

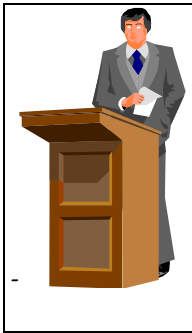


## ETAM Tailwind

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### *President's Corner*



#### **2019 Officers**

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#### **Fall Toys for Tots Fun Fly**

*Our fall fun fly held this past November went well. Twenty eight pilots registered,*

*shared good flying weather, lunched together and bought raffle tickets to win a 10cc Ultra Stick. From the entry fee, \$15 per was donated to the Marine Toys For Tots program and a check was submitted for \$420. ETAM netted \$592 after expenses, with most of that coming from the sale of raffle tickets.*

#### **Field Upgrades**

*ETAM continues to enjoy upgrade contributions to the field. Another table was recently donated by John Dewey and a wind mill by Ronny Still. Much thanks to them for their thoughtfulness.*

#### **Annual Winter Banquet**

*Our annual winter honor banquet will be held again this year at the Cotton Patch Café on McCann Rd, Thursday February*

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28, at 6pm. This is a fun event for members Work, wives and friends.

### **Work Day**

A work day is scheduled for January 19 with a start at 9:30-10 am for the purpose of dealing with tree encroachment. We need you and your chain saw or axe if you have them.

### **Don Davis**

We continue to keep Don on our minds and wish him a speedy recovery and continued good response to treatment. Our hope is to see him soon back at the field soon.

### **Annual report on finances**

Our bylaws dictate that the incoming president shall submit an annual statement about financial health so that any consideration of a dues increase to meet budget needs can be made. While our membership has fallen slightly below the threshold for meeting the budget at current dues of \$50 per year, the fun fly events have filled the void... so in short, the club remains in good financial

condition and no increase in dues are needed.

### **Annual Dues**

Members are reminded that Dues for 2019 are now due. Full member are \$50 and park flyer (under 2.5 lbs aircraft) are \$25.

### **Field Security**

We've not had any particular problem with the gate or electrical panel being left open so this is only a friendly reminder to secure them when leaving the field.

### **Safety Placards**

Bobby Bounds has been laboring with AMA to obtain current and fresh safety placards. All members are reminded to observe AMA safety guidelines as posted.

### **Keith Tucker**

James Moorhead reported to members that Keith Tucker has passed away. Keith was a long time club member and for a while operated a hobby shop near Hallsville. He and wife Judy moved back to Tennessee some months ago after her retirement.

### **SPA Pattern Competition**

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*This past year from March through November, one of ETAM's pilots has been competing in SPA (Senior Pattern Association) competition. Eddie Bernaldez finished the season second place overall in regional competition, earning a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in event competition.*

*Competition restrictions are that the plane being flown must be designed 1979 or earlier, powered by a maximum .65 two stroke or .91 four stroke and not have retractable undercarriage.*

*The event flies the traditional AMA pattern often referenced as the "turn around pattern". This past season, Eddie flew a Kaos and for the 2019 season has builds underway to compete with Dirty Birds. Most will know that a prudent competitor have a backup bird. Eddie reports that competition this past season saw between 12-20 contestants at the various meets.*

*Take a look over at <https://www.seniorpattern.com/> to see what is happening*

***History of Radio Control Activity for our Area***

*Following control line and free flight modeling done at the Gregg County airport with notables such as Bill Kleeb (brother to Helen Kleeb of radio and television fame) who owned two Kleeb's Toy Ranch model shops in Longview, the first written records we have of radio control modeling in East Texas are of activity conducted at the Gladewater airport in 1962, among them some familiar names, Floyd Harp, Dwayne Ferguson, Waylon Woods, and Mike Clark of Dallas Cowboys fame as a kicker.*

*Eventually chased from the airport, early RC'ers moved to various flying sites such as Premier Refinery, Pine Tree High School, and the field on Longview's east side left by the defunct Longview Mall proposal (currently occupied by UPS). On October 30, 1974, area RC'ers loosely organized with the name Gregg Co. RC'ers with Floyd Harp as the first president. A year later Pat Owens served as president. In 1976, while Mike Collier was president, the name was changed to become more inclusive to East Texas Area Modelers.*

*Around 1977, the club was invited to fly on the farm near Danville owned by Carl*

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*Kinney where members flew for nearly ten years. Some time in the mid '80, Joe Acker reports that attempts began to secure the then closed Greggton Dump location, and the club made the move sometime between 1986-88, where the club continues to fly, having done so now for more than thirty years.*

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*From the president – Jan, 2019*

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*Bobby Bonds–Secretary/Treasurer*

*Mike Mansfield- Safety Officer*

*Bob Smith-Newsletter Editor*

### **Next Club Meeting!**

**Sunday, January 6, 3:00**

**Sunday, February 3, 3:00**

**Fall Fun Fly, Nov. 10,**

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