



## **Cen-Tex Modelers**

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**KILLEEN, TEXAS 76540**

## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007**

This year 2007 in review:

Club officers were John Eyre – President, Jim Andurakes – Vice President and Safety Coordinator, Charles Culver – Secretary and Newsletter Editor, and Bob Haas – Field Maintenance Coordinator, and James Rolleston - Treasurer

The following major events were held throughout the year:

1. Our annual clean up was held in March 2007, with many members attending. Participation by the general membership is always appreciated. The event was a success.
2. The club held a demonstration and introduction to model aviation during the presentation day held by the Duncan Elementary School in May 2007. Members in attendance consisted of Bob Hass, Larry White, Charles Culver and Jim Rolleston. This event was a success due largely to the efforts of Jim Andurakes and Bob Hass, whom were the driving force behind the coordination efforts.
3. The general club membership held a Mall Show at the Killeen Mall in May 2007. Those that participated consisted of Jim Hillin, Bob Hass, Jim Andurakes, Leroy Jones, Ed Cournoyer, Hubert Dirr, John Eyre, Charles Culver, Jim Rolleston, Richard Guy, Larry White, John Pratt, Kenny Maddux, Bob Primm and Robert Terry. The Killeen Hobby Center allowed the club to use a flight simulator, which was enjoyed by all that attended. The event was held from 8:00AM till 6:00 PM. There were 21 plus model aircraft on display. During the day, many spectators stopped and asked many questions pertaining to flying Radio Controlled Aircraft. The club was fortunate to have had a few that showed interest in joining the club, and resulting in their accrual joining. The success of this event is due to the initial efforts of Charles Culver and the finalization efforts of Jim Andurakes and John Eyre.
4. The annual Big Bird was held in June 2007 and had 21 attendees, with 28 models. This event was a success and is due to the efforts of John Eyre, CD and the many club members that helped out in preparation of the field, performing the duties of the many positions that it takes to run an event like this. Thanks go to Duane Kirkman and John Pratt who assisted with lunch, Charles Culver who ran the registration and raffle ticket sales, Bob Hass who assisted in frequency control. The raffle was a great success and is due to the following members who donated kits for the club raffle: Charles Culver, Richard Guy, Mark LaVigne and The Hobby Center of Killeen. Others that donated cash to offset club expenditures were greatly appreciated. Winners of the raffle were: Patrick Moore from Lampasas – Funtana 50, Bob Longfellow from Killeen – Lanier Stinger 60, Daniel Sands from Killeen – Top Flite P51, and Denny Roden from Round Rock – P51 Miss American. Winners of the cash prizes were Pilots Choice – James Land and his Nieuport 17 and Victoria LaVigne for her Space Walker.

The lake level started to rise in June 2007 due to continuous heavy rains during June 2007 through August 2007. The normal level is approximately 620 feet and rose to a height of 664 feet. This caused the field to be closed due to the flooding of the roadway and entrance to the flying field. In August 2007 the rains subsided and the lake level started to drop at a rate of 2 ten's of a foot per day. The water level reached the south overrun and barely entered the hanger. Club equipment was relocated to the northwest area of the field to protect them from rising water. Below are a number of pictures that were taken by Charles Culver.



Road Entrance to Field



Looking towards the Camping Site



Looking North East from the field



Good time to have a Float Fly Fun Fly



Water in the Parking Area.



Water in the Parking Area

The following narrative describes how the Cen-Tex Modelers Inc. general membership extended its time, energy, and resources towards a worthy endeavor. Also, this story was picked up and run in Modeler Aviation magazine, published by AMA (see article below).

Centex Modelers is a small club located near Fort Hood, Texas and we have many military members both active and retired. Thankfully, every club member who has deployed has also returned home safely. However, occasionally we are touched by a families' loss.

Our story begins when a military father stationed at Fort Hood and deployed to Iraq wrote a letter to tell his children, an eight-year-old boy and an eleven-year-old girl, they would learn to fly radio control models upon his return. Tragically in early April 2006 their father was killed in action before he could return and keep his promise.

CW4 Clayton Mahalitic Sr., a Cen-Tex club and AMA member, was assigned as Casualty Assistance Officer (CAO). Soldiers assigned these roles assist surviving family members through the daunting tasks that lay ahead. CAO's are responsible for assisting the family following official notification, through the memorial/funeral service, and provide assistance preparing and submitting claims to various agencies for benefits. Clayton began flying model airplanes in the 1980's and after a long break, re-entered the hobby with his own son approximately five years ago. When Clayton learned of the letter, through the children's mother, he immediately began working towards making the fathers' wish come true. He contacted AMA to request that the children be included on his membership as junior members, but instead, AMA offered to provide the junior memberships and Model Aviation at no cost to the family.

Shortly thereafter Clayton approached our club president, John Eyre, and asked if the club would be willing to donate membership to this family as well. John immediately said yes and arranged to have Clayton brief our club at the monthly club meeting. At the time of the meeting, Clayton had purchased the model and engine, the mother had purchased the radio, and with all equipment installed, they were ready to begin flight training. After briefing the members in attendance, Clayton asked the club members to sponsor the children by giving them free club membership. President Eyre made the motion and member Larry White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Additionally, a second motion was made by Lynn Kelch to reimburse Clayton and the kids Mother for their purchases, this motion passed unanimously as well.

Today, club members living near the children have offered to ferry the kids to and from our flying site for training; Clayton serves as their instructor; and through the support of AMA and Cen-Tex Modelers; the children have begun their flight training. I humbly report this American Hero's promise will be kept.

Following are some photos of Tanner Hartwick and Chief Mahalitic Sr., providing hands on training at the field on 28 April 2007.





John Eyre, Tanner Hartwick and Mahalitic Setting Up



John Eyre attempting to gain 2<sup>nd</sup> Solo Hat



Tanner Hartwick and Mahalitic Making Adjustments



Mahalitic and Tanner on the Buddy Box



John Eyre, testing Buddy Box



Tanner making a fly by



## AMA Club Supports a Fallen Hero

The Cen-Tex Modelers is a small club located near Fort Hood, Texas, that has many active and retired military members. Every club member who has deployed has returned home safely, but the members are occasionally touched by a family's loss.

A military father\* stationed at Fort Hood was deployed to Iraq. He wrote a letter to tell his children—an 8-year-old boy and an 11-year-old girl—that they would learn to fly RC models upon his return. In early April 2006 he was killed in action before he could return and keep his promise.

CW4 Clayton Mahalite Sr., a Cen-Tex club and AMA member, was assigned as a Casualty Assistance Officer (CAO). These soldiers assist surviving family members of deceased soldiers through official notification and the memorial/funeral services, and they help prepare and submit claims to various agencies for benefits.

Clayton began flying model airplanes in the 1980s, and after a long break he re-entered the hobby with his son approximately five years ago. When Clayton learned through the children's mother of the letter their father wrote to them, he immediately began working toward making that father's wish come true.

Clayton contacted AMA to request that the kids be included on his membership as Junior members, but AMA offered the memberships and *MA* magazine to the family at no cost. Shortly thereafter, Clayton approached Cen-Tex President John Eyre and asked if the club would be willing to donate memberships to the family. John immediately said yes and arranged to have Clayton brief the club at a monthly meeting.

At the time of the meeting Clayton had purchased the model and engine, and the kids' mother had purchased the radio. With all the equipment installed, they were ready to begin flight training. Lynn Kelch made a motion at the meeting to reimburse Clayton and the children's mother for their purchases, and it passed unanimously.

The children have begun flight training with Clayton as their instructor. Club members who live near the kids offer to ferry them to and from the flying site.

The American hero's promise will be kept. **MA**

*\* Family members' names have been omitted by their request for the sake of privacy.*

—Jim Rice  
District VIII Vice President



A proud son with the Hobbico Avistar RTF trainer the Cen-Tex Modelers donated in honor of his father who was killed in Iraq.



Cen-Tex club member and US Army CAO Clayton Mahalite Sr. instructs while the mother observes in the background.



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## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008**

This year 2008 in review:

Club officers were John Eyre – President, Lynn Kelch (current) and Larry White – Vice President Hubert Dirr (current) and Jim Andrukates - Larry White (current), Richard Guy and Charles Culver – Secretary and Newsletter Editor, and James Rolleston – Treasurer.

The following major events were held thought out the year:

1. Jim Andrukates, one of the founding members, passed away after a long period of illness. The annual Big Bird, see below, was held in his memory.



2. The annual Big Bird was held in June 2008 and was dedicated to Jim Andrukates. His wife and daughter were guests of honor. His wife donated all of Jim's equipment and aircraft to the club for a raffle to help the club. The event this year was a great success due to John Eyre as the CD. The event was attended by many flyers from other clubs. Items were raffled and were donated by hobby stores in the area and club members. A great time was had by all.

3. The Killen Mall show was held in July 2008. The turn out by club members was great and resulted in an exceptional event. The general public that stopped to make inquiries, and enjoy the flight demonstrator, all had positive comments. Many new leads for new membership were established.

4. A Christmas party for the general membership was held in December at the Golden Corral. There were 28 members in attendance and a great time was had by all. Mrs. Andruates was in attendance as a special guest and was escorted by her son Shawn. Two of Jim's aircraft were raffled off.



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## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2009**

This year 2009 in review:

Club officers for the year were Lynn Kelch – President, Hubert Dirr – Vice President, Larry White, who resigned due to his family moving from the area and his replacement is Paul Larue – Secretary and Newsletter Editor, and James Rolleston – Treasurer.

The following major events were held throughout the year:

In June the annual Big Bird was held in June and the CD was Jim Hillin. A great time was had by all that attended, even though the turnout was somewhat smaller than previous years.

Also, in June, the annual Killeen Mall show was held and was pulled together by Hubert Dirr. Many club members supported the event by displaying their aircraft and attending.

In May, the club held an event that supported by participating in the Technology Career Day held at Hay Branch Elementary School on 8 May 2009. The event was headed up by Larry White and was supported by many club members.

In December, the club held its annual Christmas Party at the Golden Carroll in Killeen. Many club members and their families attended and a good time was had by all.

The club was recognized by AMA as a leader club with the Golden award.

The club installed a solar panel DC charging system at the field during the year to support those flyers using electric powered aircraft. Is considering adding a AC capability to the system for those that only have AC chargers.





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Officers for the year consisted of Lynn Kelch – President, Hubert Dirr – Vice President, Paul Larue – Secretary/News Editor and Jim Rolleston – Treasurer.

Events held during the year consisted of the annual Killeen Mall show, the first all electric fly in, which has replaced the annual Big Bird event, a presentation at Duncan School, Kids World at Killeen Mall, and a Christmas Dinner.

The club lost five members during the year which are: Ed Cournoyer in February 2010, Bob Longfellow, Dan Smith, March 2010, Fred Reese in May 2010 and Paul Larue's wife Deborah. These members will be miss for their friendship..

The club has lost many old and good friends over the years and more in the last few years. At the end of this annual report, is a document dedicated to each of the five members listed above.

During the year, Hebert Dirr, asked the club to make a donation to the Centex Humane Society, due to the fire they experienced at their facility. The members voted to make a \$400.00 donation and we received a letter of thanks from the society, which is below along with a picture of the presentation and the certificate of appreciation



Presentation of Donation Check to Cen-Tex Humane Society's Second Chance Animal Shelter  
Shelter President - Joseph Lattanzio and Lynn Kelch – President CEN-Tex Modelers Inc

**CEN-TEX  
HUMANE SOCIETY**  
5501 Clear Creek Road  
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30 April 2010

Dear Cen-Tex Modelers Members,

Thank you for your donation of \$400.00 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Animal Shelter/  
Cen-Tex Humane Society.

Please know that your donation will be put to the best possible use – to provide food,  
shelter, and health care for all the animals in our care and to find them good homes.

You can keep this letter as a written proof of your donation for your tax records.

Thanks again for your generous gift.

Sincerely,

  
Joe Lattanzio  
President

The Cen-Tex Humane Society is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization



Below is a Certificate of Appreciate Issued by Cen-Tex Humane Society, Second Chance Animal Shelter presented by Joe Lattanzio.. Hubert Dirr standing by.





## **IN MEMORY OF EDWARD COURNOYER – 1985 – 2010**

In February 2010, CEN-TEX Modelers lost a main pillar of the club. Ed never ran or held any office during his membership, but if the club needed someone to help, Ed was always there, from supporting events, to field maintenance or maintaining club facilities. Ed joined the club in 1985 and is remembered for driving his Spacewalker to the field, tired to the top of his VW beetle. He said he had to hold down the speed, else he felt he was about to take off. Ed loved the hobby and would help any other member needing help.

Ed will be missed greatly by all and his big smile and his contributions that he made over the twenty five years.



Ed doing what he loved to do, equipment maintenance and field work

## IN MEMORY OF BOB LONGFELLOW Member 2007-2010

What I can tell you about Bob is that he was always just Bob. His character or personality never changed from the moment I met him to the last time I spoke to him. On or off the field Bob always flew "straight and level." I never once knew him to alter any part of his character to impress anyone or to gain any favor or benefit from anyone. If he told you he was going to do something, you could take it too the bank. A man of his word, his word was his bond.



Bob loved his time at the flying field. He always insisted that we go there for fun and relaxation. Bob was always encouraging us to "come out and fly, to leave the problems and stress at home and have a good time while we were there." Need a wrench or a flashlight? He always pulled whatever you needed out of his pocket. He seemed to always have a full set of tools in his pocket and loved to help you work on your plane or engine. He had a wonderful, dry sense of humor and he loved to tease anyone about anything. He always did his best to make sure everyone enjoyed their time at the field. His loyalty to his friends was always "above and beyond." Not too long ago we lost another of our friends and fellow club members. Bob and I had a lengthy conversation about friendship and death. In Bobs own words "the way I see it, friends are friends until the end."

We go through a lifetime meeting and dealing with people and acquaintances on a daily basis and if we are very fortunate, we meet a very few people like Bob, whom we can know will be our friend until the end.

Our Friend Bob will be missed. - Kenny Maddox

*In Memory of Dan Smith*    *Member 1986-2010*



*Dan Smith with John Pratt and Friend Karen*

The Cen-Tex Modelers just lost another dear club member. Dan Smith, a long time friend of mine and just about all of the club members, he was not only a great modeler and flying buddy, but also a great inspirational guy, that had the respect from anybody that knew him. He joined the Cen-Tex Modelers in 1986 and was a great asset to the club, by directing several Big Bird events in the past along with his wife Karen, which passed away several years ago. He also was one of the greatest ambassadors to the club, by representing our club not only here in Texas, but also in the neighboring states and as far up as to Colorado. He became a modeler when he was just a young boy, and all that experience he collected over those many years, he passed on to many modelers, to including me. I never would be that model builder and pilot without him. He was my mentor. For many years on a regular base each Wednesday, Dan and several modelers from Georgetown, called the "Georgetown Gang", came rolling in to the field about 8:30 AM, after they all had breakfast at the Truck Stop Cafe in Salado, for a



day of flying fun. We called it the "Old Timers Flying Day". Dan hardly ever missed that day. If the weather did not cooperate for take offs, there were always many stories to tell among each other. He will be missed by all of us. Dan's last wish was, to be left with us at "Hall Field" where he will be our Guardian Angel. Dare if you crash. You do not want to face Dan later on.

James Land and Roger Walther made the first flight over the field in memory of Dan. On the bottom right, Roger with Dan's Stinger ready for the flight.

Hubert Dirr  
Cen-Tex Modelers

## IN MEMORY OF FRED REESE – 1975 - 2010

In memory of Fred Reese, who passed in May 2010. Fred was a member of the club from 1975. As one of the founding members, his contributions over the year has resulted in what the club is today. He served as president 1976 – 1978 and 1983, as vice president 1978 and as treasure 1979 – 1980. Fred was always there when the club needed help, with contributions, time and material. Fred has seen the club fly from many different fields over the years. He will be missed, not for what he has given, but as a flyer and as a friend.



Fred on the right with Earl Woolverton on the left.

Fred loved his Big Bird cheese burgers

**IN MEMORY OF  
DEBORRAH BORST LaRUE (wife of Paul LaRue)**

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In February I lost my wife and best friend. Even though she was not a member of this club she was always at my side and enjoyed the friendships she made with everyone in the club. Most people know her from the airfield and the Christmas parties. At the airfield she was always picking up cigarette butts and emptying the cans. Yet, we can't forget the hard times she always gave us on bad landings and such. But, I think that all of us can say she was very supportive of me and Cen-Tex modelers. I would like to thank everyone for their support—Paul LaRue







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## **ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

Officers for the year consisted of Lynn Kelch – President, Hubert Dirr – Vice President, Matt Davis – Secretary/News Letter Editor and Jim Rolleston – Treasurer.

Events held during the year consisted of the Killeen Annual Mall show in October 2011 and the 2d Annual All Scale Fun Fly held in October 2011. Other actions taken by the club were, adding a new parking lot and extending a conduit buried PVC pipe for electrical support from the generator to the pavilion. Also, a couple of pictures of the clubs participation at a local Corvette Car club static display thanks to the efforts of Harold Lewis.

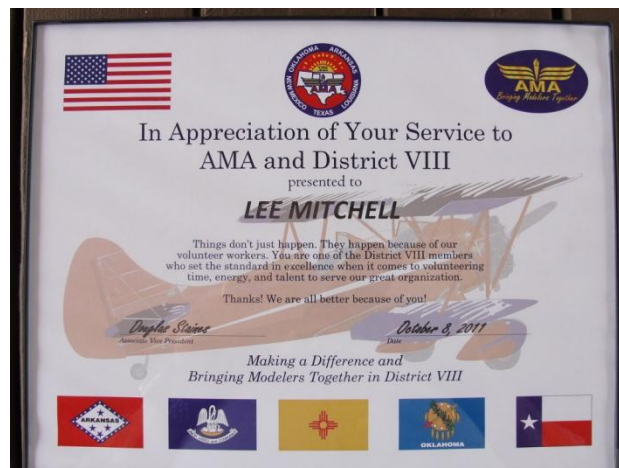
The club lost Donald French, who was a long time member of the club. He will be missed by one and all. Also Harold Lewis was lost due to a motorcycle accident. He will be missed also by one and all.

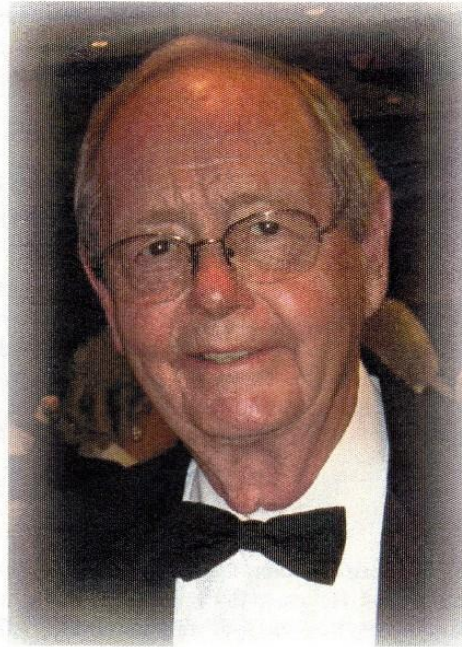
During the October All Scale Fun Fly, Lee Mitchell was presented with a certificate of appreciation from AM by Douglas Staines Vice President District VIII (Pictures below).

Elections for President and Treasurer were held at the December 2011 club meeting, resulting in Butch Spradling being elected for President, John Pratt for Vice President to fill the remaining term, and Fred Gortler for Treasurer.



Lee Mitchell accepting AMA Appreciation from Douglas Staines Vice President District VIII





for the life of  
**Donald W. French**  
January 9, 1930—September 29, 2011

*In Memory of Donald French*

*Last month, the Cen-Tex Modelers lost another member. Donald French died on 29 September 2011. He was a member with the CTM since 1998.*

*Donald came to fly with us just about every Wednesday along with all the old Timers from Georgetown that were gathering here on this day for a day of flying fun at Hall Field.*

*He was a good and precise and good model builder. His love for aviation, civil and in models was known by all that knew him.*

*He will be remembered and missed by many.*

Below are two pictures of a static event that the club participated in thanks to the efforts of Harold Lewis.







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## **ANNUAL HISTORY REPORT - YEAR 2012**

The year was a very busy year, with lots of thing that occurred. A new club patch was voted on and accepted by the membership. (See below). The number of events held consisted of an Indoor electric fly in held in the city of Harker Heights Gym in April 2012. Two events were held on 28 Jun 2012 and 25 Aug 2012, to help and assist the Patriot Ministries organization that helps youngster with many activities. The club has provided material and time helping them learn and build model aircraft, gliders and have held RC flight demonstrations for the boys and girls at the clubs field. Also, the club held its annual Killeen Mall Show on 15 Sep 2012, which was attended by many club members and the general public. This event is held in hopes of letting the residents know that we exist and hopefully will attract new members. Also an All Scale Fly in Event was held at the field on 22 Sep 2012



The club of its many years of existence has lost many members as they have passed on. Thanks to the efforts of Hubert Dirr and the general membership, a monument was established at the field. The following was provided by Huber Dirr.

## CTM Memorial (Built Jan-Feb 2012)

Over the last 20 years, the Cen-Tex Modelers have lost over 20 Members that passed on. The club has the field and the pavilion named after two distinguished individuals.

It came to me, it would be nice to honor all passed on members in some kind of memorial. After putting my thinking cap on, I came up with the idea of building a small memorial with a nice stone that shows all the names.

The club was in favor and authorized some funds. The memorial that I had in mind to build turned out to be too expansive. But on the end all worked out just fine with additional funds coming in on donations from generous club members.

From the Head Stone place in Gatesville, I got a beautiful piece of Red African Granite that they cut for me just to the right size I needed and for the right price.

The island coming in to the flying field where the flagpole is was picked for the memorial site for everyone to see it.

With the help of John Pratt and Jim Hillion, the concrete was poured for the setting of the Granite. While cleaning around the setting, the name plates of the members that passed on, to include a small plate of an airplane and one of a helicopter. Along with the name plates, a plate was done with the clubs logo on it and another plate with the memorial inscription on it written by James Rolleston.

After all was cemented in place some landscaping was done with the help of Clayton Mahalitic.

To make the scene nicer, a concrete bench donated by Lowe's of Killeen and placed next to the memorial which provides a beautiful view over the flying field

Thanks to the club that made this possible and to the volunteers helping make it.  
All names of members on there will be in memory for a long time.

Hubert Dirr  
Cen-Tex Modelers



Jim Hillin and John Pratt mixing concrete



Pouring the concrete in the form





Huber Dirr working the concrete into the mold



Letting the concrete set up



Finished project located in the turn around.



Hubert Dirr arranging the makers for each passed member







Name plates for former members.

## In Memory of George Davidson



September 2012 was another sad day for the Cen-Tex Modelers, when an e-mail arrived in my mailbox from Sue Davidson, informing me, that George passed away. He was very sick for a long time.

George was a longtime friend of mine and of many club members that knew him. He became a club member in 2000 and was a regular flyer and supporter of so many club flying events.

On Wednesdays, he usually came along with several other members from their club, called the "Georgetown Gang" for our regular Wednesday old timer flying day. Besides just flying, there were many old time stories to be told. George, being an old Air Force guy, flew many bombing missions in the Far East in late WWII.

Listening to him, we sometimes forgot what we really came for, flying our models...  
With George around, there was never a dull minute among us.  
He is dearly missed by all of us.

The picture of him above does not really do justice. He was assisting Dan Smith getting ready for a flight at the clubs Big Bird event back in 2008.

Hubert  
Cen-Tex Modelers



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## **Annual Report - 2013**

The club held a number of events during the year consisting of the 4H event on 12 Oct 2013, an event for the Boys and Girls club, the Killeen Mall annual show in October 2013, the annual Memorial Annual Fly In on 19 October 2013 and finally the annual Christmas Party in December 2013. The success of these events is directly due to the efforts of event leaders and the general membership support.

Other than the above events, it was a fairly slow year. The election of club officers normally held at the December meeting was delayed until the first meeting in January 2014. The number of members has dropped, but hopefully will rebuild with new members.





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## **Annual Report - 2014**

The club held a number of events during the year consisting of the Club Fun Fly in April, the Annual Big Bird in May, the Electric Fun Fly in June. In October the Club lost a longtime member; Butch Spradling. In his honor, the club had a Butch Spradling Memorial Fly-In Event later in October. The success of these events is directly due to the efforts of event leaders and the general membership support.

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## **BUTCH SPRADLING MEMORIAL – PASSED OCTOBER 2014**

Butch Spradling was one of the oldest active members of the club. His tenure with the club was from early 1982 to present. He served the club in many capacities as the President, Chief Flight Instructor and others. His contributions have ensured the endurance of the club and was a helping hand to all those that needed assistance. He was the key factor in supporting local boys and girls organizations and local schools, by holding flight demonstrations for these activities. Butch's name will be added to the list of other club members that have been lost over the years. The name plaque was added on 18 October 2014 at a special memorial fly in held in Butch's honor.





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## **ANNUAL HISTORICAL REPORT - 2015**

Events held during the year consisted of official elections held at the beginning of the year with the results of Jim Hillin as President, William Stone as Vice President, James Franklin as Secretary, and Lee Mitchell as Treasurer. During the year, the club's web master was replaced by Hubert Dirr. Flying events during the year consisted of the annual Big Bird held on 18 – 19 April 2015, an electric fly in held on 20 June 2015, and a Memorial Fun Fly on 26 September 2015. Membership for the year dropped off from previous years, but hopefully will pick up in the future.

The below picture was taken during the July 2015 club meeting. Well deserved. Those in the picture from left to right are Jim Rolleston, Charles Culver, Lawrence, Lee Mitchell and William Stone.



Lee presented Lawrence with a certificate from the club for his continued support of the club. Lawrence is the owner of Killeen Hobby Center and has been a supporter of the club for many years.





A small Christmas Decoration was again placed on the Cen-Tex Modelers Memorial at Hall Field in memory of our past Members. Thanks to Hubert Dirr.



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## **Club Newsletter – Flaps Out 2016**



Central Texas Modelers mission is to provide an organization for persons interested in the construction and operation of radio and non-radio controlled model aircraft, boats and cars, as a sport and hobby in the Central Texas area. To organize, maintain and operate a model aircraft field under the auspices of the US Corps of Engineers at Stillhouse Lake in Bell County, Texas. To encourage and promote amateur modeling associated with all AMA SIGs; promote safety in radio control modeling and related activities, and to promote research and development in modeling technology.

### **Principle Office:**

The principle office of the corporation in the State of Texas shall be located in the City of Killeen, County of Bell.

### **Officers:**

**President: Jim Hillin**

**254-371-1894**

**Vice President: John Schrick**

**Treasurer: Lee Mitchell**

**254-458-6873**

**Secretary: Franklin James**

**254-415-5506**

**Safety Coordinator: Lee Mitchell**

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**AMA 1978**



## **NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2016**



### **NEWSLETTER CONTENT**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT 2017**

This year wasn't as busy with events as past years have been. The events held consisted of a Veterans Day Fly in, National Aviation Day, GeoTex Runway installation, Killeen Indoor Event, a fund raising event for Puerto Rico and Mexico and a new flight stand building day. Elections for the board of governors was held in December 2017.





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## **ANNUAL CLUB REPORT FOR 2018**

The club lost another longtime member Richard Chambless in June 2018. He will be missed by all and the club wishes family the best in the future.





The following picture was published in AMA's monthly publication "Model Aviation" in October 2018.

## Texas



The Cen-Tex Modelers in Killeen, Texas.  
Kneeling (L-R): Carlos Hernandez; Russel Elizondo, club secretary; and Daniel Santos, club president. Standing (L-R): Ron Upton, Jose Mulero, Jose Crespi, Jim Hillin, AVP Randy Ritch, and District VIII VP Lawrence Harville.



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## **ANNUAL REPORT 2019**

The annual report consists of the following events that were accomplished during the year. The annual Big Bird was held on 1 June 2019, the Electric Fun Fly was held in April 2019 and a club Fun fly was held on 25 May 2019. The club membership continued to drop, but new members were added.



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## **ANNUAL REPORT - 2020**

The club held a number of flying events during the year. Turn out for each was great and the club made some funds to support club needs. Elections were not held due to the President indicating no members were interested in running for any office, so no elections were held at the December club meeting. Membership continues to drop, but new members are joining. William (Stoney) Stone passed in Jan 2021. He will be missed by all who knew him. He was a member for over 10 years and contributed much to the club and members.



*WILLIAM "Stoney" STONE*

### **In Memory of William "Stoney" Stone Member 2010-2021**

*The Cen-Tex Modelers just lost another dear club member. William "Stoney" Stone. Since he was a club member, he was not only a dear friend to all of us, he also was an inspirational guy, that had the respect from anybody that knew him. Stoney loved the flying hobby and was always inspired with new models as long we knew him. He also passed on his knowledge in modeling to newer and younger modelers within the club.*

*Stoney will be missed by all that knew him.*

*Huber Dirr*