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President's Corner

Greetings, members. As the seasons change, our flying days are getting more limited for nice warm weather. We had the whole field reseeded and fertilized recently. I plan on having the field mowed this Friday so it will be opened again for flying. The new grass is coming up and the field is green. Please use something to catch the overflow fuel when you gas up your planes so there's no damage to the grass.

We have had a good year for our fly-ins as we made over \$800 for our spring fly-in and over \$2,000 for our fall fly-in. It sure was nice to see John Dalton's Twin Beech fly at our fall fly-in, Bill did a great job on the flight. We had a big crowd there and sold a lot of food.

Remember this Sunday is our meeting at the field (if it's too windy we will meet in the barn) at 2:00. It is time to think about some new officers!!!

I guess it's time to think about your projects for over the winter also. The year has flown by and old man winter is on his way. Some of our snowbirds will be heading south for the winter soon!!!!

I have contacted Westar for a price to remove the pole on the north end of the field. They said it will take about 2 weeks to give us a price. This could be a project for next year that just about everyone can benefit from.

Remember to support our local hobby shop!!! Also, please send John Kauk something to put in OUR newsletter. Maybe something about how you got into the hobby or how long you have been flying. Maybe something about your winter (Summer for Jim Eastburn and Jim Morgan) projects.

See you Sunday at the field!!!

Vernon

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E Week at Triple Tree Aerodrome



Many of you have heard of Joe Nall Week, the huge RC event that's held at the Triple Tree Aerodrome each May. Triple Tree is located in Woodruff, SC, about 14 hours from Topeka by car. The facility was built by Pat Hartness, beginning in 2000 as a simple grass runway and a lake. Since then the facility has been donated to a non-profit foundation dedicated to aviation education. The facility now includes a number of RC flight lines, outstanding camping facilities, a full-scale hangar with many vintage aircraft and models and a newly built learning center. Operating expenses for the upkeep of the place are generated by an annual schedule of events for both full scale and RC pilots. The volunteers at Triple Tree host six fly-ins for full scale aircraft and at

least eight for RC aircraft. If you've never been there, I can recommend it as a fun place to visit and a wonderful place to fly. The next Joe Nall Week is scheduled for May 12-19, 2018.

For the last five years I've been going there in late September for E Week at Triple Tree, an RC fly-in for any type of electric powered RC aircraft. While the Joe Nall Week usually has more than 13,000 attendees and more than 1700 registered pilots, E Week is much smaller and more laid back. This year there may have been 400 pilots spread out over the five flight lines, and I would bet that there were no more than 500 spectators the whole week. So it's a lot easier to get around and see the sights, and it's a pretty relaxing week for flying. If you're interested in learning more, check the Web site at <http://www.tripletreeaerodrome.com/>



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In addition to the two Stearman primary trainers on the previous page, the Triple Tree hangar has a gleaming Spartan Executive that looks like it's brand new, a P-51D, a BT-13 Vultee Vibrator, as well as a Piper Cub and other planes. All of the planes are fully restored and kept in flying condition, and are flown fairly regularly.

