



# Texas City Wings

Texas City Radio  
Control Club

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## From the President - Captain Chris



Greetings to all.

Hope all is well and everyone got through Hurricane

Rita without too many problems. With the anticipation

of cooler weather, we all should be spending more time

at the flying field. Once again safety

has been put on the front burner and we must address it every time

we fly. Please ensure the safety of you and others

while flying at the field. This year is winding down

and as of current; there are several officer positions

that will be open. Please contact a board member if

you are interested in running for a position.

Thank you and Happy Flying!

Chris

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## TEXAS CITY R/C MINUTES

**Don Fisher - Secretary**

Minutes of the Texas City R/C Club meeting for August 25, 2005. The meeting at the Nessler Recreation Center was called to order by President Chris Castillo at 7:29pm. A quorum was met.

No visitors

### **Secretary's Report – Don Fisher:**

Minutes for the July meeting were read and accepted.

### **Treasurer's Report – Karl Swiegert:**

Treasurer's report was given by Karl, reporting a club balance of \$10,912.74.

### **President's Report – Chris Castillo**

Chris asked if anyone wanted to head up the Christmas party this year.

Chris talked about the comparison of flying full scale and R/C flying.

### **Events Section Report – Mike Walther**

Ken reported on the September 10<sup>th</sup> Family Fun Fly and explained the events to be held. Plaques will be given.

### **Newsletter Editor**

No comment.

### **Safety Officer's Report – Harvey Cappel**

Harvey met with Laura to no avail. However a trash area was built by the fence.

He also talked about CPR procedures.



**Pilot Instruction – Ken Juneau**

No report was given.

**Field Marshall's Report**

Walter reported on the trash barrel situation.

Walter reported that the AMA and club rules are posted.

**Old Business**

The installation of the Club Rules sign has been completed.

**New Business**

Harvey Cappell suggested drinking water service to the Board of Directors for consideration.

Harvey suggested partially enclosing the shed covered area and installing an air conditioning unit. Suggestions were made to permanently re-arrange tables and seating areas.

**Show and Tell**

Butch brought an L-19 kit.

Buddy brought a P-38 to show that belonged to him and his son.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.



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IF YOU WANT TO BE AN INSTRUCTOR LET  
KEN KNOW!

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## Scheduled of Events

We will have our meeting at the usual time this month in the Captains Room at the Nessler Center  
September 29th 2005.

September 29th - Club Meeting  
at Nessler Center

October 4th - Exec. Meeting

September 2005						
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**NEXT CLUB MEETING: 29th of September**



## Open Fun Fly and Family Day 2005

Ken Juneau, CD

On September 10<sup>th</sup> we held our annual Open Fun Fly and also included the club members Family Day. Mother Nature teased us several times during the day but we survived the few sprinkles she dropped on us. It was sort of eerie because there were storms all around us most of the day but for the most part stayed a couple of miles away from the field when they passed. We had a fair turnout. We registered 21 pilots several traveling from other clubs to attend our event. This was not intended to be a moneymaker so we only charged \$5.00 for the landing fee. Several members came out to enjoy the flying and free food. I want to thank all of the volunteers who assisted with this event. I know I will miss someone so I apologize in advance. First and foremost I want to thank Brian Campopiano co-CD for all of his help. Next the concessionaires, Virginia Kilburn, Kelly and Melissa Juneau. They cooked and served up the food and drink for all. My daughters volunteered with some serious prodding. It was tough getting them out of bed before noon on a Saturday... I owe them big. Bill Yeager was once again our voice during the event. Bill did a wonderful job keeping everyone informed and marshalling the pilots during the Roll-of-the-dice and spot landing competitions. Ray Randolph inspected the registered pilot planes and Walter Clemishaw managed the frequency pins and radios. Karl Swigert helped out judging during the events and did a great job keeping everyone honest. During lunch Harvey Cappel (Intro Pilot and Safety Officer) assisted 6 or so spectators who wanted to experience RC flying. They really enjoyed themselves. So again my thanks goes out to these folks for a job well done. We had two competitions scheduled, 1<sup>st</sup> was the Roll-of-the-dice. We had 14 registered participants. The electrics owned this event. 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Buddy Anglin with a best time of 12.02 seconds! Buddy rolled a five with the dice; hand launched his electric flyer, did a loop and a roll, then landed and rolled another five in all of 12.05 seconds. Whew! 2<sup>nd</sup> was awarded to Brian Campopiano with 15.23 seconds and third went to Larry Ammons with 17.35 seconds. The best time recorded by a gas/glow powered engine began at 43 seconds. The second competition was Spot Landing with 14 registered competitors. 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Harvey Cappel with a total score of 55 out of a possible 60. Harvey again was using an electric and appeared to sacrifice his prop during the final score by nosing in on the 20 score section of the field. We all had a great laugh over that... 2<sup>nd</sup> went to Walter Clemishaw with a total score of 40 and several people tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> with a total of 35 each. Walter flew first in this event and held onto first through 26 competitor flights. You could hear Walter yell after each following competitor fell short of his score of 40. It was a nail biter. As you might sense we all had a great time. We awarded the plaques and prizes to the winners at 3pm. We had one special gift awarded to Virginia Kilburn. Virginia (wife of member Jody Kilburn) is an avid RC enthusiast. A couple of weeks before the Fly-in someone drove out to the field and gave Butch McEachern a complete trainer plane, radio, starter, ... It was covered with a pretty pink MonoKote film. Butch spent several hours resurrecting it and suggested we give it to Virginia and when we gave it to her you could tell she was visibly moved. Daniel flew it several times during the day and didn't seem to mind giving up the pink plane. :-). After dodging clouds and rain all day we ended up having a great time and fun was had by all...



## Safety Notice

We've had another field accident involving a propeller. This is the second at our field and third involving one of our members in just the past three months.

If our club was a commercial business, I would be fired as Safety Officer and OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) folks would have shut us down. We have had three reportable incidents in approximately 3,000 man hours of flying. Consider this against a common safety record of our local petrochemical industry of no reportable incidents in one million or more man-hours of real work.

We can do better and we must. At least for now let's try to address the common cause of the recent accidents. Each incident occurred as a result of being in front of a propeller that was rotating above idle speed. Two where the prop came off and one where the throttle was accidentally moved to wide open. And I must confess to a near miss (whapped me on my boot) involving a reversed throttle control on my new electric airplane.

So what to do? My recommendations:

- 1) Move behind the prop once the engine is started and there is no reason to be in front or to the side of it. I will start reminding folks and you can too.
- 2) Treat the throttle (and for some, with big thumbs, this means the entire transmitter) as if it were the trigger on a loaded 45 pistol. It almost is. Earl Brown said this.
- 3) As always show up with good equipment that has been checked as much as practical.
- 4) On electric airplanes be very careful of activating the throttle. This process, if the throttle is reversed, will cause it to start wide open. Point the airplane toward the fence while doing this. Or at least have someone hold it as if it were a fuel motor about to be started.
- 5) Put mind in gear first then consider limb actions and require permission from mind to move. No action or movement without thinking.

Please help. I don't want to get fired and I don't want anymore hurts.

Harvey Cappel

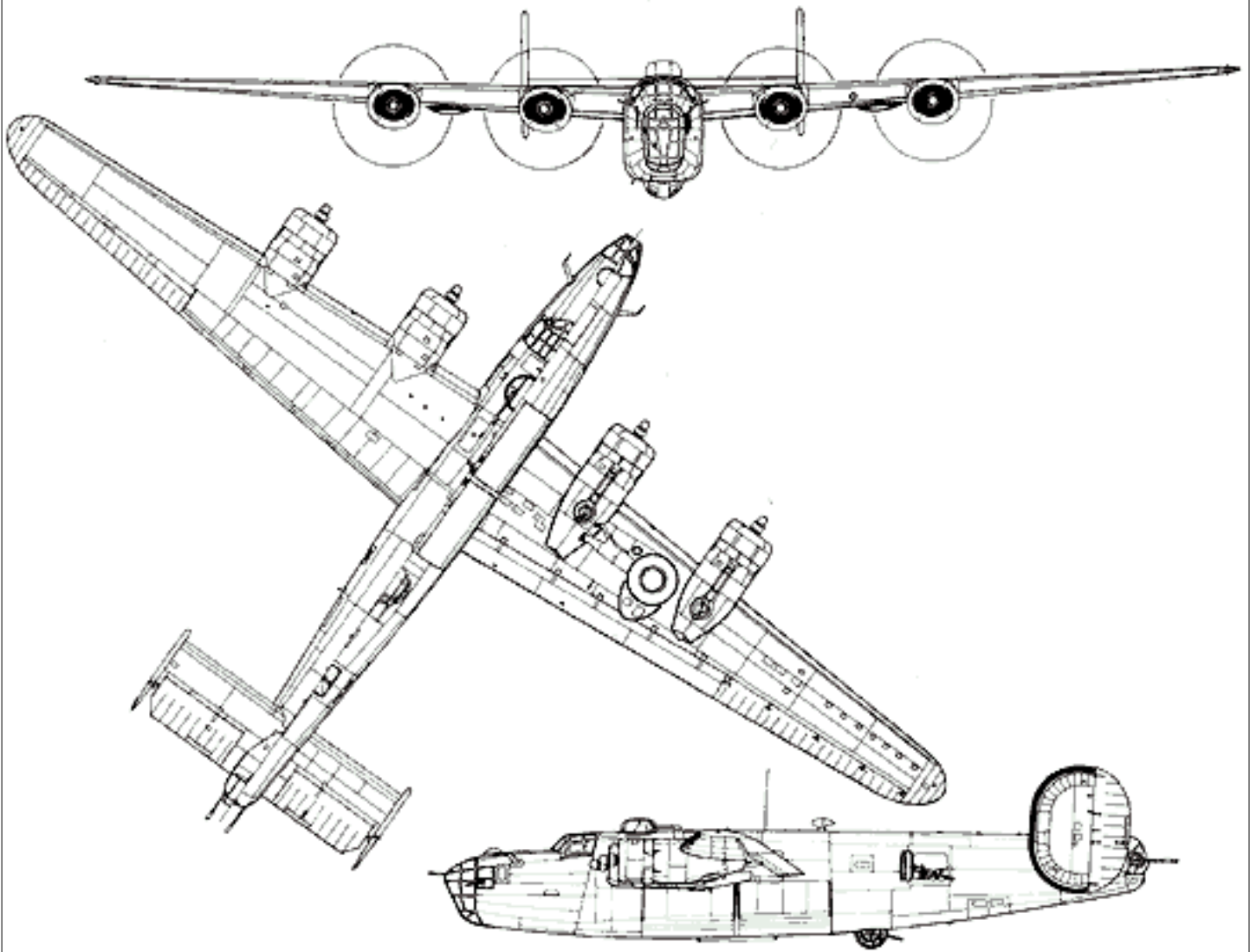


## From the Editor

Hello once again, I hope you all had a good time at the Fun Fly. At the event I flew a nice pink plane which we ended up donating it to Virginia Kilburn and she seemed very surprised about it. Now she has no reason to not fly. Another big issue out at the field is safety. Walter must have jinxed himself when he put up the signs saying that this is a dangerous hobby, which it is if you're not careful. We all hope Walter can still cut that grass because its getting to be that time of year where we start flying. Hope you all stay safe.

See you flying,  
Daniel McEachern





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**NEXT CLUB MEETING:  
29th of September 2005  
Nessler Center**