



# *The R/C Flyer*

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Next Meeting – August 11, 2005, Clear Lake Park Building – 7:00 PM

## **July, 2005 Meeting Minutes**

*By: James Lemon, Secretary*

Meeting began at 7/14/05 7:00 pm

**Guest:** Rudy Brunal.

**Coffee Cup Winners:** James Lemon, Boyce Sterling, Charles Teixeira.

### **Old Business:**

The club bylaws have been updated and can be found on the web site. Some changes were requested by club members.

- 1) Add 27 MHz band for electric use.
- 2) Remove the maneuvers that a student pilot must complete before being signed off as a pilot. The instructor will determine requirements for passing.

The club flyers will no longer be printed in color.

### **New Business:**

A frequency analyzer has been placed in the white field box.

At the August meeting the members will prepare a list of field improvements that will be submitted to JSC.

## **Show & Tell:**

Larry Bailey showed us his Bell 230 helicopter body that will be powered by a Zenoah 230.



Larry Bailey with his Bell 230

## **Model of the Month:**

Andrew Lynch and Joshua showed us their Tower Hobbies trainer with a recovery parachute that they designed.

Ron Madsen won MOM with his TA152 which was converted from a Top Flite FW190 kit. A Saito 91 powers the TA152.



Andrew Lynch and Joshua with their Tower Hobbies trainer



Ron Madsen with his MOM

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### **New By-Laws Approved**

*By: Herman Burton, President*

The club unanimously approved revisions to the by-laws of the Johnson Space Center Radio Control Club at the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. A committee of volunteers had been working on the club by-laws since early in the spring to bring them into conformity with the AMA, resolve internal discrepancies within the by-laws, and add requirements for student and instructor pilots. Two minor changes were brought to the attention

of the club during discussions prior to voting, and these changes were added. This final, "official" version is dated August 1, 2005 and should have been distributed electronically to all club members and posted on the club's web site by the time you read this. If you did not receive a copy, let one of the club officers know.

The input of the members who made comments, both during the review process and during the final discussion prior to voting, is appreciated. With the by-laws accepted and updated, the club can continue to move on down the 21<sup>st</sup> century. A warm thank you is extended to all who participated.

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### **FIELD IMPROVEMENTS**

*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 includes:

1. Electrical power at the canopy
2. Potable water at the canopy
3. Re-paving the primary (main) runway and adjacent areas
4. Crosswind runway
5. Tear down of radar screens
6. Port Potty

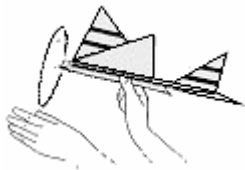
At the July meeting, the club decided to submit a list of suggested field improvements to NASA for their consideration.

You are encouraged to come to the August 11 meeting with your list of suggested field improvements, and the club will have a discussion and vote on the items of most importance to the members. Those improvements which make the final cut will be forwarded to NASA for their review and, hopefully, implementation over the near term future.

This is your club, and we want to serve your needs. Let us know what is important, by attending and voicing your opinions.

See you August 11<sup>th</sup>!

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## **Delta Darts at Seabrook** **First Baptist**

*By: Mike Laible*

On June 4, 2005, Terry Dunn and I went to Seabrook First Baptist (SFB) to build some delta darts. The darts were built with 5 young men part of the youth group at SFB. We started by building the darts and while they dried we went to the church field to fly some control line and small electrics. Everyone had a great time and several want to take RC flying lessons.

One thing I have found out is that the youth groups at churches are kids wanting to learn. It makes for a great day and everyone has fun. What else could you ask for, a good group of kids wanting something to do. In fact most churches have small fields capable of handling control line and electrics.

An interesting group started to combine faith and modeling is the Fellowship of Christian Modelers at <http://www.fcmodelers.com/>



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## **Safety Tip**

*By: Editor*

A pilot (at another local club) received a huge gash on his right leg recently from a propeller turning at near full throttle. The plane had landed and was coming back towards the pit area but the pilot was unable to cut the engine via his transmitter. He approached the plane with the transmitter in his left hand and for whatever reason (thumb hit the throttle lever??) the engine ran up to high/full throttle. The plane's right wing hit the pilot's left leg causing the plane to swing around and the prop to find his right leg resulting in a serious cut requiring some 32 stitches.

*The lesson from this incident is to make sure you can shut the engine down from a transmitter command and to use it at a safe distance from the pit area. Don't rely on throwing a rag into the propeller, grabbing the spinner with your hand, or any other technique that is just an accident waiting to happen. Take the time to set up your transmitter/throttle servo to insure a safe shut down and check it out while the plane is held down. It could save you or a bystander serious injury.*

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## **LOST:**

Socket set left at field the weekend of June 25<sup>th</sup>. The case has Boeing on it. If found please call Mike Laible at 281-474-1255.

## Slight Change

By: *Editor*

In case you hadn't noticed a slightly larger font was used this month. I don't know about you folks but the 10pt font was getting a little hard to read (no wisecracks!). Let me know if you like the larger font or prefer the previous smaller font.

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## Upcoming Events

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 : 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

10/8/05 : Art Watson/Dave Thommason Memorial Fly in, Crosby TX. Sponsor is Propnuts. (Restricted to IMAA Members). CD is Charles Stevens at 713-473-4995.

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

10/29/05 : 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fun Fly at Elwood Field, Livingston TX. CD is Mike Muehr. Event is benefiting Empty Stockings of Livingston.

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