



Plane Talk

July 2017

Weeks 2 & 4 are our flying weeks,
Weeks 1 & 3 belong to the carters.

AMA Chapter 385, Jackson, Mississippi
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Club Meetings

We meet on the fourth Monday night, 7PM in the food court of the Mississippi Outlet Mall

Prior to each meeting an email will be sent out to announce the meeting. Visitors are ALWAYS welcome.

Welcome

Spectators and friends are welcome to visit us at Hinkle Field located in Buddy Butts Park on North McRaven Road, Jackson. From I-20 west, take the Springridge Road (Exit 36) south 1½ miles to North McRaven Road, and then go east ¼ mile to park entrance. Follow the park road around to the north east section of the park. A current AMA license and FAA registration are required to fly at Hinkle Field.

Also please be aware that some channels have experienced interference. Do not use channels 16, 17, 21, or 44 at Hinkle Field. No known problems have been reported with spread spectrum (2.4GHz).

June Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

- Dave Huff
- Bobby Day
- Jerry Bowen
- Lynn Roberts
- Wayne Squires

New Business:

- More discussion was held about going to Facebook instead of our club website.

Some problems with our Facebook page need to be resolved before a final discussion can be made. Bobby will call Kirk and see if Kirk can help us get our Facebook page working correctly.

- The bridge over the creek leading to Hinkle Field has been repaired, however the potholes have not. There was much discussion on the condition of the road, but given Jackson's current infrastructure problems, little is expected regarding pothole repair.
- The date for our fall fly in was set for October 14th. It may still be called the Halloween Flyin, but there are some considerations as to renaming in honor of our club founders. More to come.

Old Business: None

CCRCC Loses Another Founding Father, Bill Sturdivant



Bill Sturdivant is in the center with the Astrohog and Bob Hinkle is on his left.

Bill is in the center of this picture holding an original 1958 Astrohog. This Astrohog was one of the first--if not the first-- multichannel RC aircraft in Jackson.

By 1959 – 1960 the Jackson Model Airplane Club had most of the original members as well as some new ones. They formed a solid group of R/C flyers. Bill Sturdivant made available a pasture he owned in Ridgeland, and the club had a home field at last! The club used this pasture for a several years, until they made arrangements with the city of Jackson to fly at a paved strip at Lake Hico, but this arrangement was short-lived due to liability problems.

In the early 60's a suitable place across the dam at Barnett Reservoir became available, a 400 yard grass strip. By this time the Club, had grown to between 50 and 60 members, and had hosted several successful contests there.



Bill Sturdivant during a recent visit to Hinkle Field standing over an Astrohog.

William (Bill) Sturdivant was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi to John Wiley and Janie Pritchett Sturdivant on January 17, 1922. He grew up in Mobile, Alabama, where he attended Murphy High School and met Julia Virginia Weathersby. They were married December 9, 1942. He worked in the shipyard in Mobile until Pearl Harbor was attacked and then he joined the Navy where he served in the Sea Bees on Guam during WWII.

After the war Bill moved to Ridgeland, Mississippi along with Virginia and their daughter in order to find work. He worked in the foundry until he went to work for Michael Baker Engineering firm where he became a surveyor, and map maker. Bill was a partner

in Engineering Service and founder of Mercury Maps. In later years he became a model builder, building radio controlled boats, and army vehicles for the Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg, Ms. along with the test model of the lunar rover that went to the moon for NASA. Bill also enjoyed building and flying radio controlled model airplanes.

His longtime dream was to build an underground house which he did in 1980.

Bill was involved with the city of Ridgeland in the early years of development. He was part of the "Ridgeland Vigilanties" in the 1950's. He also served as an Alderman for the city and received the award of City Maker in 1997, as well as numerous other Certificates of Appreciation.

Bill and Virginia Sturdivant were charter members of Ridgeland First Baptist Church and Trace Ridge Baptist Church.

Bill was predeceased by Julia Virginia (Weathersby) Sturdivant, his wife of 74 years, his brother, John Wiley Sturdivant of Wilmington, Delaware, and sister, Martha Mae McAuley of Vicksburg, Ms. He leaves two daughters, Joy (Paul) Lott and Lynn Hunt, grandchildren, Brad (Tracy) Harbour of Ridgeland, and Matt (Tiffany) Ellis of Stephenville, Texas and great-grandchildren, Austin Harbour and Sarah Beth (Tate) Ratcliff.



None reported.



President Bobby Day with the group from Beau Ridge on October 22, 2016.