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Next Meeting – July 14, 2005, Clear Lake Park Building – 7:00 PM

June, 2005 Meeting Minutes

By: John Becker

Meeting called to order on 6/9/05, 7:05 PM by James Lemon.

Visitors were introduced including Larry Bailey, Joshua Childs, Andrew Lynch, and Scott Buckman.

Old Business:

- Randy Stone reported back on his discussions with JSC personnel concerning the club's desired improvements. The NASA/JSC response was very favorable. James Lemon to contact Mike Laible and Brian Morris on field layout.
- Chris Harris discussed his contact with Space Center Houston (SCH) about instituting some activities to teach youngsters about airplanes, rockets, heli's, possibly some flight demos and a booth at SCH. Chris will follow up.
- Charlie Teixeira summarized status of updates to the club's handbook. The draft has been posted on the club's web site and inputs are requested by two weeks to allow time for preparation of a final draft for review prior to the next meeting. Plan is to have a vote on the proposed changes at the next (July) club meeting.

New Business:

- Brian Campopiano displayed an LED frequency checker which could be used at the field to determine active frequencies. The members voted to purchase one from Brian.
- Dave Hoffman gave his financial report
- Rene Saenz gave a presentation on his proposed revised web pages for the club's web site. Motion was made and accepted to accept the revised

content and to maintain a link to the old content for a while.

Show & Tell:

Ray Randolph showed his "Foamy" purchased from Hobby Lobby for \$18.45. It is electric powered and is being used as a test bed for his new line of landing gear.

Model of the Month

-Troy Whitehurst showed his Cosmo kit plane with a Thunder Tigre .15 glow engine and interchangeable wing. Troy won Model of the Month.



-Terry Dunn showed his Park Shark kit with a GWS drive and Li-Poly cells



-Randy Stone showed his Flyzone free flight kit Staggerwing Beach which he converted to RC.



Randy Stone volunteered to bring refreshments for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM

A WORK IN PROGRESS

By: Herman Burton, President

Initiatives are under way for additions and improvements to the flying site for our club. Meetings have been held with NASA personnel to request specific improvements. The short list of improvements being considered is

1. Electrical power at the canopy

2. Potable water at the canopy
3. Re-paving the primary (main) runway and adjacent areas

Electrical power will provide one of the better improvements. All the electric pilots would be able to re-charge their battery packs at the field. Personal fans could be brought out for personal cooling and comfort. A refrigerated water cooler could be provided, and made available for club members. A delicious, cold drink of water goes a long way on these hot, summer days.

Potable water at the canopy would be a welcome treat. With just ice, we could have all the refreshing cold water necessary to stay hydrated in our typical hot and humid summers. And, with water at the site, a refrigerated water cooler could be purchased and installed, if the members wanted one.

And certainly, providing a crowned, paved flying site of runway and pit area, free from low spots and standing water, would enhance every pilots flying experience.

Other improvements to be discussed in the coming months will be brought forth at the next club meeting. You are encouraged to come out, let us know what your needs are, if you agree on the improvements being considered, what other improvements you would like to see, how the club can meet your flying requirements, etc. This is your club - we want your flying experience to be the best possible. Come out and be part of the solution.

Constitution and By Laws

By: Mike Laible, Herman Burton, and Charlie Teixeira

At the July, 2005, club meeting, the members will be asked to vote on changes and additions to the club's Constitution and By Laws. Earlier in the year, a motion was made, seconded, and approved by majority vote at a regular meeting for a committee to study possible changes to the club's handbook. The handbook contains all the pertinent and specific information concerning the club's operation. The primary purpose of the committee, composed of volunteers Charlie Teixeira, Mike Laible, and Herman Burton, was to study and possibly suggest incorporating new Student Pilot Guidelines and Pilot Instructor Guidelines into the handbook. However, as the committee began its work, it became obvious that a general review and updating of the entire handbook, last updated in 2000, would be beneficial, including the proposed new guidelines.

The proposed changes have been posted on the club's website at www.jscrcc.com. You are invited to access the website and review the document. At the July meeting, the

membership will be asked to approve the changes. The committee has attempted to clarify and make the document easier to read, simpler in its format, consistent with the principles of the hobby, and up to date. Your affirmative vote is requested.

3. Adding Student Pilot Guidelines
4. Adding Pilot Instructor Guidelines

A detailed listing of the major changes is given below. There were many typographical corrections and consistency checks from section to section which will not be listed due to their numbers. The major changes are:

1. Adding the office of Safety Officer in accordance with AMA
2. Clarifying types of memberships available, and their cost

The detailed changes are listed by the section of the Handbook and shown in italics and in red. Particular attention should be given to changes to the Constitution and By Laws (Sections II and III respectively) as these changes will require a 2/3 vote for approval.

Changes to the JSCRCC Handbook – 06/30/2005

Section I. General Information

- Updated and clarified procedures for gaining access to the flying site due to increased JSC security post 9/11
- Clarified wording on dues and family membership

Section II. Changes to the Constitution

Article 3.

Old: The Officers of this organization shall consist of a President, a Vice President/President Elect, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall serve for a period of one year, or until a successor is elected. The President must have been a club member in good standing for a minimum of one year. The officer shall be elected by secret ballot annually by and from the members of the organization.

New: The Officers of this organization shall consist of a President, a *Vice President*, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall serve for a period of one year, or until a successor is elected. The President must have been a club member in good standing for a minimum of one year. The officers shall be elected by secret ballot annually by the members of the organization. *In addition, the club will have a Safety Officer appointed by the President with concurrence from the other officers.*

Article 5.

Old: The constitution and By-Laws may be revised or amended by a 2/3 majority vote of those present at any regular meeting, provided that the proposed revision or amendment shall have been submitted to the membership through the Club newsletter, and that at least a quorum is in attendance.

New: The Constitution and By-Laws may be revised or amended by a 2/3 majority vote of those present at any regular meeting provided that the proposed revision(s) or amendment(s) shall have been submitted to the membership through the club newsletter prior to the meeting ~~and that at least a quorum is in attendance.~~

Article 6.

Old: The membership present at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting shall constitute a quorum.

New: ~~The membership present at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting shall constitute a quorum.~~

Article 7. Is now Article 6 due to above deletion

Section III. Changes to the By Laws

Article 2, Section 1:

Old: Each member shall be required to possess a valid radio license when required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for ownership and operation of RF equipment utilized in pursuit of the hobby. Only radio's currently approved by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and the FCC.

New: Only 72 MHz aircraft only frequencies (channel 11 through 60) or 50 MHz amateur radio band radios currently approved by the AMA and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) shall be used at the club field. Each member flying on the 50 MHz ham band is required to possess a valid amateur radio license as prescribed by FCC rules.

Article 2, Section 3:

Old: New Members: The first year dues for a senior member (21 years of age or older) shall be \$30.00. The first year dues for junior members (under 21 years of age or a full time student) shall be \$10.00.

Club Officers: Dues are waived for club officers.

Upon payment of club dues and AMA renewal through the club treasurer, the member shall be issued a club field pass. Members not renewing their AMA through the club will have their field pass withheld until they furnish proof of AMA membership to the treasurer.

New: New Members: The first year dues for a senior member (19 years of age or older) shall be \$30.00. The first year dues for junior members (under 19 years of age or a full time student) shall be \$10.00.

Dues are waived for club officers and the newsletter editor.

Upon payment of club dues and AMA renewal through the club Treasurer, the member will be issued a club field pass. Members not renewing their AMA through the club will have their field pass withheld until they furnish proof of AMA membership to the Treasurer or the Treasurer is able to obtain confirmation from AMA that the member has renewed.

Article 3, Section 2:

Old: Ballot forms with the nominations for the various positions will be forwarded to the membership along with the September club newsletter. These ballot forms will have the return address of a club member that has been appointed to adjudicate the election process.

New: Ballot forms with the nominations for the various positions will be forwarded to the membership via the October club newsletter. These ballot forms will have the return address of a club member that has been appointed to adjudicate the election process.

Article 5:

Old: The Club shall meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.

New: The Club shall meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. Changes to meeting location, time, or day may be implemented by the club president to accommodate holidays or other conflicts.

Article 8: New article

All student pilots will select an instructor (one can be found through one of the club officers or from the list published in the newsletter) and undertake the Pilot Certification Program described in Appendix B. After passing the Pilot Certification test and receiving a signed Final Exam and Solo Flight form from his/her instructor the student will be classified as a Pilot and be issued a Pilot field pass upon submission of the form to the Treasurer.

Current members holding Pilot badges as of June 1, 2005 will be "grandfathered" as certified pilots.

All other senior and junior members who are neither an instructor nor a pilot shall be classified as Students and subject to the provisions and restrictions of this handbook.

Article 9: New article

Pilots wishing to become flight instructors must undertake the certification process outlined in Appendix C. Final approval will be by the Chief Flight Instructor.

Current instructors as of the June 2005 newsletter will be “grandfathered” as certified flight instructors.

Article 10: New article

A Chief Flight Instructor will be selected by majority vote of the current flight instructors with approval of the President.

Section IV. Safety Rules

- 2e) Was deleted (repetitious with 2a) and 2d, covers transmitters being turned off and impound)
- 4) & 5) Were deleted (reference to changing location of pit areas no longer applicable)
- Updated and moved Daily and Pre-Flight Check lists from Recommended Guidelines for New Flyers (old Appendix A) to Safety section
- Added recommended use of aircraft restraint during start up
- Took out reference to “Helipad areas A and B” (don’t currently exist)

Section V. JSC Field Procedures

Item #7:

Old: No pilot shall fly while by the use of alcohol, medications or drugs. NASA regulations prohibit entering or leaving JSC property, or operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, medications or drugs.

New: No pilot shall fly while under the influence of alcohol **or illegal substances**. NASA regulations prohibit entering or leaving JSC property, or operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.

Item #9: Removed reference to “Field Manager” field passes (no longer used)

Appendices:

- **Appendix A-** Updated Application Form in regards to Junior age and family membership to be consistent with Handbook
 - **Appendix B-** New Pilot Certification Program
 - **Appendix C-**New Instructor Certification Program
 - **Appendix D-**Updated past and present officers
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9/16-18/05 : Houston Heli Fun Fly sponsored by PropNuts RC Club, Crosby TX. Contact Lloyd Sullivan CD at 281-998-3377 for more information.

10/15/05 : 21st Annual Big Bird Fly-In, New Waverly TX. Contact CD Yale Taylor at 936-760-2654 for more information.

For Sale

My name is Mike Burkhalter and I have been a member for several years but I have not been active in flying. My wife and I are moving to Crockett Texas and I am selling my planes and radio equipment. Attached are pictures of a Great Planes Skybolt; the aircraft is finished in West Systems epoxy and polyurethane, powered by a Supertiger 90 and controlled by a JR 642 with 5 servos. I also am selling a Goldberg Super Chipmunk and Corsair which are both controlled by a JR 622. The Chipmunk has flaps and flies very well with many flights; the Corsair has retracts, flaps and is powered by a Supertiger 90. The Skybolt and Corsair have only been flown a few times and are beautiful airplanes.



I am asking \$500 for the Skybolt and \$400 for the Corsair and Chipmunk together.

My number is 281 996-7931. Thanks.

Upcoming Events

7/17/05 : The Great P-51 Fly-In, Scobee Field, Houston TX. Jim Dreckow is CD, 713-299-8413. Sponsored by Bayou City Flyers

8/20/05 : The Kinda Cub Fly-In at Scobee Field, Houston TX. CD is Jim Dreckow, 713-299-8413. Sponsored by Bayou City Flyers

9/16-18/05 : 17th Annual B-17 Gathering and Scale Big Bird Fly-In, Bomber Field, Monaville TX. Contact Nick CD Stratos at 281-471-6762 for more information.

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