



The R/C Flyer

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Next Meeting – Thursday, July 11, 2002 at 7:00pm - Clear Lake Park Bldg.

Vice President's Corner

By: John Boyle, JSCRCC Vice President

It's official...the Dog Days of summer are here. It's funny for me how I react to our seasons. In winter when the days are short, I'll find myself racing home after work to grab a plane & squeeze in any flights I can before it's too dark to fly. However in summer there's plenty of time to fly after work because the sun often lingers in the sky until well into the evening. I find myself hanging around and not taking advantage of the great flying time available. Maybe the heat is a valid excuse, but I'm not buying it.

As for our last Fun Fly, I'm glad to say that we had yet another good time. We had a healthy number of participants, and the competition was exciting. In fact it was so exciting that it was pretty rough on the airplanes. I saw more than a few skinned wingtips and shall we say "rough landings". The spirit of fun is alive and well.

I feel that the Fun Fly committee really has the right approach. Our next Fun Fly will be held in September. We can all use this break to get our airplanes repaired and in perfect working order for our next event. I personally know of at least two people who intend to assemble new airplanes to use in our next event. My wife Holly has even been inspired to pull out the Kit for a SIG Faser that has been collecting dust on our shelf. Evidently she's not satisfied with beating me in some of the events with her "Sky Vista" low wing trainer. She wants something a little more agile. (If anyone has a used .40 or .50 4-stroke that they will part with cheap then we're interested.) In any case, I really look forward to hearing what the next Fun Fly will bring.

Let's take advantage of the great summer weather we've been having. The wind certainly has been good for flying

lately. Perfect summer breezes to cool you off, but not windy enough to bounce your airplane all over the sky. I'd say it's a perfect time to practice touch-n-go's. I look forward to seeing you all at the field and wish you both fair winds, and many happy landings.

June Meeting Minutes

By: Mike Goza, JSCRCC Secretary

The Meeting started at 7:15pm 6/13/2002

Old Business:

A Fun Fly will be held this weekend. Loop a Minute, Luck and Go, and Dead Stick Spot Landing are the events. Food and refreshments will be served again. Sign up time is 9:00am Saturday.

Dave Hoffman has been working on a packet for new members. He passed out a draft version at the meeting for comments.

New Business:

Herman asked for information from the club on good ways to apply rivets to hard surfaces. Please contact him with your suggested methods.

Mike Goza has asked Dave Hoffman to investigate how to hold an event that is open to the public. The main question is how to work with security to make this feasible.

James (Lemon) has suggested having an electric only Fun Fly. He will do a trial run in the near future and the event may be added to the September Fun Fly.

British Columbia, Canada. It too had a forward pointing halogen light from a flashlight.

Model of the Month (MOM)

James Hornsby won the MOM with a Small Creations TRC2 Sidewinder Q-40 pylon racer. Construction is fiberglass and VERY clean. It has a Dub Jett .40 size motor for power. It's easily capable of 180 MPH.



Terry Dunn brought Lanier Shrike electric. It runs on an 8-cell pack with a 05 motor. Weight is 15 oz ready to fly. It was covered to look like a Russian Mig.



Entertainment:

Ken White gave an excellent demonstration on cutting foam for wings and fuselages. Ken uses Compufoil+ to create the airfoils. It can create two templates for each side. An upper airfoil and a lower airfoil are created resulting in more accurate wing cuts. The program can also take into account skin thickness. He covered a variety of topics and provided lots of useful information.

Ken also started a discussion on flying wings. This discussion will be continued at the next club meeting.



Jerry Beamguard brought a 1979 Enya 29 powered salvaged model. It was equipped with strobe lights and navigation lights. He also brought another aircraft, an ARF from

Herman volunteered to bring refreshments for next month's meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 pm

June Fun Fly Results

Luck & Go

1. Terry Dunn
2. James Hornsby
3. Holly Boyle

Dead Stick Spot Landing

1. James Lemon
2. John Boyle
3. Herman Burton

Loop-A-Minute

1. James Lemon
2. Terry Dunn
3. James Hornsby

The next Fun Fly will not be until September, so get out and practice (what?). There has been some discussion of having either a separate or joint event with electrics. If you have any ideas or suggestions contact James Lemon.

July Meeting Program

Ken White will continue his discussion on Flying Wings

Balsa Sheeting Foam Parts

By: Editor

Ken White's presentation last month on foam cutting got me to thinking about my recent experience with balsa sheeting of foam parts, particularly wings. I had heard about and tried, Sorghum and Epoxy, but each had their drawbacks. After asking other club members and searching the web I found what a lot of modelers appear to be moving to; Elmer's Probond. Elmer's Probond is polyurethane type resin glue that expands as it dries and you can buy it at most local hardware stores; I found it at Sears Hardware. There are two types so make sure you get the one for plastics and wood.

After light sanding of the foam core and balsa sheeting, dampen both surfaces with water. (The resin requires some moisture to cure). Then run a bead along an edge and use something like a credit card (good use for a credit card!) to spread out a thin layer. Then simply place your balsa sheeting on top and weight it down. You MUST weight it down as the glue expands into the wood grain and the voids in the foam cells. When it is cured you might as well throw the wing away if you have to remove the wood, as you will never get it off without ripping the core to pieces. It is also fuel proof, has little to no odor, provides plenty of working time, and sands like balsa. It "sets" in about 4 hours but overnight curing is recommended. When weighting down the wing, I set the wing into the excess foam that the wing was cut from in order to help keep the wing straight and warp free.

It has worked great for me and Probond will be my balsa to foam adhesive of choice from now on. But as always when working with new materials, practice on some scraps until you get the feel for working with it.

Found

Hal Rosenberg found a small knife on the flying field recently. Call him at 281-333-3866 or send an e-mail to hrosen2@earthlink.net to claim it. The knife has a two-word name on the handle; the first word is "old".

For Sale

1. GP 1/3 Scale Extra 330L Kit, Tower \$319, asking \$275
2. RTF Goldberg Skylark 56 with Webra .40 and Futaba FG 6 radio \$275.
3. RTF Blue Max III, Como/SuperTiger .40 and servos, \$165.
4. GP CAP 232 40 Kit, Tower \$100, asking \$80
5. SIG Kadet LT-25 Kit Tower \$73, asking \$65.
6. GP 1/4 Scale Giles G-202 ARF, not started, Tower \$280 asking \$190
7. GP Cap 21 72"/. 90 size kit, \$95.
8. GP Sports Master Kit, \$100
9. Astro Flight 15 new, \$85.

Contact Hugh Stovall at 281-554-5412 or hstovall@ev1.net

Upcoming Events

8/10/02: Propnuts Helicopter Fly-In, Crosby TX. Contact Lloyd Sullivan, CD, at 281-998-3377. Sponsor is Propnuts RC Club.

9/10/02: Ft. Bend RC Fundraiser for MD, Ft. Bend RC club field, Rosenberg, TX. Contact Sam Grice at 281-242-2342.

9/14/02: Texas City RC Club 3d Annual Poker Run Fun Fly & Swap. Call Phillip Riles at 409-945-6723 for more info.

9/20-22/02: Bomber Field Annual B-17 & Big Bird Gathering, Monaville, TX. Contact Bob Buckbee at 979-764-9067 for more info.

Some More Airline Humor

By: Editor

All too rarely, airline attendants make an effort to make the in-flight "safety lecture" and their other announcements a bit more entertaining. Here are some more real examples that have been heard or reported:

"There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane."

"Thank you for flying Delta Business Express. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride."

"Your seat cushions can be used for flotation; and, in the event of an emergency water landing, please paddle to shore and take them with our compliments."

"As you exit the plane, make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses."

And from the pilot during his welcome message: "Delta airlines is pleased to have some of the best flight attendants in the industry. Unfortunately, none of them are on this flight!"

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