

April 1998

The Newsletter of the *Manned Spacecraft Center Radio Control Club*

President's Corner

Mike Laible

The March meeting was a nice and laid back gathering. I guess the hardest part of the meeting was choosing the model of the month. We had two beautiful models. One was Herman Burtons Super Sportster 40, Which I think was the one they used for the cover, and the other was Faye Beths' Lazy Bee done in the traditional yellow and black covering (Solartex). The models were so close that if you would take another vote the results might be different on any given day. All in all, Faye Beth took home the honors. Congratulations!!!! And for Herman, please give us tips on your covering technique!!!!

Both Faye Beth and Herman are new comers. Faye Beth has soloed and has come a long way in modeling. Has built and recovered an ARF, built the Lazy Bee, and has pushed her flying skills to the point of chasing Robert. Oh yah, Robert (Robert Little), you have come a long way also, Hee Hee. Herman has built two beautiful models and is to the point of practicing his take-offs and landings. It's just a matter of time. So everyone, next time you see Faye Beth or Herman, introduce yourself and welcome them to the hobby (actually, welcome all newcomers). I will make sure a fresh set of name tags are out for the April meeting. If you have a club name tag please wear it.

Back to show and tell. Three other models were brought for show and tell (one happened to be a car). So the club actually consisted of 30-45 minutes business and 45-50 minutes of show and tell/model of the month. WOW, WHAT A PROBLEM TO HAVE. Charles brought his 1/12 ? scale race car. I guess the Mrs. thought that staying on the ground could be safer. Knowing Charles, he will figure a way to prove that wrong.

So let's see, for the first quarter the club has been averaging 35-40 attendance, 2 or more models of the month/show and tell, and no disputes. I think we are off to a good start!!!!

On a personal note, the Bearcat is coming along. I am really getting itchy to fly this thing. I really only get about 2-3 hours a week to work on it. This makes for a slow process. I am now at the point of glassing the model. I recently glassed all the wheel pants and cowl flaps. For the first coat I used 3 hour epoxy and the subsequent coats I used the West epoxy (I listened to David Dale). Well, guys, it was like night and day. The West system is unbelievable. Much easier to work with. So by the time of this writing I should be up to my elbows in glass cloth and epoxy. For a paint scheme I have changed my decision. I am going to paint the modal like the No. 3 Blues Angel. It seems that the Bearcats were the very first plane used for the Blue Angels, in fact the first plane for any US Military show team. I am going to use Rustoluem Sea Blue. I have talked to a number of people that have

informed me that this is the way to go, WE'LL SEE. So maybe the first glimpse will be at the May meeting.

The April meeting entertainment will be a video about the Good brothers, early RC. This should be a treat to watch. This video is part of the AMA District 8 Library exchange. This is a neat idea and I will certainly take advantage of it. I believe for May we will have Don Nix from Powermasters and in June I think I have lined up a video on Monokote covering (courtesy of Herman Burton) or whatever anyone else has put together.

Speaking of Herman and Monokote, he has been helping DJ cover his trainer. That a boy Herman. This is truly a generous effort.

Well, this is about all for this month. Till next month, safe landings

Some Local Events

APR 18-19--Crosby, TX (C) Propnuts Flea Market & Fly-In. Site: Club Field. Tas Crowson CD, 606 Pine Circle Seabrook, TX 77586 PH:281-474-9531. Landing fee \$5, sellers fee \$5. Sponsor: PROP NUTS RC CLUB

APRIL 26--N.E.Huffman, TX (C) Jetero R/C Anniversary Fly-In. Site: Club Field, FM 686 NE Huffman, TX. Horrace Cain CD, 9838 Canterbury, Humble, TX 77338 Phone:281-446-1077(both) Sponsor.

MAY 2-3--Deer Park, TX (C) Bayport Aero Spring Fly-In. Site: Club Field. R.C. Hulett CD, 1102 Angela Deer Park, TX 77536 PH:281-479-2300. All pilots must be AMA members.

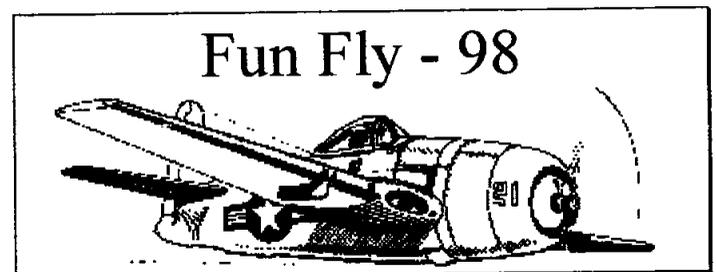
MAY 16-17--Hockley, TX (C) NWHRC All Scale Fly-In. Site: Club Field, Katy-Hockley Cut-off Road, Hockley, TX. Bill Stevens CD, 1726 Ashford

Hollow, Houston, TX 77077 Phone: 281-497-6511(eve) Sponsor: Northwest Houston R/C Club. For details, call Bill Stevens at (281)497-6511.

MAY 23-24--Pasadena, TX Fly What you Bring and Swap Meet. Site: Club Field, Gulf Coast Radio Control Club, Pasadena, TX. For information call Mike McGraw, 281-998-2529.

MAY 23-24--Crockett, TX (C) 11th Annual Big Bird Fly-In. Site: Houston Co Airport. Ray Hammond CD, Rt 1 Box 557 Chireno, TX 75937 PH:409-854-2595. Big bird rules, AMA license required. LUFKIN AREA RC MODELERS

MAY 30-31--Texas City, TX 9th Annual Texas City R/C Club Big Bird Fly In. Site: Club Field, Texas City, TX. CD David Pauls 281-334-7406.



By Resha Hill

Minutes from Fun-Fly Committee Meeting

- Attendees: Don Fisher
Resha Hill
Jeff Longmore
Brian Morris
Ray Randolph
Boyce Sterling
John Troupe

- Four (4) Fun-Fly events will be scheduled in 1998.
Fun-fly events will be held on the first Saturday following the club meeting in April, June, August, and October
Events rained out will be rescheduled to the following month, i.e, April rain out will be

- moved to May
- Rescheduled events will be announced in the club newsletter
- Points will be accumulated throughout the year
- Winners will receive awards to be given out at the club Christmas party
- Point system used: First Place = 3; Second Place = 2; Third Place = 1, Fourth Place = 0
- Registration for the fun-fly event starts at 8:30am
- First event will begin at 9:30am
- Annual budget for the fun-fly events \$600.00
- October fun-fly will include a BBQ
- Soft drinks and ice will be provided at all events held
- Events for April Fun-fly are: "Luck & Go", "Climb & Glide", and "Alarm Clock Pylon"

MSCRCC GENERAL FUN-FLY RULES

1. A Contest Director (CD) will be appointed for each fun fly
2. Real-time changes will be determined by the CD
3. Contestant turn sequence will be determined by drawing conducted by the CD
4. No crash landings to win
5. Multi-plane events with frequency conflicts will be resolved by coin-flip by the CD. For a final heat, one contestant will be eliminated unless a back-up plane is available
6. Once airborne, a contestant must complete his turn. Failure to complete the turn will result in disqualification
7. Contestant has one minute to become airborne.
8. Multiple planes may be used by a contestant for different events. Multiple planes may be used in the same event for conflict of frequency resolution
9. Timed events will have a minimum of two designated timekeepers
10. Range check once for each plane that will be flown in the contest. Impound radios not in competition use
11. CD maintains contest points and submits to the

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12. No more than five contestants in any heat

LUCK & GO

1. Start engine
2. Position plane for takeoff
3. Go to "Dice Table"
4. Pick up dice & roll until "7" thrown
5. Contestant time starts when dice picked up
6. At roll of "7", take plane off
7. Make at least 180deg turn and land plane
8. Shortest time to "touch down" wins

CLIMB & GLIDE

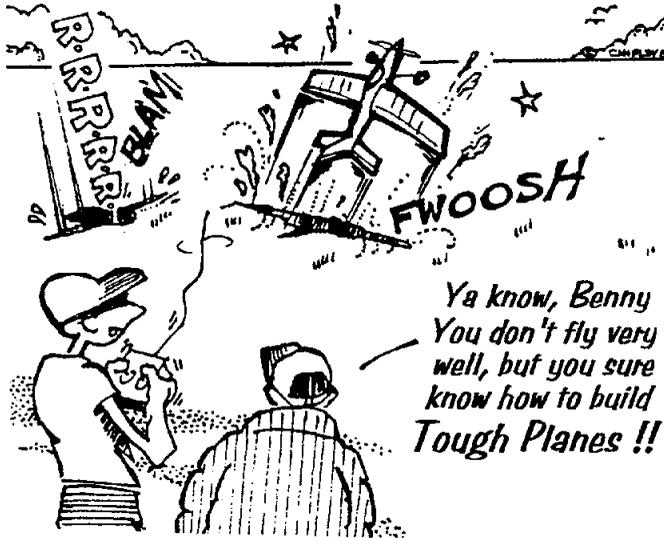
1. Start engine, take off
2. Time starts at "lift-off"
3. 20 second engine run to gain altitude
4. "Kill" engine at 20 second call
5. Advance throttle 5 seconds after "Kill" to verify engine has stopped. Failure to stop is disqualification
6. Remain airborne for longest duration
7. Time stops at "touch down"
8. Longest duration wins

ALARM CLOCK PYLON EVENT

1. Start engine, take off
2. Circle pylons until all contestants in air
3. Time start when whistle blows
4. First contestant to pass finish line after second whistle blows wins
5. Stay airborne until CD tells you to land

Next Meeting
April 9th, 1998, 7:00 PM
Clear Lake Park Building

Lighter Than Air



Members were asked to provide there e-mail addresses.

Brian Oakley is still working on the new club internet home page.

Joe Parlanti has made the new Model of the Month plaques.

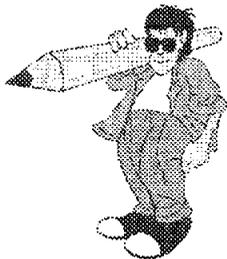
Ken White received a letter from Joe Gastler thanking him for helping with his science fair project which involved people flying gliders with and without preflight computer simulation experience. Joe placed 5th in the computer division.

The field shelter layout was discussed. Plans have been partially drawn up, but the method to provide the ability to raise and lower the shelter is still being researched. A preliminary set of plans will be provided for the April meeting.

Discussions were held about the rocks in the pit area, ways of minimizing their hazard, and alternate field layouts.

Jeff Longmore reported that the Fun Fly Committee (Don Fisher Resha Hill Jeff Longmore Brian Morris Ray Randolph Boyce Sterling John Troupe) had met and developed a set of recommendations for this years fun flies. After discussion, Jeff moved and D.J. Hoover seconded a motion to adopt the following rules. The motion was approved (See FunFly-98).

Minutes from the March 1998 Meeting



Minutes by Bill, the Secretary



General:

The Mar. 12, 1998 meeting of the MSC R/C Club was convened at 7:05 by President Mike Laible. Eventually there were 38 members and visitors in attendance. Among the visitors or new members were John Boyle, Fred Hamilton, and Ed Saris.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as submitted. There was no treasurer's report.



Old Business:



New Business:

A field clean up day will be scheduled for May 16.

Mike is working again with the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) on a student design contest that would be funded by AIAA and sponsored by the club.

Refreshments for the April meeting will be provided by Jeff Longmore.



Model of the Month:

Charles Boehl showed a RC10GT truck which he built from a kit. (He got tired of crashed airplanes.) The truck is 2 wheel drive and powered by an OS .12 glow engine. The radio is a 2 channel Airtronics AM. The drive train and suspension have lots of parts, all of which are included in the kit.

Fred Hamilton showed his Thunder Tiger 40 trainer with which he has been learning to fly.

Faye Beth Phillips showed the Clancy Aviation Lazy Bee which she had just finished building. It was her first kit. The plane is balsa stick construction covered with Solar Tex fabric. The plane is powered by an OS .15 engine and has not yet been flown.

Herman Burton showed is Great Planes Super Sportster 40. This is his second airplane to build. The plane is covered in Monokote with a pattern just like on the box. It is powered by a Super Tiger 40 engine and has not yet been flown.

Faye Beth's plane was voted Model of the Month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.



Program:

There was no formal program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Michael R. Laible

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