



Fort Worth Thunderbirds

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Special Edition: Pictorial Review of the Year 2022 Fort Worth Thunderbirds

Black Eye Pea Fly-In



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Warbird Fly-In



July 4th Club Picnic



Float Fly-In



60th Anniversary Air-Show



Jet Fly-In



2022 Club Christmas Party



A small sampling of toys collected for Cooks Children's Hospital. It's my understanding that our secretary's SUV is fully loaded as well. Well done Thunderbirds.



Christmas Toys for Cook Children Hospital children.

Thanks to all who donated new toys for Cook Children's Hospital to pass out to the children in the hospital. We collected 103 toys with an age range of one to eighteen years old. The volunteers at Cook Children will distribute the toys in the hospital.

Now I know several of the toys were pre played with, just to make sure they were in working order. The Etch a Sketch I can vouch for is in perfect working condition and still in the box. That toy had to be a favorite of somebody's' childhood and brings back many good memories to me. Once again many thanks to all of you.



2023 CALENDAR

DATE

EVENT

POINT OF CONTACT

January 1st

Black Eye Pea Fly-in

Club Officers

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Pres: James Meadows **VP:** Rob Lowe

Sec: Mike Schroeder **Safety:** Sam Corlett **Treas:** Chris Berardi



Secretaries Corner: *by Mike Schroeder*

Thunderbird Meeting Minutes by Mike Schroeder

November 28, 2022 Monday, Meeting at CERA, Meeting starts at 7:00

James welcomed everyone and new member Fred Neal to his first meeting.

Events Calendar

Christmas Party December 3 at the Botanical Gardens. Parking directions will be sent out before as there is a light show going on also. Doors open at 6:00 and food service at 6:30.

Black Eye Pea Event January 1, Sunday
Plans are to start a little later than before and it looks like somewhere around noon. Details are to come.

Show and Tell

Gary James brought his Top Flite control line Nobler. Fifty inch wingspan with an OS 40FP engine and a metal spinner and it was still nose heavy. This kit use to come as an ARF kit. Gary maiden it on Thanksgiving weekend.



The kit has been around so long that Ken Knotts mention that he flew the Nobler when he was thirteen years old. Rumor has it that his pit crew was none other than Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble.

Ken Knotts brought his Flite Test combat plane kit plane that he built. This is the same combat plane that Johnson City flyers are using in their combat. 3s battery and a 2200 KV motor.



Dave Williams brought his, new in the box, Lanier Strike kit that he going to put a 049 Black Widow engine on. This is not an ARF but a box of sticks he plans on building.



Reports

Treasury Report by Chris Berardi: Chris has several deposits that he needs to make. The major expenses this month were the In & Out burger and tee shirts for the 60th Anniversary party. Also had a very small bill from Wayne for the snow cone items for the anniversary party. Other expenses were the deposit for the Christmas party. Renewal dues are coming due the first of the month. Gate key will be changed out the first of the year so do not forget to renew your membership. You can pay on line, in check to Chris and credit card also. You can renew at the Christmas party also. 207 members at this time. Motion from Bill Lake to allow the board to change banks from Simon to a new bank with better customer service items. Second by Ed Kettler. Show of hands, all in favor, the motion passes.

Vice Presidents Report by Rob Lowe: Nothing to report at this time.

Secretary Report by Mike Schroeder: Motion by Rex Anderson to not read the minutes and 2nd by Rob Lowe. Show of hands with all but three in favor of the motion, the three hands not in favor were (Bill Lake, Pete Lucas and Gary James opposed). The motion passes.

Safety Report by Sam Corlett: Nothing to report at this time.

Discussion of maybe adding signage on the pilots' box that the pilot has to fly in the box and nowhere else as it is stated on the rules board (Rule number 5). Members need to help others to follow the rules for everyone's safety.

Old Business

CORP Youth Deer Hunt December 2 through 4. Field to be closed as youths with guns.

Re-stripe runway: Power wash center strip and stripe all the lines and taxi ways on the runway. Bid for \$1800. Motion by Ken Knotts to re-stripe the runway and second by Rick Kraft. Show of hands and all in favor of the motion passes.

Up Date on Helicopter cover: Looking to order the cover and if weather permits finish installation by the end of January. This will serve as a dual purpose: 1. Helicopter cover and 2. Food service area for events.

New Business

Field Crew Retiring members: Ken Knotts, Ian Waring and Bill Lake are retiring from the field maintenance crew. Many thanks for all the hard work they have done over the years making our field the best in the nation.

That means there is a chance for new club members to step up and volunteer to help out your club. The mow crew meets every Friday morning and takes care of what is needed. There will be a need for a new field lead or crew chief also. Please contact James Meadows if you are interested in helping out your club. If you have a suggestion please contact a board member.

Just reminder if you open the gate to please lock the lock on the chain link. This keeps the lock from being stolen.

Motion made to end meeting by Rex Anderson and second by Rob Lowe. Show of hands and all are in favor. The motion passes.

Meeting ended at 8:00

Members in attendance

Bill Lake
Woody Lake
James Meadows
Rob Lowe
Rex Anderson

Dave Williams
Ken Knotts
Johnny Hunt
Gary James
Ed Kettler

Pete Lucas
Tab Bowland
Mike Schroeder
Chris Berardi
Rick Kraft

Ian Waring
Mark Johnson
Mel Wells
Fred Neal
Tom Blakeney

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- I will not interfere with and will yield the right of way to all human-carrying aircraft using AMA's *See and Avoid Guidance* and a spotter when appropriate.
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6. Aircraft must follow the takeoff and landing pattern in effect.
7. Landing aircraft have the right-of-way over aircraft taking off.
8. Running aircraft shall not be left unattended.
9. No more than 5 pilots shall fly in each designated zone at one time.
10. LMA rules are posted in the bulletin board

