

June 1998

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


President's Corner

Mike Laible

This month's newsletter seems a little full, even without my usual page of dribble. So to keep the page count to a minimum, I will make this column short. OH DARN. What a problem to have.

At the last meeting a lot of discussion centered around the ballunar festival. I wrote Al Saylor and he responded back that we will have at least two 20 minute slots and probably more. The dates are August 28 and 29th. I also approached him about doing a really nice banner and he responded favorably.

Also, do not forget the funfly on JUNE 13th. WHEN? June 13th.

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



JSC has informed the club that due to the lack of rain the area is under a fire alert. As a result the club has committed to no **open fires or smoking** at the flying field. We can still fly off the runway, but be careful.

Some Local Events

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.

JUNE 6--Alvin, TX (Cr) Alvin R/C Model Aircraft Association Big-Bird Fly-In. Site: AR/CMAA Flying Site, Alvin, TX. R.J. Cook CD, Phone: 281-554-6047

JUN 6-7--Monaville, TX (Cr) Bomber Field 3rd Annual Warbird Meet. Site: Bomber Field. Bob Buckbee CD, PH:409-764-9067. Restricted to scale or stand-off scale warbirds any size, any vintage, jets welcome. Landing fee \$15. Sponsor: BOMBER FIELD

JULY 4--Bay City, TX (C) Flightfest '98. Site: Bay City Municipal Airport, Bay City, TX. Kelly Matchett CD, Phone:409-245-5741(day), 409-244-2934(eve) Email: flash5@iamerica.net

JULY 11-12--Crosby, TX (Cr) Prop Nuts July Big-Bird. Site: Club Field, Crosby, TX. Guy Miller CD, Phone:281-488-5920(day), 713-644-2525(eve)

JULY 18--Monaville, TX (C) Float/Fun-Fly Site: Bomber Field, Monaville, TX Michael Smith CD, Phone:715-981-47119(day), 281-997-6168(eve)

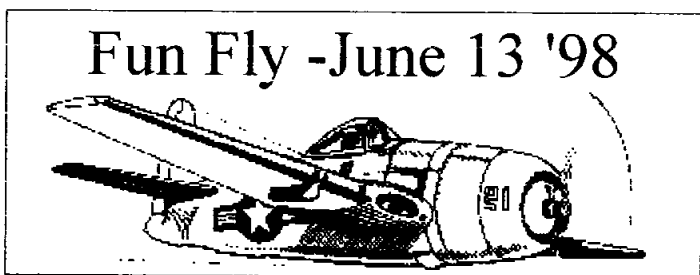
JUL 24-25-26--Rosenberg, TX (AA) South Texas

Scale Championship & US Scale Masters Regional Qualifier for 511, 512, 513, and 520(JSO). Site: Club Field. Earl Haury CD, 22818 Whitewater Creek Katy, TX 77450 PH:281-392-9714. For info contact CD or Ed Clayman PH:800-356-7530 (8-4) or 281-530-5823(6-9). Sponsor: FORT BEND RC

AUG 1-2--Huffman, TX (A) Jetero RC Annual Scale Combat for 704(JSO). Site: Club Field. H.D. Cain CD, PH: 281-446-1077. SASE for 704 exceptions. .25 cu in. max single .30multi. Profile fuse OK 5% L/SP. No max WT. Sponsor: JETERO RC CLUB, INC

AUG 15-16--Deer Park, TX (Cr) BPAC 8th Annual Summer Fly-In Site: Club Field, Deer Park, TX David Tanner CD, Phone:713-557-2481(day), 281-476-0160(eve) Sponsor: Bay Port Aero Club. Come visit our 8th Annual Big Bird Event. 80" span Monoplane, 60" span Bi-plane.

AUG 15-16--Houston, TX (AA) District VIII Pylon Race. Site: Scobee Field, Houston, TX Events: 421,422,424,428 JSO Mike Crofts CD, Phone:713-418-3951(day), 281-578-6183(eve)



By Resha Hill

Minutes from Fun-Fly Committee Meeting 5-6-98.

Three events have been chosen for the **June 13th** fun fly with one alternate event. CD for **June 13th** Fun fly is Resha Hill. Soft drinks and ice will be provided. Events are: "Limbo" (alternate "Climb & Glide"), "Alarm Clock Pylon", and "Luck & Go". Poles for the Limbo will be

made by Jeff. Crepe paper, table, and dice for the events will be arranged by Don. Rules will be republished in the newsletter for each fun fly.

LIMBO:

Pilot may choose any standing position for start. Pilot must take off and make 360 deg turn. Wheels can not touch the ground. Pilot must stay airborne while height is being adjusted. Poles will be set approx. 20 feet apart. Crepe paper will be strung at 10', 8', 6, and then 4'. If there is a tie at 4', contestants will run-off at 3'.

CLIMB & GLIDE:

(Alternate event)Start engine, take off. Time starts at "lift-off", 20 second engine run to gain altitude, "Kill" engine at 20 second call. Advance throttle 5 seconds after "Kill" to verify engine has stopped. Failure to stop is disqualification. Remain airborne for longest duration. Time stops at "touch down". Longest duration wins

LUCK & GO:

Start engine. Position plane for takeoff. Go to "Dice Table", pick up dice & roll until "7" thrown. Contestant time starts when dice picked up. At roll of "7", take plane off, make at least 180 deg turn and land plane. Shortest time to "touch down" wins

ALARM CLOCK PYLON EVENTS:

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

Point Standings after one fun fly:

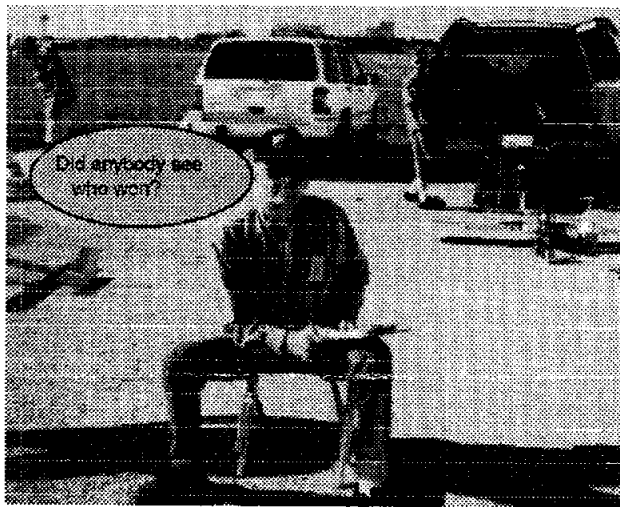
Jeff Longmore	7
Rob Bartel	6
Joe Parlanti	4
Boyce Sterling	1

Fun Fly **June 13th. June 13th.**

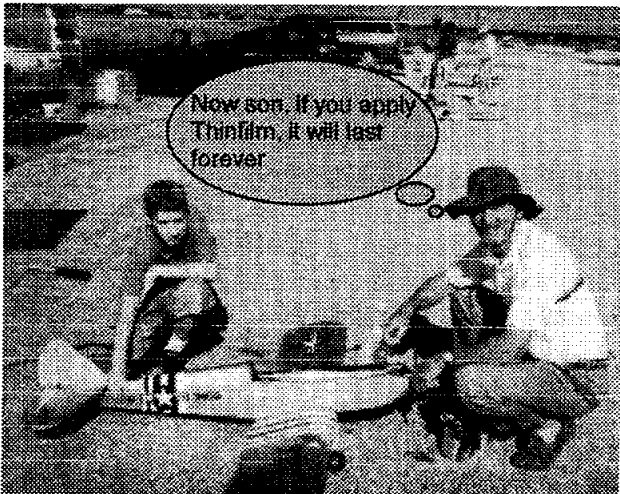
Guess when the next one is, **June 13th
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Got it!

Some good pictures from the first
funfly !



Brian, Checking the figures.



Jeff, making sure only the youngsters know his secrets!



Joe, wishing he had this plane to fly for MOM.



Is this Rob? Where are the chips?

**Next Meeting
June 11th, 1998, 7:00 PM
Clear Lake Park Building**

The R/C Flyer

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"Support Your R/C Flyer"

**Minutes from the May
1998 Meeting**



**Minutes by Bill, the
Secretary**



General:

The May 14, 1998 meeting of the MSC R/C Club was convened at 7:12 by President Mike Laible. Eventually there were 42 members and visitors in attendance.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as submitted



Old Business:

The next Fun Fly will be June 13. The rules for the limbo event were discussed. Written rules will be provided.

The May 16 Field Cleanup Day was postponed due to the smoky air conditions, and the fact that the

field is in relatively good shape.

Preston Hunt discussed a revision to the pavilion design to simplify it by allowing the structure to be disassembled instead of pivoting down. The new plans are complete and Mike will take them to the radar range folks for their review and comment.



New Business:

The Ballunar festival will be August 29 & 30. Mike will contact the event coordinators to let them know that we would like to participate again. Two fixed wing flight demos plus a helicopter demo are proposed. The need for walkie talkies to improve communications was mentioned. Ted White offered to provide a set. It was also suggested that we have an announcer this year for the flight demonstrations.

Dave Hoffman had AMA name tags for new members, plus a new set of frequency pins for the field.



Model of the Month:

Lots of models to show off this month.

Mike Goza showed the new paint scheme for his competition helicopter. He also indicated that he had a radio problem recently which resulted in a loss of control. Still not sure of the cause, but he was flying on channel 60.

Rob Bartel showed his Four Star 60 which he built from a kit. It is powered by a SuperTiger 75 and has seven flights.

Charles Boehl showed an R/C car. (Maybe he really has given up flying.) This vehicle was a 4wd Thunder Tiger V Spec, powered by a .21 engines which turns 33,000 rpm.

Preston Hunt showed a Century Helicopter Falcon 46, which he had built from a kit. So far, he has flown it only in hover while still adjusting the

engine. He reported that this is a relatively inexpensive kit to get started in helicopters.

D.J. Hoover showed the Aerostar 40 which he has built and covered. The plane is powered by an OS LA40, and still needs to have the radio and servos installed.

Ron Madsen showed a US AirCore F16, powered by an OS LA 40. Ron had replaced the profile wing tip Sidewinders with more realistic models.

Clay Bare had a Balsa USA Enforcer which he had just built. The pusher plane is powered by a SuperTiger 61, and has yet to be flown.

Tough choices to make, but DJ's plane was selected as the model of the month.



Program:

Don Nix from Powermaster Fuels presented a most informative program on glow engine fuels. Powermaster Fuels, located in Elgin, TX, blends and markets a variety of fuels under their own and other labels. Don discussed and provided brochures, which gave more details, on the variations in oil types, percentages, and nitro mix for different applications. A couple of the things he mentioned were that 4 stroke fuel has a little less oil than 2 stroke, so 2 stroke fuel can be used in a 4 stroke engine (however the performance may not be as good), but don't use 4 stroke fuel in a 2 stroke. If an engine doesn't idle well, try a fuel mix with 5% more nitro. If kept sealed, fuel should last indefinitely. He also talked about Fuel Saver, which his company sells. It is an inert gas which can be injected into a fuel container to provide a blanket over the fuel to prevent moisture absorption. Don donated a case of fuel and some jug filler caps to be used as prizes by the club. This was a great program and some reprints of the fuel facts brochures will be available at the next meeting.

Mike Laible will provide the refreshments for the

June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Bearcat Update

Mike Laible

Well, after the newsletter was complete I found some white space. So you get to sit through a Bearcat update. I have the complete plane fiberglassed, primed with Stits Feather lite and am just about to prime and paint. It was really depressing after I applied the Stits material. When you add color to the fiberglass you get to see ever imperfection. WOW. More sanding.

Anyway, I decided that the surface is smooth enough and now its time to paint. I also covered the tail feathers with Coverite. This stuff is tuff. I think I dulled two pair of scissors. I also tested the paint I will use and it seems to be fuel proof. I did have to let it cure for a week.

So, I am well on my way and should have it in flying condition around July or so.

1997's Best Headlines

June 1998, RC Report

- "Include Your Children When Baking Cookies"
- "Enraged Cow Injures Farmer With Ax"
- "Plane To Close To Ground, Crash Probe Told"
- "Juvenile Court To Try Shooting Defendant"
- "If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last A While"
- "Cold Wave Linked To Temperatures"
- "Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges"
- "Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead"
- "New Study Of Obesity Looks For Larger Test Group"

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