*

*till dark. Landing fee is \$25 with \$10 of each registered pilot fee donated to the Marine Toys For Tots program, meal of course included with landing fee. Weather has finally started cooperating (somewhat) for our fun fly events, so lets make this another success and have a great turnout with much fun for all. The featured raffle prize will be a 10cc Hanger Nine Ultrastick. Many thanks again to Big Mike's Toys and Hobbies for his sponsoring assistance.*

*Recent fun fly events have provided profits that have kept yearly dues from rising... we appreciate everyone's support and fellowship at these bi-yearly events.*

#### ***Scrap iron clean up***

*Last summer, John Dewey did a great job of brush hogging some peripheral areas bordering the road access and flying field.*

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*That led Joe Acker to keep those areas mowed this season using the club mower while allowing Mike Mansfield to concentrate his efforts on the runway. Mowing the area north of the storage shed produced a problem, removing the weeds that had somewhat hidden the scrap iron pile that had collected there, made the area more of an eyesore than it had been. The problem was the focus of a recent work day and the area was cleaned up and looking good. Many thanks to all who helped, with special thanks to Ronny Still who provided the trailer and cutting rig. Sale of the scrap produced slightly over \$200.*

### **Other field upgrades**

*Other field upgrades include picnic tables and airplane stands commissioned by John Dewey... much thanks to John for these fine field upgrades. We've a fine flying site. While situated on a landfill that yields some problems, it is remote but yet close. While finding a plane in the rough is tough, we've not had close neighbors. If we could... we would thank those who are now gone for their efforts.*

- *Carl Kinney who sponsored the center pavilion*

- *Larry Pilgrim for securing the storage shed*
- *Charles Warren for his many years of effort, eleven years as president*
- *Names and faces too numerous to detail who contributed in some way to the facility that we enjoy now*

### **Some new and old faces**

*Some new and old faces have appeared in recent months at the field and it has been great to have you all with us. Randy Lewelyn and Eddie Bernaldez are old and welcomed again faces. Eddie has been flying for a few months now and Randy is getting planes air worthy again. To those new faces, we give a hearty welcome. It is great to have y'all a part of ETAM.*

### **Chad Mertz – moving to Austin**

*With much regret, we said goodbyes to Chad Mertz this past Sunday afternoon. Chad flies a Lear jet for a lawyer conglomerate and the plane had been hangered at Gregg Co airport but recently moved to Austin, necessitating a move by Chad, wife and soon to be born boy. As the saying goes, if there are finer men than Chad, we've not met them yet. It has been East Texas Aero Modelers good fortune to have had Chad a part of us for a*

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season of his life. We wish him and his family the best, always.

### **Keeping it modeler friendly**

The comments about Chad set the stage to make a more general comment about what a great bunch of guys compose the East Texas Aero Modelers. You are the best. While division has seemingly increased as an American problem, Y'all have kept the flying field modeler friendly.

### **Making of memories**

This past month, my sister invited us to spend a week in Branson as they have a time share. We got corralled into a presentation in trade for free show tickets and endured a harangue about needing to have a time share to facilitate the making of memories. After hearing over and over the argument that making memories was important and that a time share was the way to do that, I'd had enough and countered that it was arrogant to suggest that memories couldn't be made without a time share.

Walking the field the other day after the scrap iron clean up, my memory flooded with names of those who had flown from the field. My list started with T.F.

Madison... and thoughts of so many others. Some are gone now, some no longer active, and some remain vibrant members of our modeling fraternity. We've all made and are making memories with fellow modelers. The flying field is my time share.

Arlyn Stewart

### **Club Officers**

Arlyn Stewart- President

Bob Smith- Vice President

Bobby Bonds—Secretary/Treasurer

Mike Mansfield- Safety Officer

Bob Smith-Newsletter Editor

### **Next Club Meeting!**

Sunday October 7, 3:00

Sunday Nov. 4, 3:00

Fall Fun Fly, Nov. 10,



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