



7. Appointed position reports:

- Safety Officer: **(Lance) Be careful of young children playing in the parking lot when youth members are training. Be careful when entering/exiting the field, other drivers are especially impatient as we slow to pull in.**
- Newsletter: **Nothing new to report.**
- Website: **From last year - Todd will get some new drone pics/videos of the field, Jacob Dale will edit the footage for publication on the GCF website.**
- Club Raffle: **Tonight's raffle includes a J-3 Cub, a P-51 Mustang, a gift certificate for Castle Oaks restaurant and a few smaller items.**

8. Committee reports:

- Events: **The 2026 Control-line Combat event is scheduled for April 24, 25 & 26 at the GCF field. Other events will hopefully be scheduled in the next few weeks. Current plan includes: Fun Fly, Night Fly (x2), Swap Meet and Christmas Party.**
- Promoting Flying: **August 22, 2026 is National Model Aviation Day. We may try to schedule one of our events (or an "open house") on that day. Details to follow.**
- Field Maintenance: **It's time to mow again. Todd will select a date and Tom will send out an email to recruit some helpers.**

9. Announcements / Pertinent correspondence:

- **Please remember to send Todd any nominations for future acknowledgment certificates, they can be serious or humorous (or both). We want to recognize those in the club who accomplish something significant (or spectacular).**
- **We have GCF mugs, hats and t-shirts from Vista Print with the GCF logo on them. They can be ordered from Jay (\$25 for t-shirts, \$16 for hats, \$10 for mugs). Get yours today!**

10. Discussion of old or continuing business:

- **Old lumber from the dismantled wooden stairways has been removed from the field and the sign has been repaired. Thanks to Craig R., Fred C., Brock, Dick, Manuel and Randy, who all helped with dismantling the stairways and fixing the sign.**
- **The step-up platform for the car track still needs county approval, but we are considering moving the track to higher ground (it currently floods with every rain storm). New location is TBD.**

11. Discussion of new business:

- We've had some requests to join our club for the sole purpose of using the car track (not interested in flying), but the current rule is to become a pilot first. After discussion of the pros and cons of changing that rule, a vote was taken and it was decided to keep the current rule in place (17 to 6 for keeping the current rule). So, it remains that new members must learn to fly aircraft, they cannot join solely for the purpose of using the car track.
- One of the starting stands for glow/gas planes is in need of serious repair, and some others are ready for minor repairs. A question was raised... do we still need 8 starting stands or can we get rid of a few? The overwhelming answer was that we need to keep all 8. Maintenance schedule for those needing repair is TBD.

12. Presentation of member's modeling projects:

- John T. brought a partially completed 1930's era plane. The fuselage is nearly completed, the wing is next.
- Dick Belden brought the completed scratch-built Kaos that he showed last month when it was in progress.

13. Dummy of the Month: Candidates were (plentiful this month):

Todd - for nosing over a P-51 during take-off and destroying the front of the plane.

John Stoney - for letting his SR-71 get too far away and losing orientation/crashing.

Tom Minger - for crashing his helicopter while flying inverted (at least it didn't hit Alan's car this time)!

Jerry D. - for crashing his Pegasus tow plane with Dan's 30' wingspan glider still attached.

Lance - for crashing 3 airplanes in 1 day (Ugly Stick, 3-D foamie and Bobcat).

Craig R. - for crashing his T-28 after over-correcting a turn.

Jim C. - for crashing his Ultrix after losing it in the sun, and then searching the field unsuccessfully only to find it later out by the highway.

**And the winner is... JERRY! I missed this crash, but I hear it was truly spectacular!**

14. Club Raffle: **Winners included: Doug, Lance, Jeff, Craig, Frank and Randy. CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Adjournment at 8:15pm**

**NOTE: The party room here at Round Table Pizza has been reserved for March 4<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>.**