



Alvin R/C Model Airplane Association

Upcoming Events

Here is a list of some of the sanctioned events around our neighborhood.

2/14/2015 -- St Hedwig, TX (A) HOTSS OPEN SAILPLANE. Site: 4950 Abbott Rd. Willis Van CD

2/20/2015 - 2/21/2015 -- Rockdale, TX (C) FREEZE FLY AT APACHE PASS. Site: Fly Apache Pass Rc. Doug Nelle CD

2/21/2015 -- Dayton, TX (A) JETRO ANNUAL FUN FLY. Site: Jetro Club. Larry Rogers CD

3/7/2015 -- Beaumont, TX (C) CHUCK KALKBRENNER BENEFIT. Site: Brcc Club Field. Charles Nowell CD

3/21/2015 -- St Hedwig, TX (A) HOTSS HANDLAUNCH & OPEN. Site: 4950 Abbott Rd. Willis Van CD

3/27/2015 - 3/29/2015 -- Newark, TX (C) GIANT SCALE FLY IN AND FUN FLY. Site: Tx Wings Field. Roman Paryz CD

3/28/2015 -- Austin, TX (C) CUBS & COUSINS. Site: Lester Field. Gary Smith CD

3/28/2015 -- Georgetown, TX (C) GEORGETOWN CLUB 40. Site: Georgetown Rc Flying Field. Robert Petrinc CD

3/28/2015 -- Rosenberg, TX (C) FORT BEND RC CLUB SPRING SWAP MEET AND FUN FLY. Site: Fbrc Field. Richard Jackson CD

For all sanctioned events visit the AMA Calender @ <http://www.modelaircraft.org/events/calendar.aspx>

Based on January meetings of the Executive Committee (EC) and General Membership of the club we have outlined and set a challenging path for 2015 in the way of events and projects.

Events planned or in the planning stages:

- 25th Annual Alvin Jumbo Squadron Big Bird Fly-In April 4, 2015 – CD Benny Behrens.
- 40th Birthday of the club – Details of the Celebration are in the planning stages for late May/early June.
- October 3rd (tentative) - Sanctioned Warbird Fly-In – CD Ken White.
- August 15th – National Model Aviation Day Fly-In – currently in planning stages.
- December 5th (tentative) – Open Fun Fly supporting Toys for Tots.

Projects planned for 2015 contingent on available funds:

- Install catch basins and drainage line from center taxiway to county ditch at rear of property – materials on site to be installed when weather/soil conditions support use of trenching equipment.
- Project A - Replace existing sidewalks from covered area to pit area with 8 foot wide sidewalk at center and 6 foot wide at the rear or far end.
- Project B – new paving extension in front of the existing slab under the covered area. Width of paving to match North edge of the existing clubhouse.
- Project C – new paving extension in front of the existing slab under the covered area. Width of paving to match Project B width.
- All of the projects above are approved by the membership and will proceed as funding is available. We are currently in the process of obtaining formal pricing and evaluating the benefits/potential savings related to combining projects under one contractor.

As you can see we have outlined a busy year that can be challenging but fun. If you would like to volunteer to help on any of the above events or projects please contact myself or any member of the EC. We will keep everyone updated as activities progress.

Hoping everyone has a great 2015 and Gravity is kind to your airplanes... Thanks...Benny

Phil Does It Again

Phil is always pulling something exciting or interesting or old out of his car. On this particular day Phil brought out an airplane made from cardboard. Not any old cardboard, but corrugated cardboard. The fuselage is reinforced with thin balsa and it does have a wood firewall. This plane is at least 20 years old. It is powered by a KD 60 glow engine.



Phil proceeded to fill the gas tank and after borrowing a glow igniter from Guy the KD started and off into the air it went. A successful flight and landing it was.



Ben Shows Off His Piper Pacer

Ben brought out his scratch build Piper Pacer to show it off. This plane is powered by a Super Tiger 2000 glow engine. It was too windy the day we first saw it to fly so we just admired his skills. Ben installed running lights in the wings and has added landing lights that are turned on when the flaps are moved down.



It is a great looking airplane and we hope to see it fly soon.

Alvin RC Open Fun Fly 12-6-14

On December 6, 2014 our club held a Fun Fly open to all local AMA members to come fly whatever they had. Only conditions were all AMA and Club Flight and Safety requirements applied. No landing fees and food (breakfast tacos and lunch hamburgers) was free, but donations were accepted. For a week prior to the event it rained off and on and the day of the event just before daylight it was continuing to rain. As the sun came up rain cleared and magically it became very flyable day. Participation was not quite what we hoped, but in spite of the bad weather expectations and Christmas shopping we had over 30 pilots and spectators.



It was a lot of fun with local RC friends and spectators and I believe everyone got their share of flight time either on the field or on the simulator in the clubhouse.

A big "thank you" to all those that volunteered to help with the cooking, registration, safety and all the other tasks associated with a flying event.

Open Fun-Fly 12-6-14



Tech Corner

Contributed by Justin Wallace

Have an older ignition that has a 6.0 volt limit and do not want to run a regulator? Use a small extension and install two diodes.

The diode is a 1N4001, which can be purchased at Fry's, Radio Shack or really any electronic store.

Important things to note here is:

Each Diode gives you a 0.7 volt drop, add them in parallel to positive lead to increase drop.

The voltage drop is seen minimally without a load and will go up to 0.7 Volt with a small load applied (100 milliamps is plenty of a load to drop voltage).

Do not use these to power your receiver or servos, the load would exceed that allowed by the diode.

I will make these for ANY local club member for \$5.

Email at jmw116@aol.com or text at 3107145548.



New Members

Please welcome Jeff Edwards our newest member. Jeff is new to RC and lives in Webster.

Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome any member you don't know.

Crash Report

From Benny: "On my Revolver loose power connection causing intermittent control surface failures. All I can figure is one of the main power connections (Anderson or solder joints was cutting on and off due to vibration). That is my best guess as the black boxes were not available".

Smiles

What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

Why do people run over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it and then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?

How do those dead bugs get into the enclosed light fixtures?

Whatever happened to Preparations A through G?

The statistics on sanity say that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends.

For Sale or Wanted

Nothing submitted – guess everyone wants to keep what they have.....

Lost and Found

If you have lost or found an item at the field that you do not know who it belongs to please let us know so we can post the description. Most items found at the field are placed on the counter by the row of windows in the clubhouse.

Club Officers

President – Benny Behrens	Vice President & Safety Coordinator– Mike Vawters
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Newsletter

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