



# Le Journal d'Escadrille

Newsletter for the members of the 114<sup>th</sup> R/C Aero Squadron  
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## WHO SAY'S MEMBERS OF THE 114<sup>TH</sup> R/C AERO SQUADRON ARE WEATHER WEANIES?

The Valentine's Day snowstorm didn't deter inveterate flyers like Bob Hubbard, Len Minco and David Vilbig from getting Bob's giant Telemaster into the air. Where were the rest of us? Probably at the building/repair board.

## March'04 President's Message

First, let me offer a warm welcome to all the Associate members who have become "Regular" members. With this you have also accepted the responsibility to actively guide and participate in the operation of your Club. Use the opportunity to foster the aspects that you like and change the things you don't. Your participation is vital especially in the voting process because only Regular members can vote on official business and not voting constitutes a "no" vote. This could serve to defeat an otherwise acceptable piece of business. The result can be crippling.

For everyone's reference, an abbreviated set of the updated by-laws is included with this newsletter. Because they cover many pages, they can be found in their entirety on our web site. If not posted by the time you read this, they will be posted soon. They reflect the new means that allows prospective members to join the club in spite of being unable to fulfill the requirement to attend 2 regular meetings. The amendment calls for the formation of a "Membership Nominating Committee". Long-standing member ED PEREZ has offered to chair this committee and is seeking others that are willing to serve. If you would like to do so or would like to join the club by exercising this option please contact me directly. ([dbarabash@114thraerosquadron.com](mailto:dbarabash@114thraerosquadron.com)).

For your reference you will find a copy of the current roster attached. It can also be found on the club website ([www.114thraerosquadron.com](http://www.114thraerosquadron.com)) in the "Members Only" section. You will also find the by-laws and other useful information there.

No news to report yet on the proposed re-alignment of our field. It is still in the planning and study stage. However, please note that heavy usage of the soccer fields will be starting soon. **It is absolutely paramount that everyone pays a great deal of attention to operating safely while the fields are in use.** I can't emphasize this point enough. We do have a reserved fly-over area at the south end of the field and extending approximately 150' past the road. Regardless, **when taking off to the south, please execute a left turn to get around to the north at the first opportunity to safely do so.** Obviously, in-flight activities should take place either over the field or to the north. If overshooting a landing to the south or if you experience an engine failure while on a southern takeoff, consider turning back to the field or ditching the aircraft in order to avoid any kind of hazardous situation. It goes without saying that the risk factor jumps dramatically when an aircraft is operating on the south side of the road.

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We had a good meeting with Trophy Club and things are going well. DENNIS EATON will report on this elsewhere in the newsletter. Make sure you check it out as well as the reports from our other committees.

Finally, we will be discussing a suggestion to hold all meetings indoor; summer and winter. There are opinions both ways on this so give it some thought and provide your views. The plan is to make a decision this month as the April meeting would otherwise be held at the field.

Happy and safe flying!  
Darrell ...

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### **From the Field Committee**

On February 24th I had a good conversation with Dave Symank who, for years, has taken care of the cutting and care of our field. I am pleased to inform you that he is planning on continuing his services for us again this year.

Dave can also take care of other needs required for our field. These include rolling, spreading ant killer, fertilizing, getting rid of the grub worms (which gets rid of the armadillos who were mining the field last year) and other items. At this time I am not asking for other services to be performed and he will continue with the base grass cutting and general services. However, if you detect other needs that need to be

performed, please ensure that you let me know and I will work with Dave. I suggest that we hold off on other services such as fertilizing unless they are absolutely necessary, until we find out more information on the status of the field relocation with the City of Grapevine.

Over the years, Dave has been very accommodating with the club and brings his equipment from Cleburne, TX, to take care of our field. He has always given us great pricing along with his "taking care of business" attitude. Additionally, Dave has been a flying enthusiast for many years therefore he intuitively understands and anticipates the needs of the field. He is truly an asset to the 114th RC Aero Squadron.

As always, let me know if you have any suggestions and.....  
See you on takeoff.  
Len

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### **Semi-update on Trophy Club, etc.**

*Dennis Eaton was traveling and not able to submit a complete report on the status of the potential field at Trophy Club. The following is an excerpt from one of his mid-month emails. Ed.*

I spoke with Dave Brown yesterday and he is planning to run an article in the Trophy Club newspaper about the new flying field at Marshall Creek Park. He is looking for pictures of people flying RC Airplanes, I sent him pictures that I had, plus the ones on our Web site, which may be enough but none was really great.

Dave has spoken to Adam Adams and Adam stated that they hope to move forward with the field this spring and have it open by mid-summer (I guess this means we did OK at the meeting.) There were apparently no objections from the Army Corp of Engineers. I will call Adam and get an update.

On another offer, Dave Brown has been in contact with the city of Westlake and he has approached Westlake about using their new gymnasium at Westlake Academy for indoor park flyers. From Dave Brown's description, it is quite large. They like the concept, but would like to have a flying demonstration to be sure that the planes do not destroy the building. I was thinking that James Bruce and maybe DEAF would like to chase this down.

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### **NEXT MEETING...**

Tuesday, March 9. 7:00PM at St. Laurence Episcopal Church. Be there...

## AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS THAT RECENTLY PASSED

(Complete By-Laws on website, <http://www.114thraerosquadron.com>)

*An AMENDMENT to the By-laws ... to allow prospective members to join the club who are otherwise unable to attend the meetings and be voted in by the membership.*

*This motion is represented in its entirety by the following changes:*

### Article III Membership

*1.4. All applicants for Regular, Associate or Family membership must:*

*1.4.1. Be sponsored by a Regular member.*

*1.4.2. Have attended two (2) regular Club meetings prior to being voted on by the membership.*

*1.4.3. Or, in lieu of the requirements set forth in paragraphs 1.4.1 and 1.4.2, the candidate may choose to be represented in absentia by the chairman of the Club's Membership Nominating committee. The obligations of this committee are set forth in Article IX, paragraph 1.3. A roster of members that have elected this procedure will be kept by an Officer of the Club as directed by the President.*

*1.4.4. Be a current member of the AMA.*

*1.4.5. Have his/her name published in the Club newsletter.*

*1.4.6. Be approved for membership by unanimous secret ballot at a regular Club meeting. The applicant may be represented in absentia if the procedure in 1.4.3 is being exercised. In any case, this specific requirement is only necessary once and upon initial membership.*

*1.4.7. Any member who has elected to apply the procedure of paragraph 1.4.3 must be reassessed by the Membership Nominating Committee within 60 days of the calendar year end, each and every year it is used. A positive decision returned by the Membership Nominating Committee is a non-negotiable condition of renewal.*

*1.6. The Club shall provide adequate and suitable notice for annual renewal of membership no later than the November newsletter. This may include a suitable form for renewal and must be returned as a condition of membership. Personal information such as address and phone numbers are never used by the Club for any means other than to maintain a proper roster and newsletter mailing list. All members must submit annually their current address and home phone number. P.O. Box addresses are not suitable for membership status purposes. Any member that has exercised the exception in 1.4.3 of Article III is also subject to the conditions in 1.4.7 of Article III, on an annual basis.*

### Article IX Committees

*1.3 The President shall appoint a Membership Nominating Committee, which shall be responsible for representing membership candidates in absentia. The Committee shall consist of five (5) members composed of at least one member who has been a club member in good standing for a minimum of ten (10) years, at least two members who have been club members in good standing for at least five (5) years and two other members. For the purpose of this committee, the members may be Regular or Inactive. A chairman will be appointed by the President and will represent the candidate in absentia only if that is the unanimous view of the committee. While not rigorously mandated, it is expected that each member will meet with the candidate and/or make any other investigations or checks deemed necessary in order to render their own assessment as to the character and suitability of said candidate. It is expected that participation in club activities and/or business will factor significantly into the decision. Any negative decision can be reassessed after six (6) months upon written request by the candidate.*

## FROM THE WEBMASTER

This month I want to introduce a new product for our website "Corkboard". This little piece of software gives us a sort of mini RC Universe of our very own. We have three topics "*News*" for any news anyone wants to make, "*Training*" anything training-related that the member-ship wants to talk about and "*Events*" anything about upcoming events such as fly ins, airs shows, contests that anyone wants to post or talk about or gather information. This "Corkboard" is ours, we can change it to do whatever we like and we don't have to worry about burning up our server space as all the posts are timed and automatically self delete after a preset time you set. So play with it, post to it, tell us your feedback.

Next item is some stats about our site:

Monthly visits: See graph(1)  
The monthly summary report shows the number of page views that our website has received on a monthly basis. A page view is counted each time a page is loaded into your browser.

The graph shows that we consistently go over our average. The monthly summary report in graph(2) shows the number of unique visitors to our website. A unique visitor is one unique IP address that hits our URL on the server. A unique visitor can register several page views in a single visit to the site. Like graph (1), this graph shows that we consistently go over our average and this means we are growing.

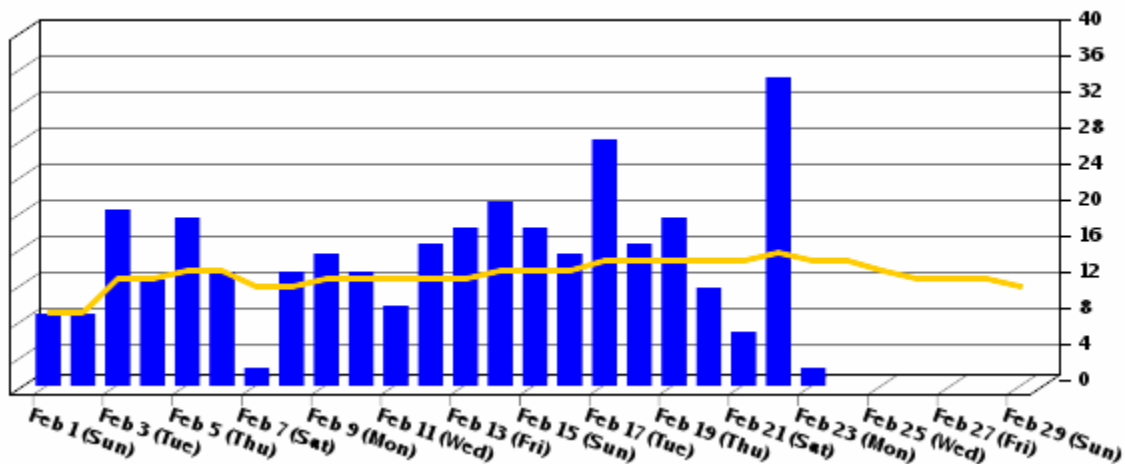
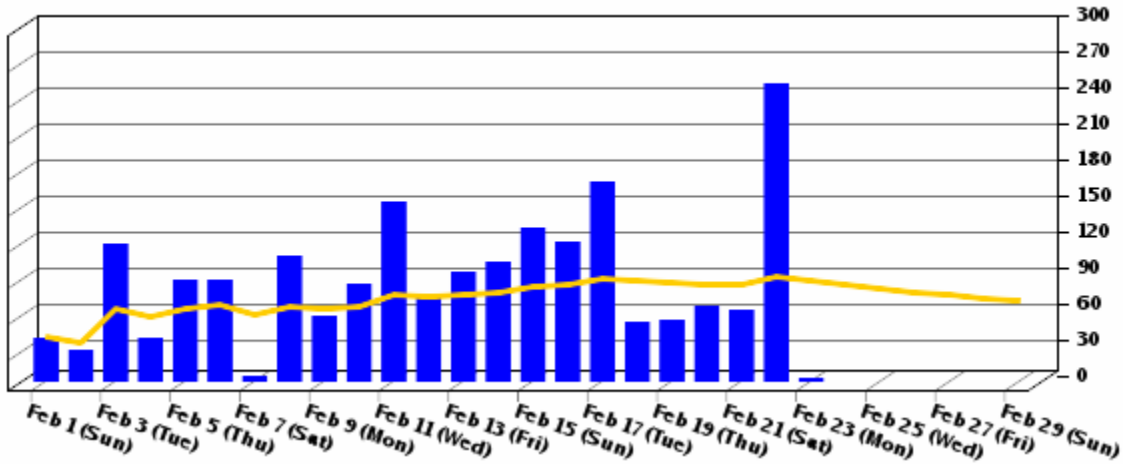
Our site is now at 90.8MB out of 200MB, we show 1745 hits as of February 23, 2004. Again the site is yours let me know what you want to see, your feedback drives what we do with the site.

May your landings equal your take offs.

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## FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

The club President called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. There was a quorum present. First time guests were David Callahan and his two sons Patrick and John. Second Time guest was James O'Conner.

### Old Business

If your e-mail address is not up to date, please advise Darrell of the change. **All new pilots please make sure we have your e-mail.** See Darrell if you are a new member and need a gate key.

Jack gave an update on the club membership. There were 41 regular members that chose to renew their membership for 2004. There will be 9 associate members that will become regular members as the club by-laws state. The amendment passed by a vote of 34 to 7.

Dennis gave an update on the proposed flying field at Trophy Club. The present plan is to do some dirt work and put out grass seed for a runway. There will be a steering committee meeting in mid February and we should know some more after that has taken place. Len Minco gave a report on the field committee. Len asked if anyone has a concern about the condition of the field to please get in touch with him and he will coordinate the needed work. Ron Korenek gave an update on the field safety. He will make some event forms and put them in the frequency cabinet. If something out of the ordinary happens at the field, a club member should fill out this form and advise an officer of the club of what took place. Al Mason, our chief instructor, is asking for help on Thursday evenings. If you would like to give AL a helping hand teaching new pilots, please give Al a call @ 214-563-2432. Johnny Snead gave an update on the website. If any club member wants to sell something, get in touch with Johnny and he will place your add on the website. Jacque Parker and Dennis Eaton will give a presentation on combat at the March meeting.

### New Business

James O'Conner was voted into the club. Welcome to the 114<sup>th</sup> RC Aero Squadron.

David Vilbig is going to make a mentor help list. New pilots that might need help with aircraft construction, radio installation or engine operation will have a list of people who will help them.

Dale Smith will see that our website address is put on a sign at the field.

There was a discussion about our club making contributions to the Saint Laurence Episcopal Church. A motion was made, received a second and was passed that we should make a contribution to the Church of \$50.00 for each time that we use the church as a meeting place.

There was a discussion about meeting at the Church all year instead of just in the winter time. There will be a vote of all regular members at the next club meeting.

## Model of the Month

Danny King presented plates to Larry Buchwalter and Jim Dines for their previous MOTM wins and he presented James Bruce with a plaque for his MOTM win at the January meeting. Congrats to all these winners.

For this month, Bryan Beuret entered an electric Lex with a 15 cell 2400mah battery pack.

Mick Brown entered a Hangar 9 F4U Corsair with an OS 120 for power.

Gene Blasavage entered a scratch built Hawker Typhoon with a Saito 120 up front.

David Vilbig entered a Sig Hog Bipe with a Saito 100 in the nose.

Dick Lessard entered a Bruce Tharpe Engineering Delta Vortex. He used a 90 Super Tigre.

Larry Buchwalter entered a Global Citabria with an OS 46 for power.

Harry Josten entered a Sig 4-Star Forty with an OS 40 up front.



Gene Blasavage won MOTM with his Hawker Typhoon. Congrats to Gene for a nice airplane.



There was another mega raffle. The club took in \$121.00.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45P.M.

After the meeting adjourned, James Bruce gave a super presentation on electric motors and battery packs. Thank you James Bruce for your contribution to the club.

## 114th RC Aero Squadron Flying Field Rules

### Do 's:

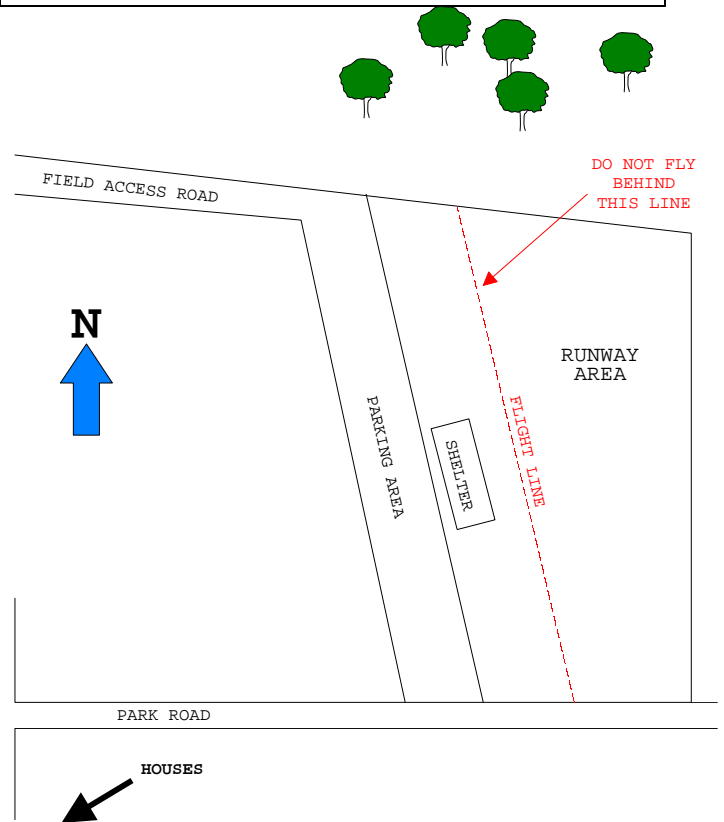
- *DO...* **ALWAYS KEEP SAFETY PARAMOUNT.** Ensure that both yourself and others operate in a safe manner. Every club member is also a club safety officer.
- *DO...* Stand on one of the five concrete slabs when flying. This is for safety and prevents 3IM between transmitters
- *DO...* When flying, call out your intentions to the other pilots when entering, exiting or on the runway.
- *DO...* Direct your exhaust and prop wash away from other flyers and spectators while in the pits
- *DO...* Use a muffler at all times
- *DO...* Be a current AMA member and make sure guests are also current AMA members
- *DO...* Use frequency board at all times
- *DO...* When taking off to the North you will use a right turn pattern
- *DO...* When taking off to the South you will use a left turn pattern

### Don'ts:

- *DON'T...* Fly above 300 feet
- *DON'T...* Take off from the pits
- *DON'T...* Fly over the pits or behind the flight line
- *DON'T...* Fly over the homes to the Southwest

A reminder from your Safety Officer

*Ron Korenek*



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