



Cen-Tex Modelers

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BIG BIRD 2006

The 19th annual CEN-Tex Modelers Inc. was held on 10 June 2006 at Hall Field. There were 21 pilots that entered the event, most being members of CEN-TEX Modelers Inc. The weather was great, but somewhat on the hot side as the day wore on. During the lunch break, the contest as to the Pilots Choice and Spectator's Choice of the best-entered aircraft was conducted. The winners were, Pilots Choice – Dan Whitley (Bear Cat) and the Spectator's Choice was Jerry Beaty (Ultra Light). Lunch consisted of BBQ and was enjoyed by all. Thanks goes to all those club members that assisted with the many things that are needed to have a successful event. John Eyre was the CD this year and from the turn out, 21 registered flyers participated, was a great event. Below are some photos of the event.



A good start with the Flag flying high.

Jim Hillin doing the honor



Registration by Richard Guy



Jim Hillin's Planes



Richard Guy's Planes



Jerry Beaty's Home build ultra light
(Spectators Choice)



Richard Guy preparing for a flight



Another view of Jerry Beaty's ultra light



Dan Whitley's Bear Cat (Pilots Choice) and Chipmunk



Jim Hillin preparing for take off with John Platt



George Town Club Members Planes



Richard Guy's Take off



Dan Smith's Super Cub Plane





George Town Club members



James Meyer's Son - Littlest Pilot



Dan Whitley's Bear Cat up and away



Part of the Line Up



Activity at Registration



Dan Whitley's P47



Dan Whitley Preparing Bear Cat (Pilots Choice)



John Hall's Taube



Donated Kits for Club Raffle. Top to bottom are: Fred Reese, Hobby Center Killeen and George Town Hobby



George Town Gang setting up



John Pratt's Gypsy Moth



Part of the Line up at lunch



John Hall's Taube



Lunch Time Line up for Judging



Dan Smiths' FairChild



Lunch Time Line Up for Judging



Richard Guy's P47



The Ultimate w/a BM E50 Eng, 65" WS belongs to JohnEyre



The Clipped Wing Cup by Taylor Craft w/a Twin OS 160 with smoke belongs to Don French



Lunch Time Great BBQ



The Georgetown Club Gang (L-R) Dan Smith, Ken Klein, Don French and Roger Walther



Jim Hillin, James Myers and son



Spectators Category Jerry Beaty for his "Ultra Light"



Pilots Category Mel Whitley for his "Bearcat"



Roger Walther;s PT-19, Dynaflythe Kit w/a Super Tiger 3000, 88" WS and showing it in flight



John Pratt (center) won the UPROAR Kit
 Mark La Vigne, (2nd from left) won theSPACEWALKER
 Kit and Victoria La Vigne, Mark's daughter won theSTINSON Kit. Richard Guy (left) won the TRANSMITTER CASE, Far right, Bob from Discount Hobbies, Georgetown



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BIG BIRD EVENT – 9 JUNE 2007

This year we had 21 attendees with 28 models, by my count. We wish to thank those who attended as well as District 8 Vice President Jim Rice who allowed the attendees to bend his ear.

The editor did not get the names of the Cen-Tex Model members who helped with the preparations on Friday, but thank you for your assistance. Thanks also to Duane Kirkman and John Pratt who assisted with lunch, Larry White who assisted on the runway, Charles Culver who ran the registration and raffle tickets, and Robert Haas who assisted with frequency control as well as those whose names I missed. Richard Guy, Mark LaVigne, Charles Culver, and The Hobby Center donated models for the Raffle, and several attendees donated cash.

It is unfortunate that we had one crash due to system failure, and one near crash due to interference. Despite these incidents, the attendees seemed to enjoy the event and the Bar-B-Que lunch. Below are some pictures of the great event.



Setting Up



A few of the entries



Mark Lavogm's ME109



Richards Guy's good looking planes



Fence Security Guard - Bob Hass



Larry White setting one of his planes up



Part of the Line Up



Dist VIII Assit Vice President Jim Rice and Charles Culver at the Registration Table



Rim Rise Introductions Remarks



Raffle sales were busy all day long



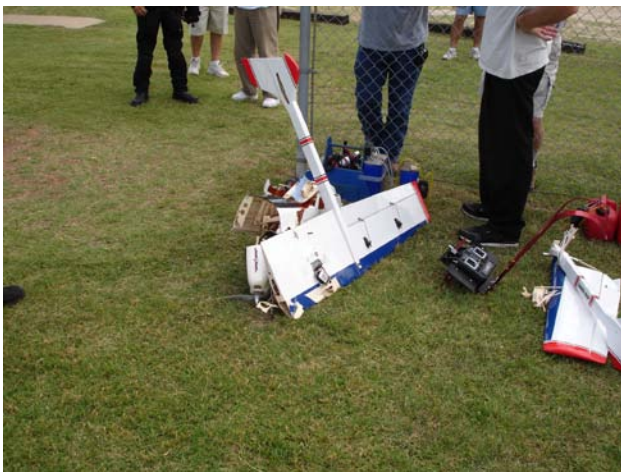
Enjoying the Shade



Nice twin electric before the crash



Victoria LaVigue's Spacewalker -
Spectators Choice Award



The one and only crash of the day



James Land's Nieuport's 17 Pilots Choice Award





Flight Line Judging line up

Victoria LaVigne preparing plane for flight



Bob Hass taking a break



Richard Guy in flight



Jeremy Gorman, V. LaVigne & John Eyre



Victoria LaVigne and Kenny Maddus



Bob Goodfellow and Victoria LaVigne



Victoria and Mark LaVigne



Bob Hall's nice WWI vintage aircraft



Jim Hillin's nice plane



Dan Smith's G-Bee in the for ground



James Land, Fred Reese with grand son, Bob Hall and Bob Hass



Kenny Maddux and Richard Guy (flyer)



James Land, John Eyre and Dan Smith



Miss American P51 Mustang, Denny Roden,
Georgetown, TX



Bob Hass, Jim Rice, John Eyre & Jim Hillin



Lanier Stinger 60 – Bob Longfellow,
Killeen Tx



Top Flite P51 Mustang, Daniel Sands, Killen TX



Funtana AFR 50 - Patrick Moore, Lampasas TX



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BIG BIRD EVENT – 7 JUNE 2008

This year's event was held in honor of one of the clubs founders, Jimmy Andrukates, who passed away just prior to this event. He will be missed by all. His contributions over the years to the club have had a profound effect on the club and its members.

The Contest Director of this year's event was John Eyre. The event started under some adverse weather conditions, over cast, windy and possible rain. There were sixteen registered pilots and was attended by many spectators and guests. A great time was had by all. The windy kept the number of flights down, but there were continuous flights though out the day. A great BBQ was served for lunch and was enjoyed by all.



Early Morning Set up



Bob Hass, Ms. Andrukates and daughter



Bob Hass, Ms. Andrukates & daughter and Kenny Maddux



Jimmy Andrukates Club



John Eyre, Ms. Andrukates and daughter



Setting up for flight



Jimmy Andrukates Club



Club in flight



Landing





Jim Hillin's Plane



John Hall's plane



Another of John Hall's planes



Mark LaVigne's Bi Plane





Eight items for Raffle



Dan Smith's plane



John Eyre and winner Duane Kirkman



Fred Reese's donated raffle item



John Eyre and winner Vicky LaVigne



John Eyre and winner of charger



Fred Reese and winner Bob Hass & John Eyre



John Eyre and winner Jim Hillin



Larry White, winner and John Eyre



John Eyre and winner Larry White's wife



Larry White, winner, John Eyre & Hobby Shop Owner



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BIG BIRD JUNE 13, 2009

The annual Big Bird Memorial event of Jim Andrukates was held on Saturday 13 June 2009. This year's event was hosted by Contest Director (CD) Jim Hillin. The turnout was fairly small, but considering everything, 13 pilots registered. Seventeen aircraft were presented and flown. It was estimated that approximately 80 people attended. A concession booth was run by Lee Mitchell and Larry White. The hamburgers and hot dogs were enjoyed by all. A raffle was held with items donated by club members. Only one mishap occurred during the event, and very little damage was sustained by the aircraft; reason was a dead battery. Below are photos of the activities.



Hubert Dirr, Jose Mulero and Lynn Kelch



Jose Mulero, Larry White, Jim Hill and Lee Mitchell



Go Raffle Ticket Sales



John Pratt, Dan Smith and Friend



Visiting guest unloading



Jim Hillin explaining flight restrictions



Guests setting up



Hubert Dirr setting up





John Hall Checking Things Over



Dan Smith and assisting Hubert Dirr





Line Up at noon for judging Pilots and Spectators Awards



Hubert Dirr's Spectator's Choice Award



John Halls Pilots Award



Clubs Chief Cook Setting Up – Lee Mitchell



Enjoying Lunch, Hot dogs and Burgers



Even the Dogs are enjoying the activities



Spectators Winner - Hubert Durr



Pilots Award Winner - John Hall



Jim Andrukates Cub



Fred Reese's wife accepting raffle donations



Richard Chambless Winner Dubro Fill Station



Winner Bill of the Dual Ace



John Pratt, Winner Fred Reese and John's wife. Fred Ruffled off the kit and donated the receipts to the club



Lee Mitchell Raffle Winner of Gee Bee