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## **APRIL 2010 EDITION**

### **MAY CLUB MEETING SUNDAY THE 9<sup>TH</sup> 2:00 P.M. AT THE FIELD**

*From the Editor....*

Once again I thank Chris Laughery for his editorial and photo coverage of the last club meeting. I am continuing to spend my weekends in Tulsa. The house is coming into shape and actually may be livable by mid-summer. The garage apartment is our haven for the moment and works out just fine. Sometimes I catch myself wondering what we'll do with 4,500 square feet when it's finally ready? No problem says my roommate.

As I have not been doing much aviating (except by way of Southwest) I don't have a whole lot of personal thoughts or experiences to pass on. Chris captured some good digitals with his Nikon and they are included here for your enjoyment. We have the pattern meet on the horizon and should provide some copy for next month's *Crash*.

A friend e-mailed some old Kansas aviation photos and I selected a couple for the newsletter. Two aviation pioneers (Clyde Cessna and Walter Beech), whose names you should readily recognize are featured. Their companies live on with Cessna as a surviving entity and Beechcraft a subsidiary of Raytheon. A lot of their airplanes have flown off the assembly lines down through the years.

On a non-aviation note, my company (Mariner Energy) is in the process of being acquired by Apache. They wanted our combination of deepwater and onshore with some Gulf of Mexico shelf operations thrown in. The deal is expected to close sometime this fall. In the meanwhile I plan to continue "commuting" to Oklahoma on weekends. Hope y'all get out and enjoy some of this wonderful weather we've been having. 'Til next time.....*Your Editor*

### **APRIL SCRC MEETING AS REPORTED BY CHRIS....**

We had a fair turnout for April's meeting. Fortunately the weather cooperated with temps around 78F and a light/variable wind out of the southeast. New members Frank Traina Jr and Frank Traina Sr. came to the field each with Great Planes aircraft. Frank Sr. flew his gorgeous Super Stearman, and Frank Jr. showed off his beautiful Chipmunk (Photos attached).

Paul Curry successfully maidenied his highly detailed P-47 Razorback - the aircraft was simply stunning in flight (photo attached).

John Blackmon maidenied his new Goldberg Tiger 120 (photo attached). Very nice aircraft John! Yours truly won Model of the Month with a Top Flite Stinson Reliant. Powered by a Zenoah G38, the aircraft is covered in yellow and red ultracote, has a detailed cabin, working flaps, and Futaba radio gear. The Stinson was successfully maidenied last Sunday. She flies great! (photo attached) Thankfully there were no nominations for Crash of the Month.

We are seeking volunteers for the Pattern Meet, April 30 thru May 2nd. According to Event Coordinator Dale Dickey, we need folks to help with concessions, flight-line, transmitter impound, setup and teardown/cleanup. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Dale Dickey.

Despite the rain, we had a fair turn out on March 20th for this year's Field Work Day. Divots in the runway were repaired as was the cattle fence. A very special "Thanks!" goes out to Mark Philips and John Underwood for the work that they did on the electrical systems. Thanks to their efforts the wiring for the lighting and PA systems have been replaced (photos attached). We would also like to thank Desiree for bringing the coffee & donuts, "Thanks Desiree!"

## APRIL SCRC MEETING (Cont'd)

A "Classifieds" page has been added to [www.SpaceCityRC.com](http://www.SpaceCityRC.com). If you have any RC stuff that you'd like to sell, contact the web master at [website@spacecityrc.com](mailto:website@spacecityrc.com). Additionally, if members would like to showcase their aircraft on the website, please e-mail the photos to [website@spacecityrc.com](mailto:website@spacecityrc.com) and I will see that they get posted....Chris

### SCRC UPCOMING EVENTS

April 30<sup>th</sup> Pattern Practice Day

May 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Pattern Meet

Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting 2:00 p.m.

Heli Fun Fly May 28-29

Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Warbird 8:00 a.m.



MODEL OF THE MONTH



PAUL'S P-47



JOHN'S TIGER 120



Frank Traina's Super Stearman



Frank Traina Jrs. Chipmunk



### *Clyde Cessna*

*A view of aviation pioneer Clyde Vernon Cessna, 1879-1954, founder of Cessna Aircraft Company of Wichita, Kansas, and spectators with his aeroplane at Burdett, Kansas Date: 1914*



### ***Walter Herschel Beech***

*Walter H. Beech, 1891-1951, (left) pilot and President of Beech Aircraft Corporation, and Brice H. Goldsborough, of the Pioneer Instrument Corp. and navigator, standing by a Travel Air built by Beech. They demonstrated the practicability of "blind flight" and won the 1926 Ford Reliability Tour. Date: 1926*