



# Alvin R/C Model Airplane Association

# **Upcoming Events**

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

4/11/2015 -- Texas City, TX (C) TCRCC WARBIRD FLY IN & SWAP MEET. Site: Holland Park. Harvey Cappel CD

4/11/2015 -- Waco, TX (C) HOTMAC CLUB 40 EF1. Site: Hotmac Field. Steve Blackwell CD

4/18/2015 -- Bryan, TX (C) 3D MULTI ROTOR HELI PLANE FLY IN & SWAP MEET. Site: Brazos Valley Rc Modelers Club. Dan Gray CD

4/18/2015 -- Crosby, TX (C) PROP NUTS ANNUAL FLEA MARKET AND FLY IN. Site: Club Field. Taswall Crowson CD

4/18/2015 - 4/19/2015 -- Killeen, TX (C) CENTEX MODELERS BIG BIRD. Site: Hall Field Stillhouse Lake. H Hillin CD

4/18/2015 - 4/19/2015 -- Kingsbury, TX (C) OLD KINGSBURY SPRING FLYIN. Site: Old Kingsbury Aerodrome. Frank Simas CD

4/23/2015 - 4/26/2015 -- Texarkana, TX (C) TEXARKANA BIG BIRD. Site: Wright Patman Lake. Gary Strickland CD

4/25/2015 -- Houston, TX (C) WARBIRDS OVER JSC. Site: Johnson Space Center. Ken White CD

Next club meeting April 25th. Breakfast at 7:00 AM and meeting at 9:00 AM

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

# President's Message

Saturday April 4, 2014 we held our 25th Annual Big Bird Fly In. After weeks of rain and standing water on our field, a week before our event, the rains stopped, sun came up and a breeze kicked in to add a hair dryer effect – end result field was dry enough to mow and park member, participant, guests and visitor cars. The bottom line - we had a great day, great attendance, great airplanes, great pilots and great friends.

As anyone that has been involved in an event like this knows there are so many factors that can have a very bad impact on the event's outcome. It all starts with the weather which is obviously the one thing we have no control over but somehow it all came together in the last week (if someone would like to take credit for this just remember we will call on you next time). The next most critical element is volunteers "to make it happen." We have been very fortunate over the years with members that are willing to step up and take on whatever task they see that needs to be done. This year I can count more than 20 members that unselfishly contributed the time and effort to make it happen – special thanks to each of you.

And finally the reason for all of this is to make sure our participants, guests and spectators have a fun and safe day – and to this all I can say is mission accomplished!

We had a little bit of an unusual day because even though the weather was good the winds were really bad with crosswinds gusting at times in excess of 20mph. This was probably a contributing factor in a somewhat lower registered pilot count (25) but the overall attendance is estimated to be well over 100. The quality of the flying skills and airplanes was outstanding and everyone did a great job of abiding by the safety rules and handling their airplanes in a safe manner.

A special thanks to our local clubs that helped promote our event, local hobby shops that helped sponsor the event along with the many hobby suppliers that provided raffle and pilot prizes. A list of sponsors and contributors can be found on our website www.alvinrc.club.

The pictures probably tell the story best of all. As you can see we had a very impressive cross section of planes including many warbirds and two multi engine airplanes – Thanks to everyone for a great day

**Benny Behrens** 

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# Steve Leslie's Gilmore

Steve's Gilmore is a BH Models Gilmore Red lion Wedell Williams 30's Racer (don't make it any more unfortunately).





It is 85" span and for a 45-50cc gas engine, his has an EME 55 gas with on-board electric starter system.

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Came in over 20lbs and flew great on its first flight, no vices and the EME 55 hauls it around pretty fast with a 22 x 10 Xoar carbon prop.



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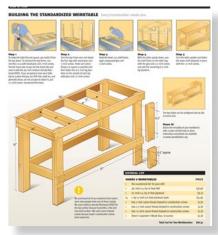
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#### Tech Corner Contributed by Justin Wallace

I saw Justin post this article on our Facebook page and thought I would include it in our newsletter.

"Before we can build a plane, we first need some workbenches. So, using the plans in the January 2010 issue of Sport Aviation, we built these "EAA Chapter 1000" workbenches for less than \$40 each."

The article and plans can be found at dreambuildfly.com/2010/08/building-workbenches/



# **New Members**

Please welcome Ken Owens our newest member. Ken was involved in RC back in the 70s and is getting back into it. He is a resident of Pearland.

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

# **Crash Report**

I didn't have a crash, but did have a difficult landing. One of my elevator servo extensions wrapped around my rudder servo arm and held the rudder at about 35 degrees to the left. I didn't know what was happening so I thought I better land. That turned out to be the hard part. From now on I will make sure all wires are out of the way and tied down.

# **Smiles**

A true story from the pages of the Manchester Evening Times:

Last Wednesday a passenger in a taxi heading for Salford station leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention.

The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb and stopped just inches from a large plate window. For a few moments everything was silent in the cab. Then, the shaking driver said "are you OK? I'm so sorry, but you scared the daylights out of me."

The badly shaken passenger apologized to the driver and said, "I didn't realize that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle someone so badly."

The driver replied, "No, no, I'm the one who is sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my very first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."

# For Sale or Wanted

Justin Wallace is selling his 50cc Yak55 airframe. \$400 You can contact Justin at jmw116@aol.com

## 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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# Local Sponsors

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