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Frank O'Neill	Larry Hultman
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Upcoming Club Events

May		
	10th	Club Meeting
June		
	14th	Club Meeting
July		
	19th	Fun Fly

Next Meeting

Saturday
May 10th
11:00 am
At the
Flying Field

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Presidents Column

“Mister Sand-man”

I had a look at the freshly spread sand on our parking lot last Sunday and all I could say was “Wow”. Well I threw in a few “fantastics” and “wonderfuls” and some other complimentary statements as well. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the guys on the sand team for the job done last week.

Jimmy Ruble and Randall Currie did the spreading. Frank furnished a tractor. Jim Taylor arranged for the sand and rolled and watered it and several other members picked what roots there were out of the sand and did general help.

Spreading sand takes a keen eye and a feel for equipment operation. It is obvious that Jimmy and Randall have the knack. (The knack probably is helped by many hours at the sticks of their airplanes.) Any way, this project is complete and should greatly improve the drivability of our parking lot for years to come.

This is a good example of the many talents of our members that surface when service is needed. I am really proud to be associated with this great group of people known as ARF.

Joe Hebert

The Fourth Musketeer

By Don Hirt

For the last 6 or 7 years, my wife has called Don Fisher, Larry Hultman, and myself the "3 Musketeers". The three of us would attend the annual B-17 Big Bird fun fly at Bomber Field in Monoville, Texas.

Don, Larry and I would go and camp out at the field for a week and Lloyd Parrisher would also come down and stay with his sister who lived nearby. Lloyd wouldn't fly or bring a plane, but he would always be there early in the morning bringing us Breakfast Jacks for breakfast and just be there to take in the comradely of one the largest flying events in Texas.

You could always count on Lloyd. He enjoyed looking at all of the different planes. He would help in anyway he could, from bringing a plane to the flight line while you went to get your radio, to being your spotter while you flew.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Regular meeting of ARF R/C Flying Club 04/12/08.

Meeting called to order at 11:00 by Joe Hebert. Minutes read by Don Ellsworth, accepted by members.

Treasurer, Leo Hebert reports that we have \$3179.25 in bank, accepted by members.

Old Business

Sand will be purchased from Vicory.

Horizon promotion 2.4 giveaway. Spectrum and JR. All sanctions for summer funflays are in and ready to go.

New Business

We need to change name of club to association. Motion made and seconded.

We need to sign contract to lease field.

Volunteers needed to help spread sand. Jim Taylor will notify.

Motion made and seconded to spend not more than \$250.00 on used refrigerator.

Meeting adjourned by Joe Herbert at 12:00.

Now as another flying season has come upon us and due to Don Fisher's health he cannot be with Larry and myself. Last Saturday the 26th of April we went to New Waverly, Texas, and an hour's drive from Livingston to attend their Big Bird fun fly. There was Lloyd waiting for us as we drove up to the field. He brought with him his Telemaster. He help us set up the canopy and then the 3 of us put together our planes.

Larry and I took our turn and flew and then Lloyd fueled and readied his plane. He got a little nervous with the other pilots flying their fast aerobatic Sukois, Extras, and Yaks, so Larry flew the Telemaster for him.

After socializing, had lunch and watching the local Flying Witch, we prepared to again take our turn on the flight line. Again, after Larry and I each flew our plane, Lloyd prepared his Telemaster. This time he took off and flew with the Extras, Sukois, and Yaks.

I was so proud of after all of those years of him coming and helping, doing whatever he could, Lloyd flew at a Big Bird flying event. Larry and I have our 4th Musketeer.

On the Road Again

By Larry Hultman

Well, Don Hirt, Lloyd Parrisher and I went to New Waverly's Fly In. (April 26th) The weather was great "sunny and hot" when Don and I pulled through the gate at Barnstormers. The first thing Don said was "look there's Lloyd" and sure enough there he was. All of us had our colors on, looking good, supporting our local chapter. This weekend there were 35 registered pilots. The food was "not bad" but not "great". either. Ha, Ha. The facility was outstanding and groomed to perfection. The day hosted a variety of planes from 1/3 scale 3D to warbirds to even big Telemasters (3 to be exact,) and one being Lloyd's. Well as the day past Lloyd said "I think I will give it a try". Don said "are you sure Lloyd, their flying big Cap 232's right now. Lloyd said "Auh, what the hell, I came this far and it's a nice day" Then I said "go for it Lloyd, I'll be your spotter".

So we filled it up and went to the starting pad. I crank it up for him and got it running good. I said to Lloyd "go to your station, Lloyd". So he did. I yelled out to the pilots flying "coming out to take off". Lloyd taxied out and lined her up, and before you knew it Lloyd took off climbing to altitude, and flew the circuit. Well ain't that something, Lloyd just soloed at his first Bigbird event. Don and I were as happy as two kids with a new toy. We just could not believe Lloyd finally did it after all the fly ins he's been to with us. He never flew, just supported us. But that just goes to show that with "persistence and support" you can do anything. We are proud of you Lloyd.

Well as the day passed things went well and everyone brought their planes home in one piece so that makes it a great day.

This is Larry, and I hope to see you at the next fly in.

Bomber Field is coming in June. Please make arrangements to attend. All ARF members are welcome in the pits at all times during the event. Call Larry Hultman or Don Hirt for information.

Upcoming Area Events

MAY 17--Benbrook, TX (C) Thunderbird Memorial Warbird Fly-In. Site: Thunderbird Field. Sponsor: Fort Worth Thunderbirds #1217. CD: Terry Thorpe, 413 Schooner Road, Azle, TX 76020. Phone: 817-444-8237 (day) 817-444-8237(eve) E-Mail: thorpetr@flash.net WebSite: www.fwthunderbirds.org 12th Annual Thunderbird Memorial Fly-In. Free lunch for pilots, giveaways and pilot promotions. 450" concrete runway. Fixed or Rotor wing warbirds. Jet/turbine waiver required. Pilot briefing at 9a.m. Landing fee \$10. Contact Terry at 817-444-8237 or thorpetr@flash.net GPS: 32.6391194, -97.4723583

MAY 17--Orange, TX (C) Open Fun-Fly. Site: CClub Field GPS:34.72068, -106.611. Events: Sponsor: Orange County RC Club #2824. CD: Charles Watson, 840 Ohio St., Vidor, TX 77662. Phone: 409-769-6657 (day) 409-769-6657(eve) E-Mail: artworksbyvicky@aol.com Field located 1/2 mi E. of FM-62, exit 873 off I-10 E. or W., Orange Co. TX Concessions available on site. Hotels close by. Two grass runways. Camping & RVs Okay; no hook-ups. Registration \$10. AMA rules apply.

JUN 07-08--Monaville, TX (C) Warbird Fly-In. Site: Bomber Field. Events: Sponsor: Bomber Field, Inc. #2307. CD: Nick Stratos, 10003 Rocky Hollow, La-Porte, TX 77571. Phone: 713-857-4108(day) 281-471-6762(eve) E-Mail: nls@houston.rr.com WebSite: www.bomberfieldusa.com Any size warbird, any country. \$20 landing fee.

JUN 21-22--Kingsbury, TX (C) (WWI) Dawn Patrol Rally. Site: Old Kingsbury Aerodrome. Events: Sponsor: Tri-City Flyers #0850. CD: Dean Lukover, 1810 Flintbed Road, San Antonio, TX 78232. Phone: 210-494-4619(day) 210-495-4619(eve) E-Mail: lukoverd@sbcglobal.net WebSite: www.tricityflyers.com Any aircraft up to 1922. Large grass runway. Lunch for one day included with \$20 registration. Bring your own canopy. Overnight camping OK but no hook-ups. Flying Saturday 9a.m. to 4p.m., Sunday 9a.m. to 2p.m. Registration opens 8a.m. both days. Win a flight in a full sized bi-plane.

May						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Lloyd Parrisher Don Ellsworth Eddie De Sha		3
4	5	6	7	Randall Currie Louis Sims Jimmy Ruble		10 Meeting
11	12	13	14	Don Hirt Larry Hultman		17
18	19	20	21	Frank O'Neill Jim Taylor Mike Muehr		24
25	26	27	28	Lloyd Parrisher Don Ellsworth Eddie De Sha		31

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29	30			Randall Currie Louis Sims Jimmy Ruble		

Get together with your group and set up a time to mow either on Thursday or Friday.

Don't forget to check the oil level and tire pressure.

Don't forget to clean the mower deck when finished.

Please remember to clean the restroom before you leave.

Please report any mower problems to Frank O'Neill or Mike Muehr.