



# *The R/C Flyer*

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Next Meeting – Thursday, May 10 at 7:00pm - Clear Lake Park Bldg.

## **The President's Corner**

*By: Clay Bare, President*

Hey, I hope all is well out in JSCRCC Land. I want to start off by apologizing for missing the April meeting. I had good intentions to make it, but a family emergency changed my plans quite abruptly. I heard from Brian that the meeting went well ... and so the world continues to turn without me.

It's hard to believe that this is my seventh President's Corner. Where has the time gone? Over the past seven months, we have hit a couple milestones. We finally have shirts with the new club patch and we now have a very functional transmitter impound. I would like to keep the momentum moving forward and welcome suggestions from the membership. A recent suggestion is to revive the frequency roster started last year. I think this is a great idea as it would be nice to be able to select a frequency that isn't already being used by four or five other members (seeing how I can't change the bylaws to reserve Ch 30 for the club president). I'm sure there are other great ideas out there and I urge you to bring them forward.

I went out this past weekend and purchased another EasySport 40 for my son and I. I sold my first one a couple years ago at the club auction, as I didn't realize just how much I liked that plane. This time I opted to go with the ARF version because I really don't have the time to build right now. I was amazed with how fast the ARF went together. After four hours Friday evening and four hours Saturday morning the plane was together and ready for flight. The box said 15-20 hours but I found that many of the steps could be done in parallel paths. I took the plane out Sunday and got my first flight. Boy was it windy. After I got the plane back on the ground, I decided it would be wise to pack it up and fly again another day.

I brought my son's Tiger Cubs den out on Sunday, April 22 to introduce them to our hobby. Mike Laible and James

Lemon brought out trainers to let the boys get a little stick time and Mike Goza brought out his heli to give them a little demonstration flight. The boys had a great time!!! Thanks guys for helping to make this outing a success. Afterwards, a couple of parents asked if they could come out sometime and try also. And that's how we keep the club growing.

Well once again it appears that I have rambled on too much, so until next month...

Happy Intentional Landings !!!

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## **April 2001 Meeting Minutes**

*By: Mike Goza*

Meeting started 7:20pm on 4/12/2001

### **Old Business**

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The transmitter impound is up and should be used. All transmitters should be impounded when not in use.

There is a club fun fly 4/14/2001 at 9:00am

### **New Business**

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The Prop Nuts Swap Meet and Fly In is April 21-22. \$5 landing fee and \$5 sell/trade fee.

Jim Brock will bring refreshments for the next meeting.

### Model of the Month

James Lemon brought his Fun Bat with a MVVS .15 for power.



### Getting To The Next Level

By: Charlie Teixeira

I don't know how many of you are in the same boat I am, but I feel that after being in R/C model building and flying for a number of years, I have reached a "plateau" in regards to my building and flying skills. Having built a scratch build recently forced me to learn and practice some new metal cutting and bending skills in addition to making some parts from fiberglass. But my flying skills seem to have leveled off (more like bottomed out) and in a rut. This got me to thinking about what it would take to get to the next level of proficiency. Now I'm not talking about getting to the TOC, FAI or IMAC competitions. This is a whole different ball game I am not qualified to talk about. I'm just referring to sport flying in general where even in this category increasing one's proficiency can increase the enjoyment many times over.

Increasing one's proficiency obviously requires practice, practice and some more practice. But it also requires some thought about what you are trying to do and not just burning holes in the sky. All maneuvers are made up of some basic rolls, loops, snaps/spins, or a combination of these. Improving these maneuvers will go along way to getting to the next level. To do so requires mastering some fundamentals:

-"Flying the line" whereby the plane is piloted to follow an imaginary straight line at constant altitude, directly over the runway, in both directions, and with a crosswind. Well that's easy enough isn't it ???

-"Rolling about the line" whereby the plane is piloted to do a slow roll about the imaginary line, being inverted directly in front of the pilot (with a little down elevator as needed), again in both directions and with a crosswind.

Speaking of crosswinds, one area that separates the really good flyers from the rest of us is the ability to land straight down the runway regardless of the wind direction. Again the technique is simple enough in principle but requires constant practice. The easiest approach is to set up a crab angle during final approach, and assuming a left turn landing pattern with the wind at your back, "under turn" slightly onto final to set up your crab angle. Make adjustments as needed to compensate for wind velocity. If the wind is coming at your face, "overturn" onto final (i.e. greater than 90 deg turn) to set up your crab angle.

Hope the above is of some help to the pilots just starting out, or if you are like me, some "old timers" that may be trying to get to get a little better and need a few "reminders". To go beyond the cursory thoughts given above, look into some of the excellent articles and books available through the



Derek with his X250 Model of the Month

Derek Smith brought his SR Batteries X250 electric plane. This is Derek's first kit and was well done. Derek won the Model of the Month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

various R/C magazines. I particularly like Dave Patrick's "Radio Control Aerobatics For Everyone" available through Model Airplane News for about \$13. In addition to the great price it has excellent illustrations and graphics to help describe the various maneuvers.

Happy landings!

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## Upcoming Area Events

By: *Charlie Teixeira*

May 5, 2001 - Texas City Fun Fly. Contact Brian Campopiano at 281-484-4003. Sponsor: Texas City RC Club.

May 6, 2001 - Battle on The Bayou at Scobee Field. Contact Jim Dieckow at 713-464-2381. Sponsor: Bayou City Flyers

May 9, 2001 - Jetero RC Wednesday Fun Fly, Huffman TX. Contact S. L. Hood at 281-361-4511. Sponsor: Jetero RC Club.

June 2, 2001 - Bomber Field Annual War Bird Meet at Bomber Field in Monaville TX. Contact Bob Bucklee at 979-764-9067. Sponsor: Bomber Field Inc.

June 16, 2001 - Battle on the Bayou at Scobee Field. Contact Jim Dieckow at 713-464-2381. Sponsor: Bayou City Flyers.

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