



Next Meeting

**Christmas Party**  
Nov 29th, 2012  
7pm

Springfield Lake

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**Chili-fly**  
New Year's Day  
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**OFFICERS:**

Pres: Wes P.  
V.P.: George A.  
Treas: Russ R.  
Sec: James P.

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## President's Corner

It's hard to believe we are wrapping up another year. The Christmas party is just around the corner! I've got most of you on the list but if you haven't RSVP'd yet please let me know. Cost will be the same as last year—\$12. You can pay at the party. All we need right now is a head count for the caterer.

On another note, I'd like to thank (again) James Parks for taking over newsletter duties. As you can see from this one he does a great job and gives it the attention it deserves. Looking good James!

Also, be sure to welcome the new board members when you see them. George Ashley, Dennis Mood and Mike Hilton are all new to the board this year. Let them know you appreciate their service.

See you at the Christmas Party . . .  
Wes "Scott" Parker

## Meeting Minutes

There were 13 members and one visitor in attendance. A prospective new member, Charles Hagen, is a retired Air Force veteran and good friend of Lynn's. Hope he enjoys the club.

Meeting started at 7 pm. The last month's minutes and the Treasurer's report were accepted as published.

We will be able to fly Old Glory again soon as the new rope will be delivered soon.

## Election Results

All officers, with the exception of the newly inducted Vice President, George Ashley, will retain their positions. The Board Members have been inducted as follows:

For more information - Officers, Board Members and contacts see the website

Aaron Pennington; Butch Scott; Dennis Mood; Larry Thompson and Mike Hilton.

Photo not yet available

Keep an eye out in future editions

2013 meetings: The efforts of Russ Rhodes paid off, as we are set to have the meetings for the first half of next year in the South Campbell Library Center. January, February, March, May and June meetings will be held in the auditorium... April's meeting will be in the Story Hour room.

We are another step closer to having a designated and dedicated trainer, or two, for the club! Dan Curtis was generous in his donating one, and we are confident a purchase of another from David Campbell will be made. There will be a safe-room erected for the storage of these planes, at the field, to make getting newbies and student pilots in the air easier on everyone. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.



David Sleeth -Owner

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### Helping Hands

No matter when you are out to the field, you can just about always see the members helping each other with parts, settings and flying. We have a great bunch of guys who are all about making sure everyone has fun.

*Bryon Scott is the Club's "Go-To" Guy! He is also an Instructor who sure enjoys getting the Youngsters up and Flying!*



There are quite a few members who are more than willing to help a new member get into the hobby and flow of the club, as well as giving their support and attention to anyone interested in joining and flying. The camaraderie is the most rewarding aspect of this hobby!

### Clarification of Airspace

One thing that has been a topic of conversation around the field is what our airspace actually is...boundaries and maximum allowable altitude.

Our proper boundaries are fairly well known, by the old members, but need to be pointed out to the beginners from time to time. To the south, the power lines are as far as we can fly. To the east, our main limitation is the neighbor within the grove of trees on the NE corner. To the north, the orange ball on the power line marks our boundary and to the west, the west edge of the runway marks that boundary. Although there are times these boundaries are breached, the southern boundary must be avoided!

The neighbors have been silent for the most part, but with winter coming on, and fall clearing the natural privacy, stay clear.

AMA general code states a ceiling of 400 feet AGL (above ground level) IF within three (3) miles of an airport. We are not within that limit of any airport, so our maximum altitude is not 400 feet. Our only rule then, is that all measures are taken in avoidance of manned aircraft.

### Editor's Note:

Every member of this club needs to look deep within themselves and ask the question: "What can I offer to the club?" Each one of us has, at one time or another, done something to benefit the club, from stocking the fridge to performing a task on maintenance day. The field is one of the nicest around, but it didn't get to be that way just from coincidence. There have been a few who have given so much to ensure the site provides for real pleasurable flying experiences. Getting involved is the number one necessity of keeping any flying site going strong. We all have to give our fair share of time and dedication to ensure this field stays open and available to the future generations of the hobby and community. This involvement falls along the same lines where taking an active roll as a board member or Officer is concerned. After having served three consecutive terms, the President's position and the Secretary position will need filled for the 2014 season. This coming year would be a good time for learning the duties of these offices. Training is free!



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### Field Improvements

As promised, Dennis Mood has completed fitting the field with five very nice charging tables, and placed them along the pit fences.



They hadn't pressed dirt down with their legs and the chargers were piling upon them! They were very needed, and we truly appreciate your efforts, Dennis! Thanks!

Dennis and Wes are also ironing out ideas and details about the field house face lift. One idea that was voiced, and sounded reasonable, was to do away with the siding all together and enclose only the area needed for the fridge and club trainer(s). Maybe erecting a couple additional shade structures. After all, that is the real use of the field house... shade. Not much flying occurs during in climate weather, and when needed, the sides can be tarped. Just a suggestion.

### Unique Beauty

There are many beautiful planes in the air, but the Waco biplane has a unique and timeless appeal. The maiden of Ron's Waco proved successful, even without the cowl and pants. Bryon's flying skills afforded the shots.



### Charity Fly Preparation

This is the best time to begin setting the stage for the Annual BCFO Charity Fly. As we always try to make the youth feel welcome and maybe spark their interest, we have received a generous and quite early donation to the event. Scott Lacey has graciously given two RC planes to us for entries into our youth raffle.



*Estes Sky Rangers EDF and Cox HSO Texan. Great for beginners and fun for pros! Thanks Scott for your generosity!*

### Flying Fish?

It was a clear day, mild wind, and whoosh! From out of nowhere, Duhduh-Duhduh...SHARK!!!



*George wowed us with his EDF Jaws!*

Quite a spectacular fly day! We were also blessed with the appearance of Adam and his Ultra Stick Gasser. Nice Seeing you Out!

