

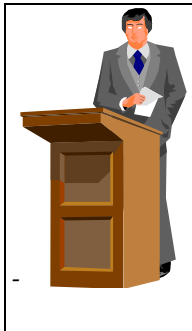


ETAM Tailwind

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PRESIDENTS CORNER



From the president,

Winter Banquet

Our annual winter banquet is scheduled for February 23 – 6pm at the Cotton Patch

Café on McCann Rd with all members and their guest welcome. This event has traditionally offered a nice break to winter doldrums that curtail flying activities and provides an opportunity for family and friends to share in fellowship with ETAM flyer.

3rd Tuesday Lunch B4 Flying

3rd Tuesday lunch B4 flying is coming soon on Jan 17th at Whataburger on the loop at 12 noon.

ETAM 2023 Officers

During the November meeting, a motion was made to nominate all current officers for 2023 with no other nominations made. During the December meeting, these nominations were give approval votes.

FAA Recognized Identification Areas (FRIA)

During the December meeting, the FAA requirement to apply for waiver of the requirement for model airplane transponder ID was discussed. AMA has been granted CBO (Community Based Organization) status by the FAA, thus placing them in the position to do the work needed to present FRIA applications on behalf of AMA chartered clubs.

In short, areas approved to be FRIA will be exempt from transponder requirements for remote control aircraft that go into effect this coming summer. AMA subsequently requested that each club

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provide a contact person to communicate information about the club for the purpose of submitting FRIA request to the FAA. Bobby Bound was given that task in conjunction with his secretary duties for yearly AMA charter renewal. He reported during the January meeting that AMA requested information was provided and the AMA has made the submission to the FAA and that our FRIA request is now pending with the FAA. Keep in mind that there are hundreds of other clubs who have also done so and no one knows when action will be taken. There has even some chatter that summer's deadline may get pushed back a bit.

Flying Field Maintenance

Trees and bushes had once again become obtrusive to outlying flight areas and required efforts. Several members headed up by Steve Greer embraced the task over several days and the outlying areas are have been cut back and are looking much better and are certainly less intrusive to the air space. The club owes much thanks to those who donated money, time and effort to accomplish the task. Once again

the willingness to preserve a good flying site has been demonstrated.

Recent visits with long time ETAM members

Recent visits with long time ETAM members have been enjoyed. Not long ago, I enjoyed a short exchange with George Hilliard, and I'll pass on a couple of snippets from him.

OLD AGE COMES AT A BAD TIME! WHEN YOU FINALLY KNOW EVERYTHING, YOU START TO FORGET EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.

Regarding his recent loss, he wrote "its a new road to me, but so far I haven't fallen off"

CHEERS, GMH

A nice visit with Floyd found him feeling well and receptive of some banana bread. In return he passed to me an Enya 120 that had been gifted to him by TF Madison. During the visit he showed a Christmas card from Dwain that included a note describing finding a one dollar bill pinned to his shop wall with a caption

denoted have bested it from Floyd and was returning it.

Floyd shared that he called Dwain, but neither remembered the story behind the dollar bill. In a moment, I recalled it. Dwain had been cutting the sky up with a new small stick and Floyd offered a dollar if Dwain could fly it thru the gap between the outhouse and the storage building. Dwain did.

That of course required a call to Dwain that also found him doing well at 92 years young to refresh his memory of how he had obtained the dollar from Floyd. Yep, after the reminder, the episode came back to him. Dwain shared that his years of flying RC models had great meaning to his life and had provided much fellowship and enjoyment and that he hoped to visit someday with us again soon.

It all reminded of a short video I have of Dwain and Floyd, which unfortunately is of poor quality not suitable for uploading. The two long friends were messing with a diesel engine in efforts to tweak it on the very small biplane creation of Dwain's. Floyd reaches to tweak while Dwain holds and Floyd got prop bit and is bleeding (slightly) to wit Dwain seems oblivious or was it unconcerned. Both were always good for some entertainment as they explored the many facets of RC modeling. Both were much enjoyed by the whole of

the East Texas Aero Modelers fraternity and members of neighboring clubs.

The group wishes all three of these (our) patriarchs the best in health and future years ahead.

Clarence Lee

We recently learned from his son, that Clarence Lee has passed away at age 99. Many of us were devoted readers of his engine clinic column in RC Modeler magazine.

Contest Director

To my knowledge, ETAM has never had an official AMA sanctioned contest director member. During a Tyler event this fall, we raised that issue with area VP and he shared that the process was not as difficult as thought. So, Steve Jackson volunteered for the task and has completed the training material required of the AMA and has certification pending. Much thanks to Steve for his willingness and efforts

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