

TAILDRAGGER'S R/C CLUB



The Grass Strip News

MAR. 2019

Hello Everyone. Spring is HERE!!! I'm ready for some decent weather. Nothing but rain, rain, rain. With this edition, I will mainly cover some club business.

Election Results:

Peter Oparnica – President

Harvey Burns- Vice President

Ron Adams- Secretary/ Newsletter editor

Gene Maurice- Treasurer/ Web Master

Jeff Rugon was elected safety officer, but resigned. Gary Hammett has been appointed safety officer by the board.

Fly-In and Cook Out

April 13th at the field. We will have a short club meeting and then let's fly away the afternoon and enjoy some eats!

Letter from the President:

To All Taildraggers,

I wish to thank everyone who voted in our past election, and encourage an even better turn out in the next.

We have had some problems with our friends the Para Gliders over the past few months.

I truly believe this situation has been resolved, and look forward to peaceful coexistence.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see a copy of the most recent communication between us.

We will be hosting a Fly In, and cook out on April 13th at 1:00 at the field.

I have invited the Para Gliders to join us, and hope to make some new friends.

Gary Hammett has installed temporary ribbons to denote the Zero line", and no one is to park, anything, or fly Para gliders beyond that line.

Signage has been ordered explaining this, and will be installed by the 30th of this month.

We are combining this cook out with our club meeting which will be held sometime after 1:00.

The runway is being prepped by Harvey Burnes, and should be rolled, and seeded by time for the meeting.

Harvey has been working hard to get it even smoother this year!

I would like to invite the wives, and family of our members to come to the cook out, and enjoy themselves.

And If someone was to make some potato salad, or dessert, I would not be offended!

Let's get them new planes you bought at Perry in the air!!!----**Peter**

About the Para Glider Group by Peter

I have had a long conversation with the gentleman who is the head of the Para Glider group, Mike Riley. He stated that the group was confused as to where to fly and park. This is mainly because at this time of year, it is difficult to differentiate where the actual runway is. The other issue for them is the two runways that we use and they and could not figure out how to cope with both of them.

I spent a lot of time with him explaining the zero line and the over flight area. He seemed to understand and acknowledged that we need to separate the Gliders and RC aircraft for safeties sake. There have been three poles with ribbons attached to demonstrate the flight line on the east-west runway.

We have agreed that we will shut down the East-West runway when Para gliders were present in order to end all confusion. He said he was grateful for the conversation, and would speak to the others.

WARNING:

They are not an organization, but speak to each other via Facebook, as the "Atlanta flyers". This apparently is a private Facebook page because I can't find it on Facebook. That means that information may not be transmitted to all members, or flyers!

If you are at the field and there is an issue please explain to them the agreement we have with Mike Riley. If the issue persists, contact Mike at 404-579-2317. All Taildragger members are requested to load Mike Riley's phone number into your phone. As stated before, if the Paragliders are in the air, use a spotter to make sure they don't encroach on your airspace.

This may take a bit of time to clear up, but it is workable, and both sides are agreeable.

Gary is working on some safety signs explaining parking, and flying areas. Target to install is the end of the month.

Next page please see communication by Peter

From: **peter oparnica 111** <100beagles@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Mar 19, 2019 at 4:03 PM

Subject: Flying field

Hi Mike,

Thanks for your email address, and now you have mine.

Contact me anytime you need, or have a question.

On the issue we spoke of, about the "Zero line", which we impose on ourselves for safety reasons.

I have temporarily set today three poles with ribbons attached to denote the "Zero Line"

If you line yourself up with these poles you will get the idea of where this line is.

In theory it runs to infinity, but as I explained yesterday, we probably don't get much further than the tree line, and the river.

Today, I ordered some signs that I will be installing at the end of this month.

After seeing the signs, I hope no one will have any confusion.

Basically, they say " Caution, no vehicles or Para gliders beyond this point" Then it has arrows pointing in the direction of the zero line.

This gives you the rest of planet earth to fly on the other side of this line.

We will not cross this line, and pray your people do the same on their side.

Further, the RC group agrees to discontinue use of the east west runway while your people are present.

Please, we ask as a courtesy, to notify us of your presence upon arrival.

It would not hurt if at that time The RCer's were reminded of our commitment to close down that runway for you.

Once again, if anyone were to give you any trouble please have them call me. (Peter 770 634 5787)

I have also sent notice to the RC people that they are to call you if any problems arise. (Mike Riley 404 579 2317)

Let's have a great flying season, and I wish to invite all Para gliders to a cook out, and fly-in we will be hosting on Saturday April 13th at 1:00.

Let's get together and enjoy each other's company.

Best wishes,

Peter

Meeting Minutes from March 2019

Taildragger RC Club General Meeting, March 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Gene Maurice, President at 7:00PM

Attendees: Gene Maurice, Peter Oparnica, Harvey Burnes, and Gary Hammett

The Treasurer, Peter Oparnica, reported a Bank Balance of \$6,027.75 as of the meeting date. The Treasurers report was accepted. See the attached Bank Statement.

Gene Maurice reported that the current membership stands at 32 General Members and 3 Junior Members. As of the meeting, 27 members have paid their 2019-2020 dues. I would urge all of our members to renew their membership as soon as possible. If you have not paid your dues by March 15th your membership is considered to be terminated and as such you no longer have flying privileges at the field.

Old Business:

There have been no further issues reported with the Paraglider group.

Again, we must remind all members that in the meantime, if there is a Para Glider in the air ANYWHERE in the vicinity of the airspace we use, DO NOT FLY. If they are operating near the south end of the N-S runway use the E-W runway. If they are airborne use a spotter. But at no time should a RC aircraft fly in the vicinity of or otherwise jeopardize a manned aircraft. Item two from the AMA safety code states:

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.

The current years AMA Charter and insurance endorsement have been received.

New Business:

The results of the election are:

President:	Peter Oparnica
Vice President:	Harvey Burnes
Treasurer:	Gene Maurice
Secretary:	Ron Adam
Field Safety Officer:	Jeff Rugon

Non-Elected Positions

Webmaster:	Gene Maurice
Newsletter Editor	Ron Adams

The results of the vote to change the club General Meeting schedule was 12 YES, 0 NO.

Beginning next month, the new meeting schedule will be that a General Meeting will be held at the field on April 13, 2019, July 13, 2019, and October 12, 2019 at 1:00PM. The time and place for the Winter meeting will be determined by the Board at a later date.

The By-Laws will be updated to reflect this change.

The Board is proposing reinstating the initiation fee. This fee had been eliminated as a means of attracting new membership with the intent of reviewing it when membership got above 30 members. The following is the revision to the By-Laws.

Section 4.04 New Member Fees

1. Upon acceptance of an application for membership, the applicant is required to pay an Initiation fee of \$25 in addition to the annual dues defined above. This fee will also apply to any former member whose dues have fallen in arrears.

This proposal requires approval by the membership. Please respond to Secretary Ron Adams with a Yes or No to this proposal.

Vice President, Harvey Burnes has a plan to improve the runways. The following is a brief outline of the activities he is planning.

1. Sometime after the 1st of March plug aerate and wait for it to rain.
2. Around mid-March aerate again and then roll with a 25,000 pound 10' roller
3. In April aerate again, top dress with clean soil and over seeded with Bermuda
4. The cost of this work is estimated at \$1,500.00

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Ok folks, there you have it. Hopeful with new signs and understanding we can share the field with the Para Glider group without problems.

Please remember, if they are out there, stop flying off the east-west runway.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the field on Saturday, April 13th. Bring some eats, bring some airplanes, let's have fun.

Sincerely,

Ron Adams

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