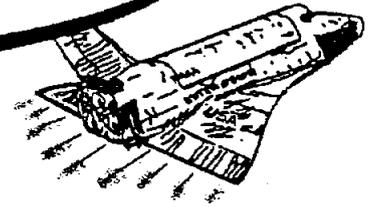


The **R** **C** Flyer



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The News Letter of the *Manned Spacecraft Center Radio Control Club*

President's Corner

Mike Laible

OK, somebody slow down the calendar. I really believe that cutting down all the trees is reducing the earth's moment arm, thus speeding up rotation thus accelerating time. YAH, this explains the fact why I still write '96 on checks. Seriously, I can't believe I am writing the August newsletter. It seems like summer is moving right along. However, my point is eight months of the year has gone by and the club should be proud of the accomplishments. We have hosted several student training classes, trained at least four young members, just completed two sessions of Aviation Camp, five fun fly's and most of all we are training 5-7 additional new members. We should be proud, things are going well for the MSC RC Club.

Now that I have buttered you all up I guess you are waiting for the big request. Don't worry, no request. All we have in the near term is the Ballunar Festival. I will discuss this more at the next meeting. We need the usual, pilots and members to man the booths, etc. One new item I want to try this year is to pull a banner using Don Fishers Telemaster. I think this would be great, a banner with an aerobatic plane flying above (*Editor: Charles how is the Extra coming along, Hint, Hint*). Anyway, should be a great time. See you there!

I believe this month marks two new pilots, at least two that I know of. Charles Boehl and Mary Caldwell. Congratulations goes to both of them. If anyone else has soloed please let me know so I can but some congrats in the newsletter. Let's keep up the good work and make this club one of the friendliest in Houston.

The pavilion is in the hands of the radar range group. Bill Langdoc has passed on the information to the proper organization and we should hear back shortly. Let's keep our fingers crossed. Could have used the shelter at the last fun-fly.

I just started the conversion of a Ryobi 31 cc gas engine. This is actually a nice idea and everything seems to be working out just fine. I am going to bring it in at the next meeting. The only major work was filing the magneto fins. No biggy. Should look nice in the 1/4 scale Sukhoi I am designing. Speaking of designs, I just finished hanging a door (horizontal of course) as a workbench to build the F8F (see hints). I have all the parts, pieces, engine, etc. TIME TO BUILD!!!!!! I will keep everyone informed.

I think I have run out of things to say. It's time to put the old batteries on charge and check the planes for loose bolts.

Lets' go fly!

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P.S. I was about to send this to press until I received a phone call and it prompt me to add a

paragraph.

I now know why I love this hobby. I have several designs on the market, nothing much, but my designs and once in awhile a check rolls in. It prompts other designers to call (or email) me from around the world. Usually older than myself. Sometimes the conversation last for hours. I have talked with gentleman that have worked on F6F's, remember seeing squadrons of B-25s fly over, early RC modelers with tons of stories, service personnel that served in Vietnam, serviced all sorts of planes, etc., etc. I guess what I am trying to say is "My conversations are priceless". I wouldn't trade it for the world. The camaraderie really has no ethnic or gender bias, its just planes. I want to thank everyone and believe me I value every conversation I have with you guys (Had to keep the midwestern slang).

Things Every Person Should Know

EMAIL: Author not reported.

A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

In the 1940s, the FCC assigned television's Channel 1 to mobile services (two-way radios in taxicabs, for instance) but did not re-number the other channel assignments. That is why your TV set has channels 2 and up, but no channel 1.

The "save" icon on Microsoft Word shows a floppy disk, with the shutter on backwards.

The combination "ough" can be pronounced in nine different ways. The following sentence contains them all: "A rough-coated, dough-faced, thoughtful ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough; after falling into a slough, he coughed and hiccoughed."

The only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is uncopyrightable.

Emus and kangaroos cannot walk backwards, and are on the Australian coat of arms for that reason.

Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds, while dogs only have about ten.

The word "Checkmate" in chess comes from the Persian phrase "Shah Mat," which means "the king is dead".

In every episode of Seinfeld there is a Superman somewhere.

An animal epidemic is called an epizootic.

All porcupines float in water.

Hang On Sloopy is the official rock song of Ohio.

The reason firehouses have circular stairways is from the days of yore when the engines were pulled by horses. The horses were stabled on the ground floor and figured out how to walk up straight staircases.

The airplane Buddy Holly died in was the "American Pie." (Thus the name of the Don McLean song.)

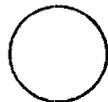
Texas is also the only state that is allowed to fly its state flag at the same height as the U.S. flag. 

**Next Meeting on Thursday
August 14th, 1997, 7:00 PM
Clear Lake Park Building**

Hint by Mike

Mike Laible

I remember seeing a neat little trick in one of my wood magazines a while back. The trick is to use a door for a work table. The hint is to mount the door horizontally on the garage wall with the door hinges. When not in use the door can swing down against the wall. When needed the door can swing out and legs propped under the door. Makes for a nice and sturdy foldable work bench. 



THE SIZZLER IN JULY

Mike Laible

As the picture above illustrates, the JULY funfly was a scorcher. I believe I lost ten pounds. Even with the ambient heat the contest were even hotter.

The contests held were the alarm clock pylon, touch and goes, and spot landing. The alarm clock pylon was won by Mike Laible, with second going to Charles Copeland, and third going to Ron Madsun. The highlight was Charles completing several rounds of the pylon pattern inverted. Turned a few heads!!!

The touch and goes was a heated contest. Three minutes is a long time and it seemed the contest was decided by who could keep their concentration the longest. Mike Laible won with 10 touch'n goes, however, Don Fisher and Jeff Longmore had 7 and 8 landings respectively with one minute left before killing the engine. Jeff took second with 8 and Don

and Kellan tied for third with seven. YES, Kellan Guertenmiller, seven touch and goes and only has been flying for about 5 months, soloed last month.

The final event was spot landing. Non other than the hot shot won, Kellan. Yes, Kellan got closest to the spot. I am impressed. Second went to Duane Sterling and third went to Ray Randolph. Don Fisher actually was closer than Ray but forgot to kill the engine, Hee, Hee.

Even with the heat the July fun fly was a huge success. We had ten participants and numerous onlookers. To avoid losing some members to heat stroke (like me) the members voted to skip the August funfly. So see you in September. 

FunFly Standings

Members	July	Total
Mike Laible	6 pts.	17 pts.
Jeff Longmore	2 pts.	8 pts.
George Nixon	0 pts.	7 pts.
Don Fisher	1 pt.	6 pts.
Charles Copeland	2 pts.	6 pts.
Kellan Guertenmiller	4 pts.	4 pts.
Ray Randolph	1 pt.	3 pts.
Duane Sterling	2 pts.	2 pts.
Ron Madsen	1 pt.	1 pt.
Barry Williams	0 pts.	1 pt.
Scott Anderson	0 pts.	1 pt.

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Twenty Years Ago

MSC RCC
August 11th, 1977

Model Of the Month:
Walt Laich showed a Bridi Kaos 40. Covered with silkspan, K&B Superpoxy and K&B 40 engine.

Owen Morris presented a Sig "Kwik-Bilt" P-51. A 1/2" balsa crutch holds all the equipment and anchors the fuselage plastic half shells. D&R Scale prop, Fox Eagle (Editor: WHAT???), Goldberg retracts, add-on plastic details and Perfect camouflage paint.

The minutes did not mention who won. Can anyone remember? Can
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Minutes from the July 1997 Meeting



**Minutes by Bill, the
Secretary**

 **General:**

Notes from the 7/10/97 Meeting of the MSCRC Club Respectively submitted: Donald White. Bill was on vacation.

The meeting was called to order by the president Mike Laible shortly after 7:00pm with a short overview of his trip to Money Land, I mean Disney Land. 33 Members and visitors were present.

Visitors were welcomed and introduced themselves,

Herman Burton new to R/C was interested in joining for an instructor, Alex Goza in the company of his father, Mike, Giulio Chiarenza and Kevin Lind. Last name unknown a flyer from another club that lives nearby.

Minutes from June were approved.



Old Business:

-Moody Gardens was completed with good feed back about our participation.

-Shade canopy project was discussed and the overall design was approved by the Center. It is estimated that the cost will be \$1000 for construction with a fiberglass roof, less if metal is allowed. It was moved and seconded that the projects can go forward for discussions with the people that operate the radar range. It was suggested that to off-set the cost of construction, members donate items for the auction. the proceeds could go to the club.

-Two members Mary Caldwell and Charles Boehl were given pilot privileges by the instructors.

-The fun fly is on for Saturday 7/12 morning at 9:00am, events to be announced.



New Business:

-Balloon Festival on 8/22-24 will give us a booth and we intend to support the event with flight demonstrations and static display. The event will be moved to the parking areas near building 45 to make a better situations for our flying.

-Space Center Houston Aviation Camp -7/18 needs pilots for flying demonstrations on the field.

-Special decal letters for airplnes can be order for \$15.00 for as much as can fit on a 12X36 inch sheet. See Don Fisher for details and colors.

-The USAF Museum in Dayton, Ohio will sponsor the "dawn Patrol" September 26-27. One of our club members, Dean Lockoverr is the CD.

-Berry Green brought some neat medical

tools "hemostats" to sell for \$1. Each.

-Mike brought a index of Aviation Museums book that has a listing of over 800 museums, all over the country.

-Discussion of scanning Aviation Photos if interested see Dean Lockhover.



Model of the Month:

Model of the Month was won by Ein Smith with a Ace Wiz, Neat model with lots of flight time, Ein said it was very tail heavy and had to add 10 oz of lead to the nose. Runner up was Mike Laible's scale English home built, built from plans he developed has will sell. Nice looking 60 size model!



Program:

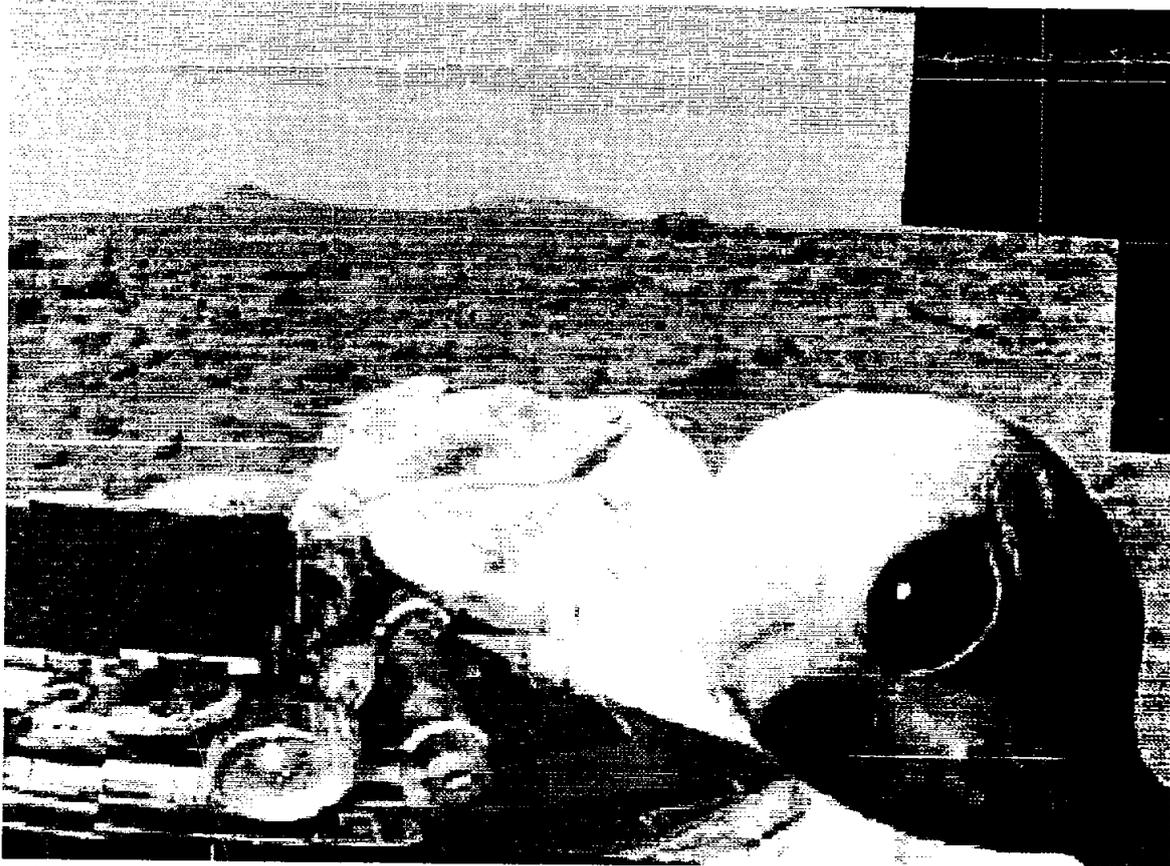
The entertainment was a presentation by Mike on model design. This is a very interesting subject and several members wanted to know a lot more about this subject. Mike was kind enough to provide handouts and copies can be provided. This is the exact kind of presentation needed to demonstrate the usefulness of the math we all had to learn and to see how it can be put to use. I found this presentation to be very interesting. Lets have more Great Job Mike, thanks!!!!



Refreshments:

none

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.



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Fuel for Sale

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Tas Crowson		474-9531
Don Fisher	474-4942(H)	483-2157(W)
Wayne Green		484-3151
Don White		488-1024

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Mike Laible	474-1255(H)	244-8376(W)
Mike Goza		
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Wayne Green (Heli)		484-3151
Jerry Hajek	486-4722(H)	246-4312(W)
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