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NEWS

Welcome to the new Jetero Quarterly newsletter.

As you should have heard by now, we sadly lost Jim Maguire on March 3rd. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

I have changed the format of the newsletter to accommodate the increased reporting of a 3 month period, and hope it meets with your approval.

I welcome any articles of interest, for members of the Club, by members of the Club, or from outside sources, and I would like to remind everyone that the Club is not owned by the Committee, it is owned by you, and therefore, if you would like to see something happen, or make a suggestion to better the Club, then feel free to attend one of our monthly meetings, if you are able, and if not, then be sure to pass the ideas and suggestions on to another Club member who can attend, or to a member of the Executive Committee, for discussion at a future Club meeting.

We are in need of Club Instructors, and Contest Directors. Neither of these require a huge commitment of your time, but our existing resources are growing thin, and we need to bolster them.

I would like to welcome, on behalf of the Club, the following new members:

Leroy Harris, Tommy Matherne, Dustin Elliot, Brian Rodgers, Gary Marvin and Stephen Dress

Next Meetings

March 2017

3/30/2017 @ 7pm
Huffman Community Center

April 2017

4/27/2017 @ 7pm
Jetero Clubhouse

May 2017

5/25/2017 @ 7pm
Jetero Clubhouse

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Officer Reports

President: Larry Rogers

Hi all, here are a few items to bring to your attention:

On February 13, I broke my wrist and had to have surgery to have it repaired, so I really appreciated the people who helped with the events. I might need more help since I have to wear a brace now for 6-8 weeks.

One of our members, Jim Maguire, passed away March 3rd. Most of you know Jim from working at Larry's Hobby's and RC Hobbies. Jim was an expert engine man and one of the nicest guys you could meet. He was always helpful and cheerful. He will be missed by all. Gus spoke to his wife Jewel and Jim will be cremated. There will be no service.

I had a boo-boo flying a couple of months ago. I started my profile up on the starting stand and it was running fine, so I set the plane on the ground and went to reach for my radio. Normally I put my thumb over the throttle control but that day I didn't. I started to put the strap over my head and the strap hit the throttle control so the plane took off at full throttle and sliced the wing off on number one pilot station. Now that's a big boo-boo, so accidents do happen to all of us. I was reading AMA magazine that you could tie a rubber band on the bracket on the back of the radio and then bring it around and put the end of it over the throttle. That will stop that from happening and is a real simple thing to do.

Feel free to share your boo-boos and let's all be safe!

Thanks to everyone at the club—officers past and present and members—for helping me get off to a good start as being your club president. We have had two good meetings and two great events since the beginning of the year.

Larry

Vice President: Albert Ponton

Thanks again to our outgoing officers, Pat Willcox, Mark Woodman, and Gus Pasquini for the time and talents they have so generously given to making Jetero RC such an incredible place to swap tales and breakup our favorite toys. Thanks also to Barney McIlvaine and Larry Jordan who kindly agreed to continue serving in their previous roles.

If you visited the club in recent weeks you surely noticed that the field is already in a lush mid-Spring like greenery and the attractive new flight stations are completed and looking a bit like park benches. But please don't sit on them, it's PVC. The new flight stations and a new gas grill are from contributions of various club members who donated funds and/or their time to construct and assemble. These items came at no cost to our club. Many thanks to all of those who participated.

I enjoy the Jetero Club very much. I love it for the camaraderie and as a place to attempt flying my planes, so I am pleased to contribute by filling the slot vacated by Mark Woodman.



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Officer Reports - continued

I lack Mark's many years of experience in the hobby and his long term membership in Jetero, so I will be looking for your suggestions about how to continue making our playhouse fun and safe.

I am looking into what other clubs are doing and their "best practices", but what's most important is what you as Jetero members want. So please text or call me (my emails get missed) with your thoughts. New technology is opening up possibilities for additional enhancement at the club. I welcome and seek your recommendations.

Let me point out that Jetero operates on a very tight budget. The mortgage payment and cost for mowing exceeds the funds from membership dues and accounts for over 80% of net revenue. The dues are kept low for a very good reason. By keeping our dues as low as possible we hope to encourage people to join and learn to fly in a safe manner and in a safe environment. This is important for the future of our hobby. But even though our club operates on a tight budget that is no reason for not exploring ways to improve our facilities. Experience has shown that there are members within our club who are willing to step forward to help cover the cost and donate their labor for projects and causes they find appropriate and worthwhile.

Rust is eating away the doors of our toilets and taking a sizeable portion of the door casing along with it. In addition to age and moisture, I suspect alkalinity is also a factor. Replacing the doors seems to be pretty straight forward, but stopping the rust and fixing the door casing is not so simple. I would appreciate recommendations from any member with experience in dealing with this kind of problem.

Within the coming weeks we plan to test a phone system at the club. The club has had a phone in the past and it was not used enough to justify the cost. We will be taking another look to see if convenient placement of handsets will make a club phone more useful. The purpose of the phone is two fold:

First is the safety aspect. Our toys are powerful and dangerous. Some RC clubs strongly discourage members from flying alone. Jetero doesn't go that far, but a club phone would provide a convenient way to know if you will have a wingman available at the field. It would also provide a way to check whether the field is too busy or windy to practice your landing or buzz those low passes.

Secondly, there is the social aspect. Sometimes it nice to just get out of the house and give the wife and pets a break. With a club phone you can call ahead and find if other members are doing the same, unless they see who is calling and choose not to answer the phone.

All for now, see you at the field.

Al Ponton



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Meeting Minutes - January

January 26, 2017

The Meeting was called to order by President Larry Rogers at 7:01 P.M. at the May Civic Center. Treasurer Larry Jordan was absent. There were 22 members, one guest, and one new member present.

The Minutes from the November meeting were read and accepted.

Treasury report: Bank Account Balance = \$15,306.35. The Savings Account Balance = \$2,885.99. Income = \$10,961.00. Expenses = 3,000.40. Total members = 89 renewed.

Field Report: The field is wet and needs to be mowed. Starter stands have been prepped for assembly. Expect a work day soon to finish the stands.

Wings: None Guests: Jessie Lucas New Members: 5. Leroy Harris, Tommy Matherne, Dustin Elliot, Brian Rodgers, and Gary Marvin, who purchased a lifetime membership. All were voted in unanimously.

Old Business : Larry Rogers reported that the Night Fly went very well. He believes it was likely the largest crowd to ever attend the Night Fly event.

Larry Rogers also mentioned that the Christmas Party at Italiano's restaurant was not well organized. The "no RSVP needed" policy misled the restaurant to underestimate the size of our group.

New Business: Jack Sergeant, our Safety Officer is moving away. Larry Rogers appointed Charles Jones to replace him.

Larry Rogers announced that there will be a Cory Campbell Memorial Fly-In on February 11, 2017. Cory's remaining aircraft/equipment will be auctioned off at the Fly-In. Larry will be renting a U-Haul truck on 2.10.2017 to move Cory's stuff out of storage and needs two volunteers to help him.

Jetero's Fun-Fly will be the following weekend, February 18, 2017.

Jetero will host a combination 21st Anniversary and Charlie Miller Memorial Fly-In on March 25, 2017.

Larry Rogers announced there will be a Work day on Saturday, February 4th, 2017 to prepare the facility for the upcoming events.

Larry Rogers announced the club is in need of additional Flight Instructors.

Topics of interest: Hap Wilson Sr. and Hap Jr. brought in some plastic aircraft components they fabricated using their new 3D printer. Hap Sr. advises they might be able fabricate out-of-production parts for members.

Hap Wilson Sr. expressed an interest in pylon racing. There was some discussion about racing. Hollis Gassen announced that our new portable pylons had been destroyed by the farmer.

Ed Lucas made a motion to hold a Charity Fly-In to raise money for an unfortunate family he was aware of. The motion was tabled for review.

Model of the Month:

Pete Cyr brought his Easy Star electric Foamie with a Live FPV camera and goggles for members to try.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.



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Meeting Minutes - February

February 23, 2017

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05P.M. by President Larry Rogers. Treasurer, Larry Jordan, was absent. There were 17 members present.

The Minutes from the January Meeting were read and accepted.

Treasury Report: Bank Account Balance = \$16,155.52. Savings Account Balance = \$2,885.07. Income = \$1,750.00. Expenses = \$667.49. There are 97 members.

Field Report: The field is very green as we are experiencing spring like conditions. Thanks to all that helped with construction of the new starter stands. Special thanks to Hollis Gassen, Mark Woodman, Horrace Cain, and Charles Jones. Al Ponton announced the pylons have been repaired. Larry Wyatt will be assisting with mowing duties while Larry Rogers is recovering from a broken wrist.

Guests – None. Wings – None. New Members – 1.) Stephen Dress. Stephen is a pilot and was voted in unanimously.

Old Business: Corey's auction went well and raised money for Corey's Foundation, however Patty was ill and has contracted double pneumonia since the event.

New Business: Mike Matherne requested permission to place a swing-set or similar play object, on Jetero property. There was some discussion and some concern about liability and safety. The item was tabled pending further review.

Jetero has a broken outdoor grill and a broken griddle in the kitchen. There was discussion as to which item should be replaced first or if either could be repaired. Mark Woodman advised the griddle could not be repaired. The last time he priced a replacement it was approx. \$300. However, ventilation is inadequate in the kitchen and a large commercial style ventilation hood would be needed to use the griddle. As for a new outdoor grill, Larry Rogers priced a 6 burner unit for \$370. The matter was tabled pending further research and Al Ponton volunteered to do that.

A motion was made and passed to roll all memorial fly-ins into the Anniversary Fly-In. Foundations could collect money and a few words spoken about the people we had lost that year. We discussed purchasing a plaque that would list the names of departed members.

Topics of Interests - Mike Matherne and his son have been flying combat and invite Jetero members to join in the fun. Simply Bind your Spektrum radio to their plane and go fly combat. Horrace Cain reminded us of his large collection of model airplane magazines that are available to Jetero members.

Model of the Month- Mike Matherne brought his Dynam AT-6 Texan painted exactly like the one his father trained in back in the day. Callie graphics provided the exact specified markings for \$28.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:50P.M.



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Recent Events

Corey Campbell Memorial Fly In - Feb 11th 2017

Corey's Fly In was a moving time for all of us to remember Corey Campbell and to help his mother, Patty. I would like to thank the people who helped me with the Corey Fly In. It went well and there were about 35 pilots. Larry Jordan did excellent PA work in selling Corey's stuff. Wyatt Hughes flew Corey's plane and spread his ashes over the field. Damon Darnall and Toby Frisk videotaped it. The weather was great and we enjoyed lots of good flying.

Annual Jetero Fun Fly - Feb 18th 2017

Thanks to Michael Jackson for being the CD of the annual Fun Fly and I appreciate all who helped him to get the field ready and running it. We had a pretty low percentage of pilots but we still had a lot of fun. I'm not sure how to generate more interest. Maybe next year we can advertise more and make sure other clubs and pilots join our Jetero pilots.



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Upcoming Events

**JETERO 21ST ANNIVERSARY
&
CHARLES MILLER MEMORIAL FLY IN**

Saturday March 25, 2017

9am to Dusk
At
Jetero R/C Club Flying Field
For Map and Directions
Visit
www.jetero.com

If you were lucky enough to purchase one of Charles' planes, bring it out and let's see how it flies and what you have done with it

\$10 Landing Fee.

Lunch provided for Registered Pilots.
110v AC available, covered pit area.
Air Conditioned Clubhouse.
All aircraft types welcome.

AMA Sanctioned Event
Contest Director: Mark Woodman
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March thru May 2017

Due to the sheer number of events on the District 8 Calendar, I have provided a clickable link to a pdf document with all those events listed

[District 8 Events March thru May 2017](#)



Tips and Tricks

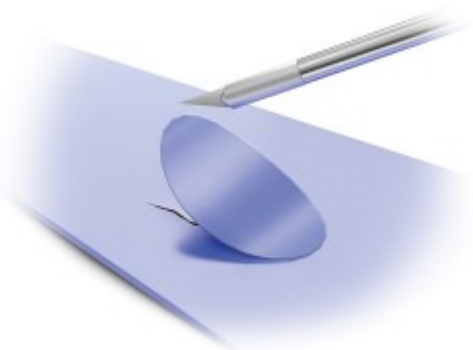


Cheap And Easy Wheel Chocks

A quick way to keep your plane in one spot is to use these wheel chocks made from 1/2-inch PVC pipe. You can vary the length of the side pieces to accommodate different sizes of wheels. Before gluing the final pieces, fill the assembly parts with sand. You can make several of these for about \$4 or \$5 and a few minutes of your time.

Looking Good

Protect your aircraft's cover scheme! Before you fuel it up, apply a thin coat of clear dope to the trim surfaces. This will also keep the trim from coming loose when you clean your aircraft.



Cutting corners on patch jobs

When using MonoKote or UltraCote to repair rips and punctures in model coverings, start by cutting a round or oval patch repair piece. This will help to keep the corners from lifting off later on. Leave one corner square to help peel off the backing with a razor blade or hobby knife, then round it before applying the patch to the repairs.



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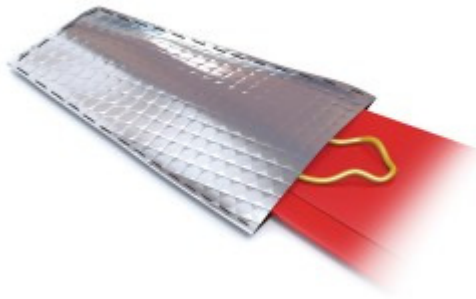
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Custom fit for your wing

Looking for a less expensive, effective and truly custom wing bag? Try Reflectix foil insulation that can be found at any hardware store. It is like bubble wrap with mylar on both sides and comes on a roll. Start by laying your wing on half of it and fold it over the top. Then, cut off the excess but leave a few inches around and a little extra for a fold over flap. Use a regular stapler, spaced as close as you can, to seal up the edges. You can staple the edges with the wing inside to give it a snug fit. Add handles made out of flat nylon cording purchased at a fabric store.

Easy Epoxy Remover

Sometimes there is a real need to separate two parts that are epoxied together such as after a crash when you need to glue them back together. One of the easiest ways to separate the epoxy from the wood is to use a heat gun like the one used for shrink covering. Just head up the epoxy with the gun and then loosen it by using a scribe or small screwdriver to remove it from the wood. If you have heat-shrink covering on the other side of the wood, use a wet cloth sponge up against it to keep that cool while heating up the other side.

Saved By the Bowl

When you're working on a project with a lot of small screws, nuts, etc., do so over a small 4- or 8-inch-diameter magnetic bowl (available in car parts stores or Harbor Freight). If you accidentally drop these small parts, they'll fall right into the bowl and not on the floor, where they are never to be seen again.



The Last Word

Everyone wants to return from the flying field with the same number of parts they began with (ie: no crashes). Making sure the experience ends happily makes the day worth remembering and brings us back for more. The same thing applies to safety, no one wants to get hurt or hurt someone else while doing what they love. If you fly gas or glow, sometimes a great deal of time can be spent just getting engines to start and run correctly. Sometimes, not enough time is spent preparing them to stop on command, like in an emergency. Being able to quickly kill an engine is something everyone should be able to accomplish with just a little knowledge.

Since two-stroke gas engines are probably the most dangerous because they swing the largest propellers and are so commonly used we'll start with them. It's a good idea to have more than one way to quickly kill a "gasser". The most common way is to set an idle position to so low that the engine will not run. A second way is to use the carburetor choke, which can be accomplished with an attached choke servo. A third way is to use an ignition interrupter on a dedicated channel that disables the ignition box to prevent the engine from running. It's a very good idea to have at least two of these methods available to you on your "gasser" powered airplane. The redundancy achieved will ensure the ability to kill the engine should one of the methods fail. If you have a gasser with only one of these methods available to kill the engine, ask for some help at the field. Making sure your engine "stops" immediately on command is something that will make it safer for you and your fellow flyers.

Next quarter, we'll explain why you should try the use of throttle curves on your "gasser". They can make your engine more reliable and improve the overall flying experience by eliminating those pesky dead stick landings.

Charlie Jones