

THE TRANSMITTER

Dallas R/C Club Monthly Newsletter | August 2026

Meeting Overview & Weather Conditions

The August 19, 2026 meeting addressed operational logistics, membership updates, and aircraft maintenance amidst extreme weather. Wes Lewis, Richard Pence, and Perry Bartlett discussed the current extreme heat, with temperatures reaching 103°F to 107°F, limiting outdoor projects and comfort. Morning hours remain the only viable window for outdoor activities like flying or working on boats before the heat becomes excessive.

Membership Policy & Governance

- **New Members:** Welcomed three new members—Evan Lamb, Andrew, and Brandon—bringing total membership to 26.
- **Renewal Period:** The club will maintain the fixed-date membership period (January 1st to December 31st) rather than shifting to a rolling annual enrollment, while exploring dual rates software feasibility.
- **Proposed Fee Increase:** Officers are proposing a new structure effective January 1st, 2026: a \$100 one-time initiation fee and \$75 annual dues, to be finalized via a formal membership vote.
- **Voting Process:** Any structural fee changes require a formal membership vote per the club charter. Notification will go out via newsletter and email.

Treasury & City Relations

- **Treasury Balance:** Total balance stands at \$4,246.90, consisting of \$501.72 in PayPal and \$3,745.18 in the bank. Recent expenses include a \$40 payment to John for maintenance.
- **Website Donations:** Wes Lewis is checking if a voluntary field maintenance donation button can be added to the club website.
- **City Relations:** Concerns were raised regarding the lack of a formal field contract with the city. Perry Bartlett suggested coordinating with John to leverage his experience with the city.

Aircraft Projects, Maintenance & Flight Safety

- **Covering Techniques:** Perry Bartlett updated on their Sequoia aircraft using a checkerboard covering pattern. The group compared Ultra Coat and China coat options, and Wes Lewis discussed challenges matching red covering on a D7 aircraft.
- **Scratch-Building:** Wes Lewis is redrawing plans to scratch-build a Pushy Galore racing aircraft, noting current high balsa wood costs.
- **Repairs & Safety:** Members noted that foamie planes are easily repaired with cyanoacrylate adhesive after crashes. Reviewing extreme flight videos, members agreed reckless flying can exceed aircraft design limits.
- **Field Maintenance:** Perry Bartlett recently mowed under the awning, but further mowing is paused due to the extreme heat.

Regulatory & Swap Meet Updates

- **Drone Rules:** Drones under 250g do not require Remote ID in uncontrolled airspace.

Recreational pilots must possess a TRUST certificate (via FAA Drone Zone or AMA) and a single 3-year registration costing \$5.

- **Swap Meet:** Richard Pence and Wes Lewis confirmed attending the Saturday 8:00 AM swap meet at the church gymnasium near Hwy 75, featuring sponsors like Extreme Flight.

In Memoriam & Next Meeting

- **In Memoriam:** The club shares its condolences regarding the passing of member Chuck Lee. Specific details on funeral arrangements were not yet available.
- **Next Meeting & Notes:** Meeting notes will be available in the calendar event. Ensure attendance at upcoming meetings for the formal dues vote.

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