



## Cen-Tex Modelers

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## ***Memorial at Hall Field***



***In Jan-Feb 2012, this Memorial was built to honor all CTM Members that passed on with their name plates on the Granite. It was build and funded by volunteers of the CTM members.***

***The bench was donated by Lowe's of Killeen. All was placed on the island coming in to the "Hall Field" Flying Area.***

*For more Pictures on the Memorial building process, go to Chapter "C" and click on "Annual Summary Report 2012" and go to Page 2*



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## ROBERT (BOB) 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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**"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.

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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

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Day is done, gone the sun  
from the lake, from the hill,  
from the sky.

All is well, safely rest. God's nigh.

Thanks and praise for our days  
'neath the sun, 'neath the stars,  
'neath the sky.

As we go, this we know. God is nigh.

IN MEMORY OF  
**JOHN HAMILTON BRIEN**

DATE OF BIRTH  
April 24, 1932

DATE OF DEATH  
August 20, 1992

PLACE AND TIME OF SERVICE  
Crawford-Bowers Chapel  
August 22, 1992 - 10:00 A.M.

CLERGYMAN  
**Jack Milligan**

PLACE OF INTERMENT  
**Killeen City Cemetery**

ARRANGEMENTS BY  
**Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home**  
1615 South Fort Hood Street  
Killeen, Texas 76542



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## **LEE (Lanny) RYAN Oct 1994**

### 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  
K.D. H.

Thursday Oct 13, 1994









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**Charles D. Balof, June 1998**



**A DAY AT THE FIELD**

**OBITUARIES**

*Charles*  
**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.

*June 19, 1998  
Killeen Daily Herald*



JAN AND CECIL HODGE

January 2002

## 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.



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## **IN MEMORY – GEORGE AVERY – DEC 2004**

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.



**GEROGE AVERY AND JIM HILLIN**



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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.

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 Bartlet; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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

Funerals



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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.





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## **JIM ANDRUKATES May 2008**

. 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.



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.

## 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 Durr  
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



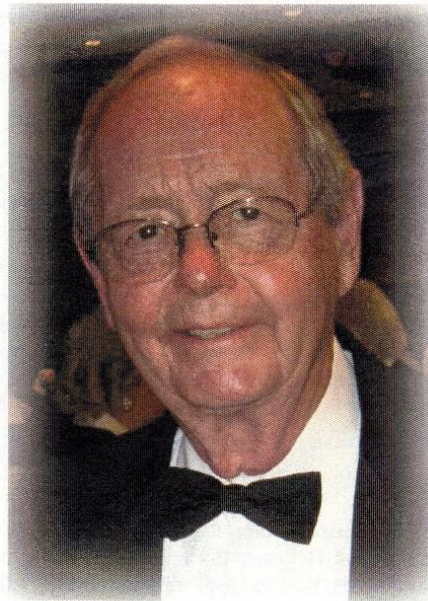
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## DONALD FRENCH 2011

*The club lost Donald French, who was a long time member of the club. He will be missed by one and all.*



*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.*



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## HAROLD LEWIS 2011

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

*He is on the right in the picture below*





## In Memory of George Davidson



September 2012 was another sad day for the Cen-Tex Modelers, when a 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 member 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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## **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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## *Richard Chambless 2008-2018*

### *In Memory of Richard Chambless*

The Cen-Tex Modelers just lost another Club Member. Richard Chambless. He was a friend of mine and of many club members that respected him as a person and modeler. His modeling experiences were of high caliber and inspired many others. He joined the Cen-Tex Modelers in 2008 and was a great asset to many Club activities.

Whenever asked a question about modeling in this or another, he was always there to help you out. The same was his support for the club when they had either a fly-in or community activity, he was always there to pitch in.

The picture shows him on some of the club activity where he always had a good time. He will be missed.

Hubert Dirr

Cen-Tex Modelers







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***WILLIAM (Stoney) STONE 2010-2021 - Passed Jan 21***

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.



***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*