



Cen-Tex Modelers

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1972



**WAYNE MILLICAN, JIM ANDRUKATES
& JESSE MCGEE**



Appreciation goes to Jim Andrukates for these photos



**JIM ANDRUKATES, JESSE MCGEE &
WAYNE MILLICAN**



BILL GADD



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1973

The 1973 officers were: President Jerry McCluney, Vice President Rex Helmer, Secretary Dave Draper, Treasurer Jim Andrukates. During 1973 the members flew at various places on Post, including Elijah and Georgetown road, strip 12, northeast Killen near where Long Branch Park is now located, and where the commissary is now located. They put on several contests in which the Fort Worth Thunderbirds and the Waco HOTMAC participated.

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Story By Gra'Delle Duncan
Photos By Austin Oliver

Sky Pilots Get High On Models

They're not toys — and it's no kid's game.

This will be obvious to spectators at the Killeen Municipal Airport Open House today between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. when members of the Centex Model Masters of Ft. Hood display and demonstrate what their radio controlled aircraft can do.

Like most hobbies, building model airplanes can run into money, but says club president Spec. 6 Gerald McCluney, "After the initial investment for a radio system, motor and accessories, the investment can be quite small."

A charter club of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, the Ft. Hood group numbers 23 including two junior, non-voting members. Membership is open to all persons interested, whether in the military service or not.

The club meets the second Monday of every month in the Motor Sports area of Ft. Hood.



READY TO GO — Spec. 6 Gerald McCluney, club president, who, as he puts it, "was bitten by the bug" 23 years ago, starts his Super Tiger G60 Bluebird. McCluney, who started with gliders, now builds the power craft both from kits and his own design.



ONE OF A KIND — Spec. 6 Al Doucette, club vice president, holds his original scale model of a Boeing UH 21 helicopter, which is still undergoing

tests before "lift off" in about two months. As far as is known, it is the only club model of its kind ever built.



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1974

The 1974 club officers were: President Richard Davis, Vice President Howard Novak, Secretary Arthur Milkey, and Treasurer Tony Bolinger.



Commissary Area



Bill Gadd



Fred Reese



G R E A T E R

KILLEEN Chamber of Commerce

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KILLEEN, TEXAS 76541

October 31, 1974

Sp. 6 Gerald D. McCluney
5276-1 Dillingham
Fort Hood, Texas 76544

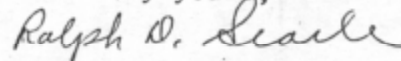
Dear Jerry:

The Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee wishes to express their appreciation to the members of the Cen-Tex Model Airplane Club for their participation in Airport Day on Sunday, October 13th.

Their fantastic ability to maneuver their models was quite a crowd pleaser.

Without your cooperation, Airport Day would not have been such a huge success. Again, thanks for your splendid participation.

Sincerely yours,



Ralph Searle

Chairman

Aviation Committee

THE HOME OF *Fort Hood* AMERICA'S FINEST....



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1975

In 1975, the club gave up its building on Post and started holding the meetings in the Killeen Community Center. Club officers were: President Dave Draper, Vice President Fred Reese, Secretary Mauren Groves, and Treasurer Bob Groves. They put on several contests in which the Fort Worth Thunderbirds and the Waco HOTMAC participated. That year the city of Killeen gave them an area on the corner of South W.S. Young Drive and Elm Road.



Fred Reese cutting the cake he baked for the event



The pilots meeting before the event





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1976

The 1976 officers were: President Fred Reese, Vice President Dan Van Ravenstyn, Secretary Cliff Williams, and Treasurer Jim Guest.



Colin Andrukates the youngest member of Cen Tex Model Masters (1976)



Bill Gadd left and Bob Hall right assist with a Goldberg Falcon 56 at Ft Hood's Strip 41

During 1975 and 1976 Cen-Tex Modelers flew from an area on the northwest corner of South WS Young Drive and Elm Road. The eight photographs below were taken May 26, 2006. As one can see, progress eventually determines land use. The runway lay in a southeast to northwest direction.

The first four photographs were taken from the South Parking Lot of the Killeen Civic Center beginning southeast toward the intersection of South WS Young Drive and Elm Road, and the southeast approach to our runway at the time, and proceeding northwest toward the northwest end of the old runway.

The second four photographs were taken from the parking lot of Cosper's Meat Market on the south side of Elm Road beginning at the intersection of South WS Young Drive, and continuing toward the northwest approach end of the runway. The old-timers in the club should remember the water tower in the background very well. On occasion that tower caused radio interference. Unfortunately the photographer waited too long to take the photographs.







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1977

Club officers in 1977 were: President Fred Reese, Vice President Cliff Williams, Secretary, James Guest, and Treasurer Pat Voce. In early 1977, the club left the site on W.S. Young due to dirt bike interference. Club members then prepared a site on private property located on Old Copperas Cove Road just west of the racetrack.. The March roster shows 32 members. The club had a July 4th picnic and fun-fly in which close to 70 members and guests attended.



Fred Reese





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1978

The officers for 1978 were: President Jim Andrukates, Vice President Fred Reese, Secretary Art Davis, and Treasurer Bob Watkins. The club roster for 1978 shows a membership of 28. In 1978, the club left the strip on Old Copperas Cove Road because of dirt bike interference, and the club had no lease. In 1978 new By-Laws were written and the name changed to Cen-Tex Modelers. The 1978 club instructor pilots were: Fred Reese, Art Davis, Wayne Morris, Charles Culver, Jim Andrukates, Bob Watkins, Pat Voce and Bob Parrish. Bob was killed later that year in a motorcycle accident. The club's AMA charter number between 1972 and 1978 was 992. The club members began flying at Fort Hood's strip 41, and stayed there until 1980 when they began flying at L.Z. Phantom.

(From the May 1978 Issue of Flaps Out)

The club officers held their monthly meeting at Fred's house on the evening of the 15th and came up with the following information for the newsletter.

The fuel is in and waiting to be picked up by the ones that paid for it in advance. Please clean any jugs or cans that you have and get them to Bob Watkins so the fuel can be containerized to keep the fuel from separating on us. The ones that paid in advance can buy the fuel at \$5.00 a gallon but bring your own container. This 10% fuel is so good that it will clean your engines as you fly and this can be seen after and during your first gallon. More on what this fuel will do at the next meeting.

We need all members to attend the Delta Dart program the 19th of this month since we need the help of ALL club members. If you don't know how to get to Camp Finlayson, call Fred Haggard, Bob Hvaren or Jim Andrukates for directions. Bring along something for the static display. Come at 10:00 A.M. to help set up.

New club cards will be issued at the next meeting. The Old Cards will be invalid after September 15, 1978. Be sure to bring your AMA and FCC number so that these can be recorded on the new cards. If for any reason you cannot make the next meeting, please drop by or call Fred Reese.

FROM THE BUILDING BOARD

Fred Reese is building a wing cutting table for foam wings, also a Hienkel 162 ducted fan for a 40 size engine and right behind that will come his 10 foot wing span Cessna 310G. Art Davis is building a Burda Piper from a German kit. Lucky, I guess, that he can read German, Ha! Ha! Dennis Hamilton is building a Super Chipmunk number? This year the kit manufacturers like him. Fred Haggard has a Strike Master under construction, yet!! Keith Gould has a PT 17 and a Royal Corsair on the way. Bob Watkins has a pair of Bipes on the way. One is a kit, the other from scratch. Jim Andrukates has a Box Fly 20L, a Senior Falcon and a two-year-old V.K. Cherokee on the ramp.

Waco Fun Fly: The best for the year!!!! There were 37 fliers that took to the air. Some of the prizes that we bid on with our POINT DOLLARS were: a two channel Futaba radio, Sullivan starters, DAE power panels, Stanfield fuel, props, covering material, paints and glues of all kinds and hardware of all kinds.

All members need to be present at the next meeting to discuss the possibility of a NEW FLYING FIELD. This will be a paved 450 x 70 foot runway with a nice pit area. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND THE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1978.

FIELD MAINTENANCE TEAMS - 14 through 27 August: Charles Culver as team leader, Bob Havaren and Dennis Hamilton, 28 August through 10 September: Norman Leach as team leader, Mike Piskula and Jerry Weiss.

JUMBO FLY-IN AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

Fred Reese, Bob Hvaren, Keith Gould and Dennis Hamilton attended this. Fred and Dennis even slept under the stars for the next day's event, which, by the way was rained out. There were 60 + planes and over 3,000 spectators. The Tulsa Glue Dobbers were there with the Sticks and numerous other planes. In addition, a writer from RCM magazine was there. The trip was well worth the drive and effort.

A little quip from the Vice President . . . It has been duly noted that 10 to 15 people can not be kept cool and chaired at the flying field with ONLY one canopy and four chairs. Please bring some more when you come to fly. Thank You.

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LZ Phantom 1980. Left to right Bob Hall, Dr. Henry (Hank) Malin, Keith Gould, and foreground Jim Andrukates



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1981

On February 20, 1981, a special meeting was called and new officers elected. The club members meet weekly for the first month. New By-Laws were written and put into effect in March 1981. The officers were: President Jim Andrukates, Vice President Charles Culver, Secretary-Treasurer Bob Hall. The club treasury contained approximately \$100.00 at the time. Radio interference, from microwave and radar equipment, appeared at the LZ Phantom field, and the club began looking for another field.

When Bob and Charles looked at the Dana Peak Park site, we envisioned being able to fly floatplanes from the lake, which bordered the southern boundary of the property. In August 1981, through the efforts of Bob Hall and Charles Culver, the club, by letter agreement for two years, renewable for 5 years, obtained the flying site at Union Grove Park at Still house Lake.

Bob Hall, Jesse McGee and Charles Culver staked out and made the initial cut on the runways. This was followed in less than a week with a work party of all club members. The runway was cut, the parking lot staked out and fenced, and mesquite cut from around the runway area. The club bank account for November 1981 was \$106.95. There were 24 members at the November club meeting. In December 1981, the club initiation was increased to \$10.00, and the dues increased from \$1.50 per month to \$3.00 per month, or \$30.00 per year if the member paid 1 year in advance. The average club membership in 1981 was 25. During 1981 the club obtained a radio and a trainer aircraft.

1981 looking for a new flying site



West of Killeen near Nolan Creek



In the same area, but a different view



In the Dana Peak Park parking lot



Looking from the parking lot across the lake toward Union Grove Park.



Found Flying Site at Union Grove Park West. Thanks to the US Army Corps of Engineers, and the Flying Site Committee.



Bob Hall and Charles Culver discuss the layout, and prepare for the first cut.



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1981 Continued



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
FORT WORTH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
REITON PROJECT OFFICE
P. O. BOX 209, BELTON, TEXAS 76513

CMFPOB-001

Robert J. Hall
POY Trailcrest
Barber Heights, Texas 76541

Dear Mr. Hall:

Reference a request by your club, Central Texas-Modelers, to maintain and operate a model airplane flying strip on 5.8 acres of Government land, tract 306 in Union Grove West Park, Stillhouse Hollow Lake. This permit is issued subject to the following conditions:

- a. The area and facilities be open to the general public. During special events the club will notify the general public that the field will be in use. At no time shall activities pre-empt use by the general public.
- b. Prior to the occurrence of any special event held or sponsored by the club, a special events permit will be obtained from the Reservoir Manager.
- c. The club will not make any sales of equipment, food, beverages or other items on government property.
- d. The club will be responsible for keeping the grounds clean and the facilities in a good state of repair.
- e. No cost shall occur to the Corps for control, policing or clean up of the permitted area.
- f. The club will be responsible for the health and safety of the participants and spectators. The United States is not responsible for damages to property or injuries to persons which are incident to this permit.
- g. The club shall meet the recommendations of the National Fire Prevention Association for handling and use of flammable liquids. Flammable liquid may not be stored at the site under any conditions.
- h. New construction or addition to structures must be in accordance with drawings that have been approved prior to the actual start of construction. This shall include roads, parking area, and sidewalks.
- i. This permit may be revoked at any time should the club fail to abide by the above conditions.

j. This permit is for a period of two (2) years and will require renewal if desired, on or before 1 August 1983.

k. All development of this site shall be at your clubs expense.

l. Should it become necessary to revoke this permit or should your club wish to abandon the site, the area will be restored to the satisfaction of the Reservoir Manager within 30 days.

m. Union Grove Park is operated, during some period of the year, as a fee park and traffic is restricted between the hours from 2100 hours to 0600 hours therefore, no activities will be permitted at the airship between these hours.

n. If you are agreeable to the terms and conditions of this permit please have an official of your organization listed below sign and return the original to this office.

Sincerely,

Charles F. Ferguson
CHARLES F. FERGUSON
Reservoir Manager

Charles C. Culver
President Central Texas Modelers Association

8-5-81
Date

Alfred J. Reese
Secretary

8-5-81
Date:



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1982

The 1982 club officers were: President Jim Andrukates, Vice President Charles Culver, Secretary Butch Spradling, and Treasurer Bob Hall. New By-Laws were written in 1982 to separate the Secretary from the Treasurer positions. Flying field rules that were written in November 1981 were approved in February 1982. Several club Fun Flies were conducted in 1982, but no runway improvements were made due to lack of funds. The fun flies were conducted at no expense to the club. The club roster for November 1982 shows 27 members.



Our First Fun Fly at Union Grove Model Port



Butch Spradling helps Earl Wolverton while Ismal Rubio looks on



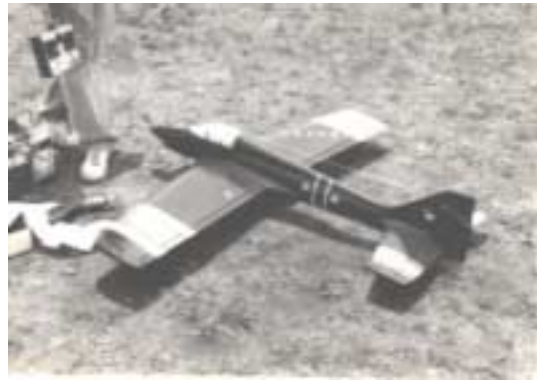
Charlie Radford approaches the starting point.



Butch Helps Jesse Forbus



KEITH GOULD FLY BABY



DAVE HECTOR PHOENIX

Below are photos of the very first contest held at Hall Field



From Flaps Out September 1982

VICE PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Guess who performed the impossible and successfully retracted the fixed gear on the Club airplane after landing? That intrepid pilot is making a modification to the gear to prevent any other member from duplicating his extraordinary feat.

Thanks to Doc Vanaman, Bob Hall and Jim Andrukates the club roller has been transported to Union Grove Model Port. Here's hoping it can be rebuilt in somewhat less time than it took to regain possession.

Hats off, or should we say new hats will be given to Jerry Treadwell, J.R. Hunt and Earl Wolverton who have soloed in the last six weeks.

Charles Culver is working on a simple 1 IC servo tester and the circuit will appear in next month's newsletter if enough interest is shown.

The August Fun Fly was held on the 22nd and although contestants were few, all had a good time. Would you believe --- all airplanes that started were still flying at the end of the day? Only minor hard landings were observed. The CD Charles Culver and his assistants Doc. Vanaman and John Melvin had the flight line moving smoothly, even after a late start. Two rounds were flown in less than two hours. Our hats off to all for a well-run contest, due to excellent cooperation from the contestants. Butch Spradling finished first, and close on his tail was Jesse Forbus with Jim Andrukates following in third place.

The weather was not too hot, wind was not a problem for the most of the day until the last round, but still did not affect the outcome. There should be some 8mm film and lots of slides and pictures of this one, as both John Melvin and Doc Malin had cameras and were clicking shutters around.

Hope that the Open Fun Fly goes as well. Your President and Vice President have most of the rules and point system worked out. A copy appears in this newsletter.

See you next month. The Editor wishes to apologize for having mis-placed our newsletter logo.
Ccc

CEN-TEX MODELERS OPEN FUN FLY

Date: September 19, 1982

Place: Union Grove Model Port

The first open fun fly to be hosted by Cen-Tex Modelers R/C club will be held at the club's home field at Union Grove Park on Stillhouse Hollow Lake.

Registration started at 8:00 AM. A pilots meeting was held between 9:30 and 10:00 AM with the first official flight at 10:00 AM.

Events will be (1) Las Vegas Loops. (2) Most loops in sixty (60) seconds. (3) Spot Landing. Events 2 and 3 will be combined.

Las Vegas Loops: You will start by placing your plane in a starting box. You may have a helper to assist you in moving support equipment to the starting point. You may set up the plane for starting by turning on transmitter and receiver. You may not connect the battery to the glow plug. Using a set of dice, you will roll a 7 or an 11. Your time starts when the dice hit the ground on the first roll. After rolling a 7 or an 11, you will start your engine and take off into the wind, make a 180-degree turn staying west of the North/South runway, do 3 loops, and land into the wind. You will retrieve your plane and return it to the starting box. (You may hand your transmitter to your helper during this time however he will not be allowed to taxi the plane.) You will then roll the opposite of what you rolled to take off, i.e., if you rolled a 7 to take off, you will roll an 11 to stop your time. Points will be awarded as followed: 5 minutes 0 points, 4 minutes 30 points, 3 minutes 60 points, 2 minutes 90 points, 1 minute 120 points. One point will be awarded for each 2 seconds to complete the scoring.

Events 2 and 3 will be a combined event.

Most loops in 60 seconds. This event starts when you take off. You will have 30 seconds to position yourself for starting the loop count. Only true loops will be counted. Each loop will count one point.

Spot Landing: After the timer gives the command "time", you will fly a traffic pattern, and land trying to hit as close to the center of the target as you can. The target will consist of 5 circles. They will be 5 feet, 10 feet, 15 feet, 20 feet and 25 feet in diameter. Points will be awarded as follows. 5 foot circle 25 points, 10 foot circle 20 points, 15 foot circle 15 points, 20 foot circle 10 points, and 25 foot circle 5 points. 1 point will be deducted for each foot of distance from the target center. In case of tie, inches will break the tie.

Prizes will be awarded for First, Second and third places.

Two rounds will be flown, and the winner will be determined by the total of both rounds flown. All protests will be directed to the CD at the time of the alleged rules infraction. The decision of the judges will be final.

Entry fee will be \$3.00.

Although AMA membership is not required, FCC licenses will be checked.



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1983

The 1983 club officers were: President Fred Reese, Vice President Charles Culver, Secretary Nathan Vanaman, and Treasurer Bob Hall. The March roster shows 24 club members. Fred resigned in June 1983 and Charles Culver was elected President. The year 1983 was fraught with problems for the club officers; however, the club was incorporated and also obtained a 5-year lease from the Corps of Engineers for the flying field. After obtaining estimation for the cost of a blacktop runway President Charles Culver appointed John Brien to head a committee to obtain cost estimates for a grass to improve the runway conditions. 1983 also saw the beginning of a flight-training program. The club became chartered again in 1983 with a charter number of 1978. The 1983 club instructors were: Charles Culver, J.R. Hunt, Leroy Jones, Jesse McGee, Howard Moore, Fred Reese and Jerry Treadwell. On Labor Day September 1983 we had our annual picnic and fun fly. On that occasion we gave plaques instead of prizes. Mickey Davis's wife made the July cake.



**4th of July Celebration Cake – Mickey Davis Wife
Baked this cake for the club**



Cutting of the Cake.

1983

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AIRPORT '83? — Army Capt. David Hector holds his wrecked radio-controlled airplane, which was recovered Sunday after it crashed in Still-

house Hollow Reservoir. A passing boater saw the plane go down, pulled it from the water and later returned it to Hector.

(Herald Photo)

Downed Airplane Returned To Owner

By RUSSELL ROBINSON

made a search and found a few pieces



ix Hanta
ndwell



JR & VICKIE HUNT STUFF



Top Tank - J.H. 4
Bottom Tank - Gary



Left Tank - Carl, Johnnie
Right Tank - Jerry, John
- Left Tank - Johnnie

JR & VICKIE HUNT STUFF

EARL WOLVERTON, JOHNNIE
BRIEN, JERRY TREATWELL, AND
JOHN _____



CHO





JERRY TREADWELL STUFF



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1984

The club officers for 1984 were: President John Brien, Vice President Earl Wolverton, Secretary Vicki Hunt, and Treasurer Jerry Treadwell. Vicki Hunt resigned as Secretary in March, and the club was without a secretary for the remainder of the year. Jerry Treadwell was transferred to Germany in May and was replaced by Wayne Eckiss. In May 1984 Bruggerman Construction Company donated the equipment, and the club through other donations bought the grass for runway improvements and an irrigation system. In August 1984 we held our annual interclub fun fly, and on November 13, 1984 dedicated the field renaming it Hall Field. The December club roster shows 49 members.



FLIGHT PREPARATIONS—Members of Cen-Tex Modelers Inc. Saturday morning prepare their radio-controlled crafts for flight at Union Grove Park West at Stillhouse Lake.

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremonies On Tap Sunday For Airstrip

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the newly completed Cen-Tex Modelers Inc. airstrip facility will be at 1:30 p.m. today at Union Grove Park West at Stillhouse Lake, with flight activities taking place at the site all day.

was until 1961, Brien said, when increased group activity forced them off post.

Retired Col. Robert Hall, one of the original club members and today an honorary member of Cen-Tex, was one of the pilots who

"But everyone gets something a little different out of the experience," he said.

To share in the thrill, the public may watch members of Cen-Tex fly their crafts beginning about 9 a.m. when... attend the ribbon-cutting...



John Brien and Larry South at the November ribbon cutting ceremony at which the field was renamed from Union Grove Model Port to Hall Field in honor of Bob Hall



More models and members



Charles Culver cuts the ribbon



Earl Wolverton and other club members



The line up of models and members for the event



Earl Wolverton and Cho



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1985

The 1985 club officers were: President John Brien, Vice President Roger Russo, Secretary Paul Horan, Treasurer Steve Wood. The January 1986 roster shows 67 members.



Sunday fliers February 1985



More Sunday fliers February 1985





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1986

The club officers for 1986 were: President John Brien, Vice President Roger Russo, Secretary Nathan Vanaman, and Treasurer Steve Wood. Nathan Vanaman resigned in March and Vince Risovi was elected in his place.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Hall (1913 to 1986). Cen-Tex Modelers lost one of its long time and most helpful members with the passing of Bob on Wednesday January 22, 1986. Bob was responsible for the club obtaining the flying field in 1981. In addition Bob was past Treasurer and one of the signers of our Articles of Incorporation.

Bob had been a modeler since the early 1930's, starting with free flight and advancing to R/C in the 1950's. He suffered a heart attack in late 1983 and has been unable to take part in club activities, but has remained a member and a staunch supporter of modeling. Bob was recovering from surgery at the time of his passing. Those of us who knew him mourn his passing, for we have truly lost a friend.

In 1986 the old flight-training program was replaced. On May 18, 1986, the club had a combination picnic and "no contest" fun fly with about 40 members and guests attending. On this day the field was officially named "Hall Field" in honor of Bob Hall, who passed away in January of this year.

Our first pattern event in many years was approved and held on September 6th and 7th, 1986. The contest had about 15 entries. The club also had a picnic and "no contest" fun fly on October 26, 1986, with 50 members and guests attending.

On December 3, 1986, the club had its annual elections. John Brien removed his name from consideration for President and Roger Russo declined nomination for Vice President.

SEPT 6-7, 1986

Model Aircraft To Fill The Sky This Saturday

The air will be filled with the sights and sounds of high-performance, radio-controlled model aircraft this weekend at the 1986 Central Texas Pattern Championships at Union Grove Park on the south side of Stillhouse Hollow Reservoir near Harker Heights.

The competition, which is being hosted by the Cen-Tex Modelers Radio Control Club, is expected to bring flyers from throughout Texas and the adjacent states. Flyers will guide their aircraft at speeds of more than 100 mph through a complex series of aerobatic maneuvers under the hard-eyed scrutiny of judges.

Flyers are scored on the precision, grace and accuracy of their performance—much as is done in figure skating or Olympic diving.

Flying will take place all day Saturday and until noon on Sunday. The public is invited to attend and admission is free. Spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs for their comfort. Refreshments will be available at the scene.



The flight line



Handing out trophies



Our cook Fred Reese



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ROBERT (B0b) HALL - 1986



Robert J. Hall

Funeral services for retired Col. Robert J. Hall, 72, of Harker Heights, will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Harper-Talasek Funeral Home Chapel in Killeen, with Chaplain Larry J. Goodwill officiating.

Burial will follow at Killeen City Cemetery.

Hall died Wednesday at a Temple hospital. *JAN 22, 1986*

He had retired as an engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

He was born March 5, 1913, in Beaver Dam, Wis., and received degrees from Marquette University and Purdue University.

He married Vila Yager on May 25, 1940, in Beaver Dam.

A veteran of World War II and the Korean War, Hall participated in 11 campaigns, receiving the Silver Star, the Belgium Croix de Guerre and Merit of Legion for Gallantry, among other awards.

He served at Fort Hood in 1946 and was post engineer there from 1962 until retiring June 30, 1965.

He was a member of the Killeen Exchange Club, Model Railroad Club and Model Airplane Club.

Survivors include his wife, Vila Hall of Harker Heights, two sons, John W. Hall of San Antonio and David R. Hall of Houston; a daughter, Pate L. Adams of Dallas; and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be John C. Hall, Bill Gadd, Jesse McGee, Henry Blake, Bob Haas and Bill McKinney.



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1987

The 1987 officers were: President Vince Risovi, Vice President Charles Culver, Secretary Dennis Lofton, Treasurer Steve Wood. At the January meeting the Board presented the following for the years activities. An auction to be held on March 21, a Mall show to be held April 4th and 5th, (this was later changed to March 28th and 29th), May or June a fun fly no date, July open, August pattern event, September picnic and fun fly, October, November and December open. The board set in motion a plan for latrine facilities at the field. Charles Culver drew the plans and the board submitted them to the Corps of Engineers. The Corps of Engineers approved them with no changes. The latrine was finished in May of 1987 The annual picnic, which was postponed twice for rain was held on June 28, 1987. The annual pattern meet was held on August 29 and 30, 1987. In August 1987 the board came up with a solution to the field maintenance problem. However, the membership did not agree with the suggestions. On October 3/4 the first annual Big Bird Fly-In was held. Twenty-five flyers with thirty-six aircraft registered for this event. This first one was so successful that there will be more in the years to come. Those members that have the December 1987 issue of Flaps Out can read about 1987 in review.

The two photographs below are of the setup for the March 28th, 1987 Mall Show at the Killeen Mall



Killeen Mall Show, March 28/29, 1987



Killeen Mall Show, March 28/29, 1987



June 28th, 1987 picnic showing the old pavilion



Butch Spradling and Vince Risovi play their guitars.



Bernie Gill



Tom Clifton





Bernie Gill



Bernie Gill





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1988

The 1988 club officers were: President Vince Risovi, Vice President Thad Byars, Secretary Dennis Lofton, and Treasurer Steve Wood. In addition to our usual spring picnic and fun fly, This Summer (actually it was June) we finally finished our storage building. So many of the club members took part that it difficult to list them all. Many, many thanks for all who helped. Now we won't have to haul that lawn mower from house to field and back to house again. That lawn mower has been parked at almost all of the member's houses. In addition, more members could have taken part in mowing the grass and watering the field.



Earl Wolverton - - - - - Hubert Dirr



Jack Hurst





World Photo by Thad Ryan

READY TO FLY — Brightly colored radio-controlled model airplanes await their turn in the sky as their owners discuss the finer aspects of flying model airplanes Saturday during the 2nd Annual Central Texas Big Bird Fly-In at Union Grove Park on Stillhouse Hollow Reservoir. More than 40 giant-scale

airplanes from around the state took part in the event, which is sponsored by the Cen-Tex Modelers Club and the American State Bank. The competition continues from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

9-24/25-1988



World Photo by Thad Ryan

LITTLE BIG PLANES — Spectators stroll past radio-controlled model airplanes parked at the third annual Central Texas "Big Bird" Model Aircraft Fly-In Saturday. The event which continued Sunday attracted about 50 birds

to the shores of Stillhouse Hollow Reservoir. The entries included this Sopwith Pup, a flying model with a 9-foot wing span built and flown by John Raymond of Austin.



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1989

The 1989 club officers were: President Thad Byars, Vice President James Rolleston, Secretary Dennis Lofton, and Treasurer Charles Culver. This year the club replaced the 14 year old riding lawn mower with a new Sears 10 hp.-riding mower.

The club calendar for 1989 was: Auction - Saturday March 25, Spring Family Fun Fly - Sunday April 23, Cen-Tex Modelers Spring Fun Fly - Sunday May 7. This was a competitive fun fly with prizes. Big Bird - September 23/24, Fall family fun fly and picnic - Sunday October 15, Christmas Party - December 6.

1989 was hard on our club roster. We lost Vince Risovi to the Near East, Wayne and Ellen Eckiss, and Roger Russo to the Far East, and several others to Germany. These transfers left us with only three instructors.



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1990

The 1990 club officers were: President Vince Risovi, Vice President Damon Penn, Secretary James Kelly, and Treasurer Preston Tucker.

The year 1990 was a very good year for Cen Tex Modelers. We were able to purchase our self propelled sprinkler, a new Sears riding lawnmower to supplement the old Sears that Doctor Hank Malin had donated five years before, and were chartered with IMAA. (The charter number was 304).

In addition we held our annual auction at Fiddler's Green on April 14th, had our spring picnic on May 27th, our Big Bird event on June 17th with 51 aircraft on the flight line, and 300 prizes given away. We also held our annual pattern meet on July 7th and 8th. No information concerning contestants or their places is available.

Last but not least, Max Blose wrote two very good articles for "Flaps Out" concerning charging and cycling batteries.



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1991

The club officers for the year 1991 were: President Preston Tucker, Vice President Hubert Dirr, Secretary Cecil Hodge, and Treasurer James Rolleston.

In some respects, 1991 was a very bad year for the club in that several of our members were involved in Desert Shield, and Desert Storm. In many others it was a very good year. All of our members returned safely from Saudi, and during the course of the summer, we managed to remove the old pavilion, and build a new one that is many times larger.

The auction in March was a success bringing in much needed funds to our treasury. In April, Wendell put on a sale of the decade and reduced the cost of many items he had in stock. That same month our roster reflected 57 members. This roster did not reflect the ladies who were members. April though was a special month. All of Desert Storm troops returned safely in time for the fun fly on May 11th with the Georgetown fliers. In May we also gained eight new club members. One of which was Dave Humphrey, who was a member in 1982 and 1983.

In August Cen Tex Modelers hosted the Central Texas Star Gazers "Star Party" with Cen Tex Modelers member Charles Culver overseeing the event. The Big Bird of September 29th was a success, as usual, thanks to Dan (Recently Retired) Smith. There were twenty nine pilots and thirty nine aircraft for the two day event.

Many members of our club have worked long and hard maintaining our field, and their efforts reflect this. However two of members really stand out. They are Cecil and Jan Hodge. They met a young man who is suffering from leukemia. They purchased an Eagle II for him to build while he was laid up recovering from a bone marrow transplant. Kudos go to Cecil and Jan for their thoughtfulness.



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1992

The 1992 officers were: President Roberto Serria, Vice President John Brien, Secretary John Klaus, and Treasurer Jim Rolleston. However, on May 10, 1992 Roberto resigned and on June 3, 1992 Cecil Hodge was elected to replace him.

April 25, 1992 our annual auction was held at Fiddlers Green.

Winter and spring rains closed Hall Field for the better part of five months. Finally the Corps of Engineers opened the road and on May 9, 1992 we were able to organize a work party to effect clean up.

In June the rise of Still house Hollow Lake flooded the field, this time someone was able to break in and steal a weed-eater. Early July saw another successful work party to clean up the debris. Our annual fun-fly with the Temple club was held on July 19, 1992.

IN MEMORIAM

On August 20, 1992, John Brien passed away after losing his battle with cancer. John was a dedicated member of C.T.M. and the field condition bears this out. During the October 1983 meeting John was appointed to a committee to investigate the cost of planting grass on the runway, and even though he was elected President for 1984 he continued to investigate the possibility of a new grass runway. Through his efforts, Contractor Dale Bruggerman donated two thousand five hundred dollars, and his equipment to till the soil, and hydro mulch the runway. In addition through John's efforts the membership in the organization increased to an average membership of sixty members. We mourn the loss of this member.

The club members allowed Cecil to appoint an interim Vice President, and Virgil Griffith accepted the position. The September 1992 club roster shows 71 members. 1992 also saw the revival of the club's flight training program.

On October 26/27, 1992, Cen-Tex Modelers conducted their 6th annual Big Bird Fly-In. 36 flyers attended, two from out of state; one from Arizona, and another from Del City Oklahoma. Lanny Ryan and Stewart Brouillette took about 5 rolls of film of the event.

Our December Christmas party was another success. The trading of gifts went like a battle at a sale of the year. The 1992 officers were re-elected for 1993.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

<p style="text-align: center;">T A P S</p> <p>Day is done, gone the sun from the lake, from the hill, from the sky.</p> <p>All is well, safely rest. God's nigh.</p> <p>Thanks and praise for our days 'neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky.</p> <p>As we go, this we know, God is nigh.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">IN MEMORY OF JOHN HAMILTON BRIEN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DATE OF BIRTH April 24, 1932</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DATE OF DEATH August 20, 1992</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PLACE AND TIME OF SERVICE Crawford-Bowers Chapel August 22, 1992 - 10:00 A.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLERGYMAN Jack Milligan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PLACE OF INTERMENT Killeen City Cemetery</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ARRANGEMENTS BY Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home 1615 South Fort Hood Street Killeen, Texas 76542</p>
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1993

The 1993 officers were: President - Cecil Hodge, Vice President - Virgil Griffith, Secretary - John Klause, Treasurer - James Rolleston

January 13, 1993 saw a change in our By-Laws. We are now a dual sanctioned club. The change allows fliers with insurance from Sport Fliers of America to belong to the club. The club had its annual auction on April 17th. As usual the concession made all of the money. Karen Smith, Jan Hodge and several other wives operated the concession.



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1994

The 1994 officers were: President Stewart Brouillette, Vice President Chuck Balof, Secretary John Klaus, and Treasurer James Rolleston.

On April 16, 1994 Cen-Tex Modelers had their annual auction. This time it was held in the Harker Heights Community Center.

IN MEMORIAM

On October 11, 1994 at 3:30 PM, Cen-Tex Modelers lost a dedicated modeler and friend with the passing of Lee (Lanny) Ryan. Lanny, as his friends called him, edited our newsletter "Flaps Out" twice, and wrote a frequency control computer program that was used during our annual 1992 Big Bird Event. An earlier heart attack that should have curtailed his activities did not, and he remained an active worker in and for Cen-Tex Modelers until his passing.



Killeen police mourn sergeant who died after recent surgery

Veteran officer praised for leadership, work ethic

By DAVID SIKES
Herald Staff Writer

Black bands partially covered the badges of Killeen police officers Wednesday in honor of highly regarded police Sgt. Lanny Ryan, who died Tuesday of complications from a recent heart transplant.

The veteran police officer died about 3:30 p.m. at the Baylor Medical Center in Dallas, where he had been staying following his recent surgery. Chief F.L. Giacomozzi announced Ryan's death at Tuesday's Killeen City Council meeting.

"He was a great policeman," Giacomozzi said Wednesday. "His work ethic and integrity were respected by me and everyone who worked with him. He will be missed."

Ryan and his wife, Patricia, lived in Killeen. He had a daughter and three stepchildren.

Ryan, 52, worked nearly 20 years on the Killeen Police Department, serving as a sergeant in almost every division. After his transplant in August following several years of heart trouble, Ryan served as the department's computer expert, writing and installing programs while maintaining all computer operations.

"After his operation, it wasn't unusual for him to work two days and a night without rest," said longtime friend and fellow police investigator John Wedge. "Whether investigating a case or working on computers, it was always that way. He believed in getting the job done and getting it done right."

Just before his transplant, health problems forced the usually active Ryan to a desk job in charge of crime statistics. However, most of his tenure was spent as a sergeant in the organized crime division, the criminal investigation division, as a patrol supervisor and in staff services.

His expertise as a supervisor was well known and those under him looked up to him and followed him without question, according to Wedge.

"Anybody can be a supervisor," Wedge said. "You can give them a rank, but Lanny was a leader. He wasn't one that assigned all the dirty work to his men; he got involved with them. He really knew how to get the best out of his people. He took care of their problems as if they were his own and that is rare."

However, Wedge added that Ryan really shined using his skills as an investigator and in intelligence gathering.

"Not only was he highly successful as an undercover officer in developing informants and gathering information, he was a complete, thorough and accurate investigator," Wedge recalled. "That's why officers all over and even district attorneys respected him."

Wedge said he remembered perhaps the biggest and most publicized case Ryan helped solve was one several years ago in which a local soldier murdered his wife.

"It involved a soldier at a trailer park on (Farm-to-Market) 195. He cut her up and distributed her parts between here and Austin in roadside dumpsters and such," Wedge said. "Lanny made that case. It was his skill and investigating and knowledge of the law, which was unsurpassed by other officers in this department. There's a lot of people in prison because of Lanny."

While Ryan's reputation as an expert police officer was common knowledge at the KPD, his signature trait of unbendable integrity was just as well known, according to Wedge.

"Of all the police officers I've met, he was the most honest and straightforward and most highly respected," Wedge said. "He did what was right and avoided what was wrong — we've lost a whole lot."

Rec'd Oct 11, 1994

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Thursday Oct 13, 1994



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1995

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1996

The 1996 officers were President Jim Andrukates, Vice President Phil Jones, Secretary Amy Potter, and Treasurer James Rolleston. Phil Jones was transferred in May, and resigned. Charles Culver was elected Vice President. Amy Potter resigned in August, and Preston Tucker was elected Secretary.

On Sunday May 19th we had a fun fly social with area clubs, and members of the Temple club participated. Then on Sunday July 14th we had a competition fun fly with an entry fee of \$5.00. The fees collected were divided between the fliers with Cen-Tex Modelers retaining a portion of the funds. In both cases no special model was required, and the pilots involved were able to fly the model of their choice.

The August meeting ended several months of investigation concerning a new water source to water the field. James Rolleston handed out charts that showed the pressure requirements, the available pressure from other sources and the cost of installation for the necessary sprinkler heads. The cost of laying 1350 feet of water line was cost prohibitive for the amount of available pressure from other sources, and the membership voted to continue using the current method of watering the field.

On October 12th and 13th the club had its 10th annual Big Bird Fun Fly. Fred Reese was the Event Director. The frequency control sheet showed 88 flights by 31 of the 33 pilots who registered.

1996 IN BRIEF: Chuck Balof started the year as our Program Director and has done an outstanding job. Your outgoing Vice President recommends that he be reappointed for 1997. Our maintenance Teams headed by Preston Tucker, Virgil Griffith, Amy Potter and Jim Rolleston did an outstanding job of maintaining the field under very adverse conditions. The results are reported elsewhere in the newsletter. The following was our schedule of events for 1996. NEW MEMBERS, RETURNING MEMBERS and MEMBERS WHO TRANSFERED in 1996: Randy and son Daniel Pinkston of Salado, Tim, wife Mary and son Jeff Kikkert, Curtis Carper, Dave Billion, Evertt (Ed) Pitts, Harold Lewis, Manfred and Daniel Doaks. Ron Ferguson of Temple was voted in as an Honorary Member. We lost Bernie and Margie Gill to a job transfer. Bernie was our Chief Instructor, and was replaced by Joe Ball.

1996 - CLUB ACTIVITIES: 5 May (Sunday) - Field cleanup, picnic, Fun Fly. 19 May (Sunday) - Social Fly-In with area clubs, fly what you bring. 14 July (Sunday) - Fun Fly for area clubs. \$5.00 fee, lunch, the events were: Bomb drop, spot landing, and timed flight. Dan Smith won first place with a .10 c/in three channel DeBolt Livewire. The winners were announced to eighth place. 6 October (Sunday) - Field cleanup, picnic, and fun fly. 12/13 October - Big Bird. The Big Bird was a huge success bringing in thirty-three registrants. The Georgetown Club furnished seven members. Temple, Waco and Austin furnished several each, and at least two drove in from Midland. Your Editor was not privy to the sign-in roster for a total breakdown. We had 88 flights by 31 of 33 entrants. Only two things dampened the spirits of a few. One was an elevator malfunction that totaled a model, and the other was a complaint by one of our neighbors. 13 December - 6:30 pm (until) Christmas Party. Our Christmas party date and time were changed due to the closing of Bonanza Restaurant. Twenty-four members and guests attended. Elections were held as advertised in last month's Flaps Out. President - Cecil Hodge, Vice President -

Preston Tucker, Secretary - Amy Potter, Treasurer - Jim Rolleston. Preston Tucker read a very nice letter from E.J. Gardner of Midland, Texas concerning the friendly and helpful members of Cen-Tex Modelers. He and his friends Porter Wallis (Midland), Jim Bagwell (Sulfur Springs) and "Rip" Holdridge (Carrollton) plan on being at our next Big Bird Fly-in. The Door Prizes were won by Bill Bechtold (a roll of monokote) and Jim Andrukates (one gallon of fuel). These prizes were donated by Wendel Sullivan our local hobby shop owner. MANY THANKS WENDEL. Three Prizes for the Maintenance Teams were drawn by ticket. If your name was on the maintenance sign-in roster, you received a ticket for each time your name appeared. The winners were: Amy Potter \$30.00 gift certificate, Jim Rolleston \$20.00 gift certificate, George Avery \$10.00 gift certificate. The Maintenance Team Leaders were given a Certificate of Appreciation. My personal apologies go to Virgil Griffith. Through a mix-up on my Maintenance Roster, I had the wrong name put on his certificate. (Your Editor ccc). As usual, our Chinese Gift Exchange a success. Gay Culver opened most of the gifts. The first one was a bottle of Gap Filling Insta Cure, which didn't remain in her possession very long. Jim Hillen lost his bottle rather quickly also. Fred's grandson did, however, manage to keep his candy cane.

Below is in memory of a long time member - Jesse McGee:



Jesse C. McGee

Funeral services for retired Chief Warrant Officer Jesse C. McGee, 68, of Killeen will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Killeen with the Rev. Walter Matus officiating. Burial will take place at Memories Garden Cemetery in McAlester, Okla., at a later date.

McGee died Friday in a Temple hospital.

He was born May 9, 1927, in Haileyville, Okla. He was a 1947 graduate of McAlester High School in McAlester, Okla., and a 1957 graduate of Easter A&M in Wilburton, Okla. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Central Texas in 1980 and a master's degree in 1982.

McGee resided locally since 1963. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1978 after 28 years of service. His military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army of Occupation Medal (Japan), Good Conduct Medal with clasp and two bronze loops, Korean Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, United

Nations Service Medal with four bronze service stars, Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with palm and the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon.

After his retirement in 1978, McGee worked for the Civil Service for Forces Protection assigned to the Provost Marshal's Office at Fort Hood. He was a member of the CID Agents Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the International Association of Narcotics Investigators. He was also a charter member of the Texas Narcotics Investigation Association.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy McGee of Killeen; two sons, Ronald W. McGee of Wilburton, Okla., and Charles N. McGee of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a brother, Roy T. McGee of Coalgate, Okla.; two sisters, Lela Rains of Buckeye, Ariz., and Johnnie Davis of Glendale, Ariz.; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.



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1997

The 1997 Club officers were: President Cecil Hodge, Vice President Preston Tucker, Secretary Amy Potter, and James Rolleston was the Treasurer. Our May 18th fun fly included eight visitors from the Georgetown club.

We had 26 booths set up for the swap meet held on August 9th and two or three people shared many of the booths. We had ten fliers, and close to fifty people come through the gate. Preston Tucker, who directed the event, received many favorable comments of the condition of our field.

The eleventh annual Big Bird fun fly was held October 11th and 12th. Unfortunately there are no records available to determine the total number of participants.



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1998

The club officers for 1998 were: President Steve Woods, Vice President Bernie Gill, Secretary Charles Culver, and Treasurer James Rolleston. Steve Woods resigned in April. Bernie Gill became President, and Jim Andrukates was elected Vice President to fill the vacancy.



A DAY AT THE FIELD

OBITUARIES

Charles Donald Balof Jr.

Graveside services for retired Lt. Charles Donald Balof Jr., 69, of Clarksdale, Miss., and formerly of Killeen will be at 11 a.m. today at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Clarksdale, Miss.

Balof died Wednesday at a Memphis, Tenn., hospital while moving from Killeen to Clarksdale.

He was born on Sept. 7, 1928, in Georgetown, Ky.

Balof had retired from the U.S. Army at Fort Hood and as a civilian government employee at Darnall Army Community Hospital, both in the capacity as a medical radiologist.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Jackson Balof of Clarksdale; three

sons, Jacky Balof of Clarksdale, Pat Balof of Slidell, La., and Mike Balof of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a daughter, Terre Balof of Athens, Ga.; his mother, Merle Brock of Memphis; a brother, Clay Balof of Little Rock, Ark.; and 10 grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 9 to 10:30 a.m. today.

National Funeral Home of Clarksdale is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

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1999

The club officers for 1999 were: President Bernie Gill, Vice President Jim Andrukates, Secretary Charles Culver, and Treasurer James Rolleston. Brian Roberts conducted our only intra-club fun fly on September 26th this year. Only 6 of our members signed up to fly. However, each participant enjoyed the event thoroughly.

Hubert Dirr directed our 13th annual Big Bird fun fly on October 9th and 10th. We had 21 registered pilots, and they came from Midland, Fort Worth, Carrollton, Georgetown and Temple. The Pilot's Choice, and Spectator's Choice award went to Dan Smith for his Fly Baby. E.J. Gardner won the award for driving the greatest distance. E.J. came from Midland to attend our event. Eighteen manufacturers donated prizes to be given away at our Big Bird

A change in the By-Laws concerning the tenure of officers was voted on and passed at the November meeting. The tenure was changed to two years each with the President and Treasurer voted upon in odd years, and the Vice President and Secretary voted upon in the even years.



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2000

The officers for the year 2000 were: President Jim Andrukates, Vice President Robert Haas, Secretary Charles Culver, and Treasurer James Rolleston.

On January 15th a display with hands on flying experience was conducted. Some 30 Cub Scouts plus leaders and parents attended. Preston Tucker was the Event Director, and the club gave away a Gillows kits to one of the Packs.

On March 18th Preston Tucker directed a fun fly. The entrance fee was divided between the first, second, third place winners and the Cen-Tex Modelers treasury.

On April 15th Bernie Gill coordinated a display at Long Branch Park for the Killeen YMCA.

On April 22nd Bernie Gill coordinated a display at the Killeen Lions Park for the annual Killeen Kid's Fest.

On May 13th Bernie Gill directed the annual Swap Meet, and on May 27th Bernie coordinated the annual Festival of Flags display for Cen-Tex Modelers at the Killeen Community Center.

In May of this year District 8 had a conference in Dallas, and several of the CEN-TEX Modelers members attended.

Our fourteenth annual Big Bird was rained out in October.



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2001

The club officers for 2001 were: President Jim Andrukates, Vice President Bill Bechtold, Secretary Charles Culver, and Treasurer James Rolleston. On May 18th and 19th of this year District 8 conducted another conference, and several of the District's members conducted symposiums on different subjects. James Rolleston and Charles Culver assisted Bob Czepiel and other district members with a newsletter symposium. President Jim Andrukates resigned in August, and Vice President Bill Bechtold became President. He resigned in October leaving both the President and Vice President's positions open. Our Big Bird of October 2001 saw fourteen entrants sign in from various parts of Texas. Merric Cummings and son drove up from Del Rio to enter, and won the plaque for driving the greatest distance. Dan Smith won the trophies for Pilot's Choice and Spectator's choice with his Fly Baby model.



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2002

The club officers for the year 2002 were: President Jim Hillin, Vice President Bob Haas, Secretary Charles Culver, and Treasurer James Rolleston

On January 22, 2002 Cen Tex Modelers lost one its members with the passing of Cecil Hodge. Cecil started his active membership in the club as Secretary in 1991. He served as President in 1992, 1993 and again in 1997. Health problems the last four years prevent Cecil from taking as active part in the club as he would have preferred.

Our April cleanup was a success. However, the lack of time prevented the completion of a few items on the clean up list.

Our May 12 Poker Fly was a little shy of participants. However, the participants made twenty-five flights despite the gusty wind. We also gained an associate member.

Our May 18, 2002 picnic was a huge success. The Club furnished brisket, sausage, beans, cold slaw and potato salad, and the wives furnished the deserts.

On June 8th, 2002, the Cen Tex Modelers Inc. hosted Troop 287 of the Boy Scouts of America at our flying field. Eleven scouts, eleven leaders, and six guests attended and were introduced to a wide variety of model aircraft including rubber powered stick built kits, electric, and 1/2A control line models.

The 2nd Poker fly of October 19, 2002, was rained out unfortunately. We had three put of visitors, who came despite the rain.

Bernie Gill directed The Santa Pal Fly-In on the 23rd of November and the weather couldn't have much better. Eighteen people signed the sign-in sheet.

The Chinese gift exchange at our Christmas party on December 7th was not quite as active as some in the past. Perhaps it was the absence of CA glue that made the difference. The following officers were elected for the year 2003: President Jim Hillin, Vice President Frank James, Secretary Charles Culver, and Treasurer James Rolleston.

Marion Cecil Hodge

Graveside services with full military honors for retired Capt. Marion Cecil Hodge, 70, of Killeen will be 3 p.m. Friday at Killeen Memorial Park with Chaplain Paul Blundell officiating.

Hodge died Jan. 22, 2002, at a Temple hospital.

He was born July 1, 1931, in North Little Rock, Ark., the son of Murry K. and Margaret Huett Hodge.

Hodge had been a longtime resident of Killeen.

He married Janice Button Hodge on July 27, 1967.

Hodge retired in 1970 from the U.S. Air Force, in which he had served as a jet pilot.

After leaving the military, he worked as a repairman for 16 years in the Killeen Independent School District.

Hodge was a past president of the Radio Controlled Airplanes. He and his wife also were members of the Cen-Tex Modelers Flying Club.

He was a custom carpenter.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years of Killeen; two sons, Larry Wayne Hodge of California and Ricky Lee Hodge of Oregon; two brothers, Norman Hodge of Oklahoma and Roy Hodge of Illinois; two sisters, Lou Christine Bolte of Kentucky

and Margaret Alice Gangruff of Arkansas; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Hodge was also preceded in death by a brother, Murry Hodge Jr.

The family will receive visitors from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Killeen Memorial Funeral Home.



JAN AND CECIL HODGE

January 2002



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2003

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

ANNUAL PICNIC – April 12, 2003:

The morning of our annual picnic started a little chilly, but the day warmed nicely with only about a ten mile per hour wind, slightly cross wind of the main. We received several compliments on the bar-b-que, which the club purchased from Texas Style Bar-B-Que on 38th Street in Killeen. Several went and asked for seconds, so not much was left.

THE HELICOPTER EVENT – JUNE 15, 2003:

Our helicopter event did not draw the numbers that we hoped. Maybe next year will be better. The wives of two of our members supported the event. Thanks for your support ladies. Club member Charles Farlow, one of the club's instructors took time out from his flying to brief several spectators in the art of pre-setting the transmitter controls on own transmitter. As always due to the patience of James Rolleston our cook the participants and spectators enjoyed hotdogs, chips and sodas for lunch.

BIG BIRD – JUNE 28, 2003:

The event was a success, and twenty-two pilots registered. Ken Spears from Arlington won the Spectators Choice Trophy with his Corsair, and James Anderson from Duncanville won the Pilots Choice trophy with his beautiful PT-17 biplane. The best news was that no one crashed. Unfortunately, our borrowed PA System over heated, and blew a fuse during the afternoon heating. Jim Hillin went out at 6:30 A.M. on Friday, and had most of the field mowed by the time the rest of us arrived. The following members and wives helped with Big Bird event: Jim Andrukates, Mickey Davis, Ed Cournoyer, Frank James, Hubert Dirr, James Rolleston, and Marj McNutt. We want to give a special thanks to those club members and participants who acted as spotters or the pilots.

BOY SCOUT DEMONSTRATION - 15 October 2003:

A total of thirty-seven individuals attended the demonstrations of October 25, 2003, but the high wind and rain that was forecast did not appear as projected. After an informing introduction by President Hillin, and a tour of the flight line by Robert Haas, who took time to explain each of models displayed, the Delta Dart competition began. Eleven scouts participated with Delta Darts that each had built at home. Andrew Townsend won first place with a distance of one hundred feet and one inch. Jake Bradshaw won second place with thirty-two feet and 2 inches. Jake Bradshaw also had the longest duration. (Continued Over)

Alex Lincoln won third place with twenty-nine feet and six inches. Several members gave demonstration flights, and afterwards the instructor pilots gave each scout, and several of the adult members a chance to fly using buddy-boxes. These flights were followed by lunch consisting of hot dogs, and some excellent desert made by the Scout Masters. After lunch Robert Haas gave demonstration flights using three of the Half-A Ring Masters that he has for just that purpose. All in all each individual attending had a very enjoyable time.

SANTA PAL FLY-IN - 15 November 2003:

We held our Santa Pal fly-in on the 15th of November. The day started out overcast, but visibility was fair and the wind was low. We had fun food and friendship. James Rolleston cooked lunch, and the board for provided the sodas. All went well there were no major accidents, and we all got a chance to chat about lots of things. In addition to our own members the Temple club sent delayed donations.



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2004

The officers for the year 2004 were: President John Eyre, Vice President James Franklin, Secretary Charles Culver, and Treasurer James Rolleston.

Our annual cleanup on March 20, 2004 was only a partial success, but not for the want of volunteers. We wish to thank the following personell for helping: Jeremy Gorman, Steve Brandt, Hubert Dirr, Jim Hillin, Dan Smith, James Rolleston, John Eyre, Franklin James, Robert Barner, his friend Janice Bradford, Charles Farlow and his son, and Jim Andrukates. If I missed anyone, please accept my apology. Earlier I used the words partial success. We did not get the runway re-seeded, and did not get the pits mowed. The runways were de-thatched, aerated, and fertilized. Blame your Secretary and Treasurer for lack of Bermuda grass seed to re-seed the runway. We simply forgot to purchase it when we picked up the fertilizer and ant killer. The field rules as posted in last month's *Flaps Out* were posted at the frequency control board. Hubert and his crew had trouble at the lake with the water supply. They had the new Deere at the lake, and the mower blade driver belt broke on the old Deere, thus the pits were not mowed. James Rolleston and Charles Culver replaced the belt.

May Fun Fly. The events flown in the April fun fly were not posted in advance, but the event was cancelled at 10:30. Those known to be in attendance were: John Eyre, Jeremy Gorman, Bob Longfellow, Larry White, Frank James, Ron Mayfield and Ken Maddux.

May 6, 2004 - Haybranch Elementary School celebrated 100 years of powered flight with its program *UP, UP, and AWAY*. Thanks to members of Cen Tex Modelers Inc. seven groups of approximately 900 children from Haybranch School were treated to displays of models, and model flight, during Haybranch Elementary School's program titled "Up, Up and Away" celebrating 100 years of powered flight. Cen Tex Modelers members displayed the radio control and control line models with both alcohol engines and electric motors inside the Physical Education building. Cen Tex member Robert Haas, a retired teacher, led the explanation of the forces acting on aircraft in flight, and talked about models representing aircraft of the 1920's, 1930's and 1940's. Jim Andrukates, William Hamilton, James Rolleston and Charles Culver

assisted Robert with various indoor demonstrations and explanations. Charles Farlow aided by Jeremy Gorman demonstrated helicopter flight, and Bernie Gill aided by Cindy Gill demonstrated fixed wing flight in an outside area.

September Fun Fly. The September fun fly was attended by the following members: John Eyre, Bob Haas, Jim Hillin, Jason Bernal, Hubert Dirr, Ed Cournoyer, Jeremy Gorman, Jim Andrukates, Ken Maddox, James Rolleston and Charles Culver. Richard Guy conducted the event.

IN MEMORIUM - Cen Tex Modelers lost another long time member with the passing on December 27, 2004 of George Avery. George was a member of Cen Tex Modelers for eleven years. He was meticulous builder, and an excellent flier. Several years ago when the retirees began flying during the week, George was one of the first to join the group with Virgil Griffith, Dan Smith and others. When George's health failed three years ago, he became inactive, but continued to support Cen Tex Modelers by maintaining his senior membership status. George and his support will be sorely missed.



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GEROGE AVERY AND JIM HILLIN



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2005

The year 2005 in review

Club officers were John Eyre – President, Richard Guy – Vice President, Jeremy Gorman – Secretary, James Rolleston – Treasurer, Hubert Dirr – Safety Officer, and Ronnie Mayfield – Field Maintenance.

The following major events were held through out the year.

1. Our annual cleanup was held in March 2005 with many club members attending and contributing a helping hand. The event was a success, except for cleaning up the water pump area, which was determine to attempted to clean up at a later date due to the excess amount of trash, floating trees.

2. The club was invited to attend the Spring Ho annual event held in Lampasas Texas at the local airport in June 2005. Many club members attend. Many flights were conducted through out the day. All that attend had fun.

3. The club held its annual Big Bird event in June 2005 and was CD'ed by Jim Hillin. The weather was great for flying. There were 16 registered contestants and many observers. The event was a great success.

4. The club held a Cub Scout Demonstration for Troop 274 of Harker Heights Texas in September 2005 and was CD'ed by Bob Haas. Scouts were treated to a full day of activities, consisting of seminars, demonstration flights, participation events and buddy-box sessions, along with picnic lunches. Many scout leaders and club members attended and assisted in the events. A good time was had by all that attended.



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IN MEMORIUM - EARL WOLVERTON - AUGUST 2005



Once again, Cen-Tex Modelers has lost a very supportive member. Earl Wolverton passed away Monday, August 1, 2005.

Earl joined Cen-Tex Modelers in 1982 at the age of 59. Like most beginners that age, Earl had his share of problems learning to fly - until he purchased a model called the "Butterfly". Earl soloed very shortly after switching to the Butterfly. Over the years that followed, Earl had many different models, including a World Engines Robin Hood model with a very near scale 6-cylinder dummy engine, a quarter scale Piper cub that he built to represent the Piper L-4. Earl became very proficient flying these and other models, until cataracts developed, and began to curtail his flying.



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Mrs. Hall, Wife of John Hall Obituarie

For the second time this year with much sadness, we must report the passing of a supportive member of Cen-Tex Modelers. Very few of the current membership knew (Mrs.) Villa M. Hall, the mother of one of our current members John W. Hall, and the widow of Robert Hall, for whom the field is named. After the passing of her husband in January 1986, Mrs. Hall continued to support Cen-Tex Modelers with donations. Her latest donation was the sum of \$150.00 (One hundred fifty dollars) to wire the pavilion for use with the generator. Our sympathies go out to the family.

Obituaries

Vila Madeline Hall

HARKER HEIGHTS — Graveside services for Vila Madeline Hall, 88, will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Killeen City Cemetery with the Rev. Ed Adams officiating.

Mrs. Hall died Sept. 3, 2005.

She was born on Dec. 28, 1917, in Turtle Lake, Wis., to the late Emil and Louise Yager. She graduated from Beaver Dam High School in 1935. She married Robert J. Hall on May 25, 1940. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Hall was a homemaker.

In her later years, she was a member of the Retired Officers Wives Club, the Central Christian Church of Lampasas and the local garden club, where her passions were African violets and roses.

Survivors include two sons, John W. Hall of San Antonio and David R. Hall of Crosby; and one daughter, Pate L. Adams of Lampasas.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army or the Central Christian Church of Lampasas.

The Heritage Funeral Home in Harker Heights is handling arrangements.

For some reason, Earl always landed on the same corner of the runway. Perhaps someone will install a small placard dedicating that corner as "Earl's Corner."

Earl was a sign painter by trade, and if you look closely at the signs on the field, many have Earl's signature on the bottom right corner. He painted all of the signs that are currently displayed at Hall Field. Through Earl's voluntary efforts he later became a Life Member in Cen-Tex Modelers. Earls last visit to Hall Field was during the Big Bird fly-in in June 2005. Those Cen-Tex Modelers who knew and remember Earl will miss his presence at the field.

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Earl Wolverton

LAMPASAS — Services for Earl Wolverton, 82, will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Dodson Funeral Home Chapel in Lampasas with the Rev. Steven Foreman officiating.

Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lampasas.

Wolverton died Aug. 1, 2005, at his residence.

He was born in Morning Sun, Iowa, to the late John C. and Georgia Ella Humphrey Wolverton.

Wolverton served in the U.S. Army, 143rd Battalion, 2nd Armored Division during World War II stationed in Germany, where he was a prisoner of war for 18 months. He received a Purple Heart for his service.

He married Mildred Inez Butts on Feb. 29, 1953, in Lampasas.

He was a sign painter at Fort Hood, having worked with Civil Service for 30 years.

He was a member of the Centex Modelers Association, as he enjoyed flying model airplanes.

He had been a Boy Scout leader and a deacon at Nolanville Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Darrell Wolverton of Lampasas; two daughters, Donna Huck of Temple and Denice Wolverton of Lampasas; two sisters, Margaret Hughling of Temple and Lynndall Parmer of Bartlett; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Vista Care Hospice, 262-B S. 37th St., Temple, TX 76504.

Funeral



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2006

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Club officers were John Eyre – President, Richard Guy – Vice President, Jeremy Gorman –Secretary, James Rolleston – Treasurer, James Andrukates – Safety Coordinator, and Charles Culver – Field Maintenance Coordinator.

The following major events were held though out the year.

1. Our annual cleanup was held in March 2006, with many members attending. Participation by the general membership is always appreciated. The event was a success.
2. The club held its annual big bird event in June 2006, with many attending. A raffle was held for a number of very excellent kits and other items. All that attended had an enjoyable time with many good flights, but there were a few mishaps.
3. The club held a combination Fun Fly and trail gate swap meet in August 2006, Everyone that attended had a great time. There were many good items that were swapped. Flying was great and enjoyed by all, both flyers as well as spectators alike.

Below are some pictures taken by Jim Andrukates of the associated club members from George Town during one of there flying days at the club field.





