

# Crosswinds

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## Message from the President - Terry Foote November 2014



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Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday Terry Foote!

There ya go everybody..... I thought I'd get the next three months outta the way.... First we are all gonna eat ourselves silly for Thanksgiving and overdose on football. Then we're gonna get through our Savior's birthday. Then we are all gonna go out to the field to celebrate my birthday in January. What gift will I be needing? I'll tell ya what I want: I want a day off from work, no honey-do chores, no other obligations other than a day at the flying field and any other thing that gets in the way of flying for a day! I'd also be requesting clear skies, a 3-5 mph breeze down the middle of the runway, about 75 degrees would be nice, a full can of gas/oil mix, charged batteries and 25-30 of my closest friends to join me. No cake needed. No cards. Bring your family with you as I do like lots of folks to join in the festivities. There now. January 21st. Make it happen. I'll go charge my batteries and be waiting patiently for your calls! See..... wasn't that easy?

Okay. Next thing y'all need to do is come to the meeting on Wednesday. I need some input and your okay to spend some of our abundant cash we have languishing about in the corner of the bank vault. Not to worry people.... It's something y'all have a huge desire for so come give the officers permission to spend a little money. It's my understanding there are several candidates for crash of the month. You people need to understand the concept of this award! YOU ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO WANT TO WIN THIS! This award is a walk-of-shame type of award so quit planting your planes!

I do have some good news! Duane Thomas came back to town from his work confines. He let me re- maiden his BTE Flying King. It turned out too windy for him to fly it so we turned in for the day after the first flight. He and Dale went out the next day and bored some holes in the sky with it and he is sporting a rather cheesy looking grin on his face. (Dale even flew it and he pronounced it fun to fly as well.)

I have a few kits at the shop that were brought in by a modeler's wife. He is not well and she wanted the room so we are liquidating them at ridiculously cheap prices and giving her the money. I know..... Some of you have never built a kit. You poor, sheltered thing! Toss out that feeling of instant gratification and come get one of these things. You'll be slammed with extra costs of covering, glue, wheels, etc. but you'll enjoy the heck outta the prideful feeling you're gonna get when you finish it! You'll also be introduced to your long lost tools in your shop!

I don't know how y'all feel about eating hot dogs and burgers but I'm feeling the need for some eating, some flying and some fellowship one day real soon. Since we had such a great day of the aforementioned activity not too long ago, I'm feeling the need to eat and fly. Come to the meeting and we'll discuss the need to fly and then fatten up for the winter!

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### Sparks Flight Instruction

Contact our Chief Instructor, EJ Hunyadi, at 281-360-4229 to coordinate flight instruction. An alternate contact is our Assistant Chief Instructor, Gaither Simmons at 832-256-8820.

As the weather turns cooler, several things are gonna starting to happen on a regular basis:

1. Work parties. (You know you want them!)
2. Work on our facility. ( Whaddayawantto do??)
3. Fly something new and different.
4. Teach someone how to fly. (Go ahead. What'll it hurt?)

Multi-rotors..... Bring 'em out and tick off the guy in the White House! Just be sure to NOT fly them way down range out of the line of sight. We welcome them and will probably have some sort of multi-rotor get together in the spring. Hmmm..... Ya ever notice how much a multi-rotor looks like a target? I'm getting an idea for an impromptu weekend contest..... Man, what a fertile mind I have!

I took a day to fly my Bravata up at a friend's ranch not too long ago. I put a tow line on it and dragged a 2 meter glider up until it turned into a speck. This is great fun and also hones your flying skills. I'm not sure but I think the glider in question is still a mile or so up there.... I told you it turned into a speck!

All you AMA members got a ballot to vote for a few AMA people on the national level. Make sure you read them and put 'em in the mail.

We are getting some new products in at the shop. I'll bring a few to show and tell. You folks have been really good so come in and treat yourself to something new. (Your wives called in and said it was okay for you all to blow some bucks.... Really. She really called. Snicker, snicker, wink wink! BAHAHAHHA!!!!!!)

I 'm feeling the need to have a day where we all fly something old as all get out. You know you have something that fits the bill. Get it ready and we'll discuss it at the meeting.

I'm also feeling the need to get ready for the swap meet season. My favorite one is the one over in Georgetown. It happens every January so start getting your stuff ready for the trek to Georgetown. More fun than you can imagine!

Well.... I'm outta ammo for now and low on fuel. See you at the meeting. BTW: Starve yourself on Wednesday and come eat some BBQ before the meeting. Valley Ranch likes it when we eat with them. They don't make monthly quota until we show up so let's get chubby and give 'em the business!

Fearless Leader, over and out!

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***Reminders***

**Don't forget the Wednesday... December 3rd Meeting,**

**Valley Ranch Grill,**

**Hwy 249 & Spring Cypress - 7 pm...**

**Come early and enjoy a meal with us.**

## October 1, 2014 SPARKS Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by our esteemed Club President, Terry Foote, at 7:09 pm.

Terry introduced guests:

New members were introduced:

Volker Ahrens  
Samuel Kruger

The Secretary read the minutes from September, which were approved.

### Field Report

No field report. Karl Marshall offered to scalp the field on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Financial Report

The Treasurer reported \$8,224.60 initial balance, \$4,616.23 expenses, and \$7,806.61 revenue resulting in an ending balance of \$11,414.98. Report was approved.

### Safety Report

Jim presented his story about getting prop damage to his arm. Recommendation is to have a spotter and for the pilot to get behind the plane before increasing engine RPMs.

Clancy discussed his recently received cast on his left arm from falling out of a tree chasing his quad copter.

### Old Business

North field actions will be followed up with the renters of the field. We now have permission to cut any saplings which will be chipped by park personnel. A work party will be arranged with cooler weather to avoid snakes. Dale was assigned committee head for this project.

Bridge is still on hold pending on the north pasture work.

### New Business

Prepare to discuss next year's dues structure. Five minutes given for discussion. Discussion actually

took much less than that. Informal decision will be no change in the fee structure.

Karl Marshall offered to donate a fan for the hangar.

Some signs needed to be redone with updated wording which was approved.

Sidewalks: There may be sidewalks coming at which time the memorial bricks will be addressed.

Terry performed a wing covering demonstration using Monocote.

ROTC Cadet requested a suggestion on changing the day of the week for the indoor flying. One fun-fly per month is currently scheduled. The ROTC Corp will be having a fundraiser at Fuddruckers.

### Model of the Month

Dale Simcox presented the Flying King, otherwise known as "The Bus".

### Name Tag Raffle

Seventeen members signed up. Pot is currently \$34 won by Stokes.

### Gift Certificate Raffle

Gift Certificates to Randy's Hobbies Shop were raffled. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

C. Paul Gallagher,  
Secretary





I didn't received any pictures this month, but unfortunately, I have one to share...Full speed, low passes and the elevator gave out.



**Please support our local RC Shops...  
they are vital to our hobby.**

**Many special thanks to Randy Ritch of Randy's Hobbies  
for his continued support of SPARKS**

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