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The Meeting is August 9th ,The Second Tuesday at:

Mel's Lone Star Lanes, 1010 North Austin Ave, Georgetown.

Meeting Starts at 7:00 pm

Painting the Outhouse

by Dewey Goddit

I was so flattered when the president of my model airplane club asked me to paint the outhouse. He knows what a good painter I am. I commend him for having the wisdom and the foresight to pick me for such an important assignment.

Being a good president of an R/C club, he knows what club members' talents are. Being asked is recognition of one's accomplishments in one's chosen field of endeavor. Our president certainly picked the right person for the job. I was so proud that I decided to put forth nothing but my best effort.

And so I gathered my brushes and tubes of oils, my palette and my palette knife. I packed my easel and my smock and my beret and I drove out to the field.

As I was setting up my equipment, I wondered why our president chose the outhouse. There really are better subjects— moonlight over the creek would be pretty, or the old rustic barn at sunrise, or even the woods off the end of the runway. Perhaps he wanted a memorial for the club's twenty-fifth anniversary. It was a challenge that only a painter of my caliber could handle. I was up to it.

I waited until twilight when the outhouse cast a long shadow into the parking lot and the bushes in the background glowed a rich green color. The outhouse was well weathered, chips of paint were falling off, and the bare wood underneath was exposed. It would have been a good subject for an Andrew Wyeth painting. The president surely has a sense for the artistic. I decided that the picture would be a pure still life. To show people might be indiscreet.

Then I made several pencil sketches in order to work out the right perspective. I labored for several days carefully selecting the proper shading and hue. When finished, it was beautiful. I could hardly wait to show it to the board of directors.

"It's done," I said to the president on the telephone. "The outhouse is finished. Would you like to see it?" "Wonderful," he said. "I am eager to see it. I will look at it the next time I go flying."

"Oh, you needn't wait 'til then," I interrupted. "I'll bring it right over so you can see it right now."

"Bring it over?" he asked with a puzzled tone in his voice. "You don't have to go to that much trouble," he said.

"No problem," I replied. "I'll be right there."

I carefully put the completed canvas in my car and drove to the president's house. His wife greeted me at the front door. She told me that he was working in his shop. So I followed a trail of balsa chips in the carpet to the workshop.

"How do you like it?" I asked as I held up the oil painting under his shop lights.

I told him all about how I had painted the outhouse. I told him all the details about how I had made the sketches and tried viewing the outhouse from every angle and every lighting situation and how much work I had put into it.

"That's marvelous, Dewey," he said, "but it's not exactly what I had in mind…"

I asked, "Well, what did you have in mind?"

He looked deep into my eyes for a long moment. Then he looked at the painting. And then he looked back at me again and shifted his weight from one foot to the other as if he were deep in thought. Finally, his eyes lit up and he said, "Well, you see…I expected just an ordinary picture. But this…this is a real work of art---a beautiful still life that truly captures the spirit of our flying field. I'm sure that future generations of club members will treasure this painting far more than any mere photograph. Thank you so much, Dewey. You've done a wonderful job."

I was so pleased.

The next weekend I went flying at the club field. As I was unloading my Smog Hog from the trunk of my car, I noticed the president himself working on the outhouse. He was scrapping the old, peeling paint with a paint scrapper.

It's so good to belong to a club where one's skills are put to good use, and an artist like myself is appreciated.

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Local Events

Information about local events can be found on the GAMA Web Site or at the host club's web site.

Next GAMA Field Event: Halloween Electric Fly-In!

GAMA will be holding a Electric Fly-In
On Saturday, October 29th!
At the G.A.M.A Field.

August 2011
9th - Club Meeting - 7:00pm at Mels Lone Star Lanes(map)
13th, 14th - Omaha Pattern Championship - Omahawks RC, Omaha, NE (Info)
20th - Highland Lakes Flyers Swap Meet - Kingsland Community Center, Kingsland, TX (Info)
26th, 27th, 28th - Big Bird Air Show - ARCA, Austin, Tx (Info)
September 2011
13th - Club Meeting - 7:00pm at Mels Lone Star Lanes(map)
23rd, 24th, 25th - DEAF Electric Fly-In, Dallas, TX (Info)
October 2011
11th - Club Meeting - 7:00pm at Mels Lone Star Lanes(map)
29th - GAMA Halloween Electric Fly-In (Info)
29th - ARCA Swap Meet - Austin, Tx (Info)
November 2011
8th - Club Meeting - 7:00pm at Mels Lone Star Lanes(map)
26th - GAMA Club 40 Race (Info)
December 2011
13th - Club Meeting - 7:00pm at Mels Lone Star Lanes(map)
January 2012
1st - GAMA Chili Fly - GAMA Field
10th - Club Meeting - 7:00pm at Mels Lone Star Lanes(map)
21st, 22nd - 15th Annual Swap Meet - Georgetown Community Center, San Gabriel Park

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GAMA FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2011

July 31 2011

BANK ACCOUNT

Savings	$	26,721.82
Checking	$	108.18
Account Balance	$	26,830.00
Cash on hand	$	-
Total assets	$	26,830.00

Note: $400.00 Transferred from Savings to Checking

INCOME

Dues	$	110.00
Name Badges	$	5.00
Hearne Race	$	500.00
Total Income	$	615.00

EXPENSES

Bob Petrinec, June Door Prizes & Weed Killer	$	50.00
Action Portable Toilet, July	$	80.00
Sanaloma Laser, LLC (Name Badges)	$	18.00
Bill Bruce, (Propane $17.82, Stamps $17.60)	$	35.42
Al Clawson Disposal, (July, Aug, Sept)	$	58.71
Curtis R. Eddins (Hearne Race Gas & Food)	$	80.00
Bob Petrinec, (Hearne Race Gas & Food)	$	80.00
Frank Matush, (Hearne Race Food)	$	30.00
Bruce Fullerton, (Hearne Race Food)	$	30.00
Total Expenses	$	462.13

GPS Coordinates for the GAMA Flying Field

North 30 degrees, 42.9560 minutes

West 97 degrees, 37.6824 minutes

Elevation: 810 feet msl

Bearing from flying field to airport: 229.0 degrees

Use 655 CR141, Georgetown, TX as the address in your GPS

GAMA July Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to order by Steven Gilskey at 7:00 PM
Meeting started with Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Presidents Report: GAMA sponsored a Pattern Contest which was put on by Tri-City Flyers out of San Antonio. Suggestions from the event on improvements for next year's event:
Need to widen current fence openings to allow flyers with larger scale planes to safely walk through without damaging their planes.
Add additional openings to fence to accommodate larger flyer attendance
Pad braces from a safety factor.

Anyone who might have a contact in the fence business, please let Bob Petrinec know.

Next event – Airfest at Georgetown Airport on 10/1/11
Halloween Electric Fun-Fly on Saturday 10/29/11, Halloween Weekend, wear a costume and bring your Electric Only flying stuff out
Bob still has (2) club trainers, need to adopt for training or he will sell off.

Treasurers Report:

$26,500.32 in savings account as of date.
$177.91 in checking as of date.
$966.72 expenses for month (Pattern Contest)
$1,254.00 income for month (Pattern Contest)
Total amount in treasury $26,965.51

Membership Report

We now have 103 club members as of this month.
31 new members this year with one new member in attendance at meeting

Field Report: No report given

Field Search Committee: Richard Ray reported that a recent conversation with Commissioner Covey nixed the possibility of the Hutto land fill as a possible site for GAMA. Apparently Hutto Commissioner Morrison has other plans for this in the future.

7/7 meeting with Parks & Recreation allowed us to present who GAMA is and to explore the need for a flying site of approximately 60 acres. They reported that at this time they did not know of any property that might be available in Georgetown but there might be something in Liberty Hill area.
It was reported that there is a property Water Oak development of approximately 1900 acres presented by Gallo Properties out of San Antonio, TX. Committee will call and check to see if any of this might be a viable flying site.
Talked with Mark Dixon of Texas Crushed Stone, has some property in Ag Redevelopment but was leery of GAMA utilizing. Concern was from liability standpoint and would require a waiver of some type.
Berry Creek property, Robert Stanton, This is same owner of our current property; need to be cautious of contact as we don't want to expedite an eviction of our current site. No issue at this time!

Website: Please let Chuck Esh know if there is anything else we would like to see within the site.

Youth Program: School Youth program – intro to R/C Flying, need new volunteer as Mike Royer is leaving club and moving to East Coast to follow a new job opportunity.
Flight Training Program with McNeil School and Boy Scouts. Has not moved forward due to summer vacation with school being out.
Sun City Kiwanis Club provides an outreach to youth might be an avenue if we connect with them and present our program through them.
Georgetown High School – Aviation Program: Bill Bruce to check into this to see if there is one and who contacts are to present to.
Richard Ray to check into program through AMA on presenting the opportunity of R/C flying to interested clubs or schools.

Show & Tell: Mike Royer showed his finished P51-D Mustang, kit was purchased through House of Balsa for $40.00, 25 size motor with appx. 7 minutes of flying time. Covered in silk with dope finish. Overall total cost was $200.00+ due to wanting to experiment with silk/dope.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17PM with raffle for those in attendance.

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