



# *The R/C Flyer*

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Next Meeting – Thursday September 13 at 7:00pm - Clear Lake Park Bldg.

## **The President's Corner**

*By: Clay Bare, President*

I hope all have survived all the rain we had this past month. I was out at the field this morning (Sunday) and had a hard time finding a dry spot to set my heli on. While we were out, we had a little reminder of some non-aircraft related hazards that may be present at the field. A small snake had slithered out on the asphalt to get out of the standing water. He was only 8"-10" inches long and not in the least happy to see us. He probably was non-venomous but he still tried several times to strike at my size 11 Converse. Though this one was non-venomous, there are several venomous snakes that are common to this area. One of these could just as easily find it's way to the asphalt. **KEEP YOUR EYES OPENED!** The following website lists some of the venomous snakes found here in Texas, <http://www.kingsnake.com/venom/>.

Club elections are quickly approaching. I have enjoyed serving as your president the past 10 months; however, I feel that other commitments will prevent me from running again this year. The floor will be opened for officer nominations at the September meeting with the election to take place in October. As a reminder, the current club offices are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Please give some consideration of whom you would like to see in these positions for the coming year. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, don't hesitate to nominate yourself.

Well that's all I have for now... Happy Intentional Landings!

## **August 2001 Meeting Minutes**

August meeting minutes were not available at "press time".

Don White and Charlie Teixeira made model of the Month presentations. Ron Madsen showed an Extra 300 under construction and Mike McGraw made a presentation on some new products he will be distributing.



Don White discusses his latest electric park flyer



Ron Madsen's Great Planes Extra .40



Charlie Teixeira's Great Planes Extra (.60) Model of the Month (MOM)



Mike McGraw discussing latest products

## September Fun Fly

*By: James Lemon*

It is time for another Fun Fly. The May event was cancelled because we did not have the minimum number of pilots to make it official. Try to make this one, it should be fun. Hobby Center gift certificates will be awarded to the top three finishers.

***All of the events will be great for Newbies!***

The Fun Fly will be held on 9/15/01. Registration will be at 9:00 am and the events will be Mail Run, Luck and Go, and Alarm Clock Pylon.

### **Mail Run:**

- 1) Start engine.
- 2) Position plane for take off on a designated spot.
- 3) A card will be placed on the plane (The Mail), method of choice rubber bands etc.
- 4) Take off and fly around the designated markers and land.
- 5) Taxi back to the original spot where your second piece of mail will be added.
- 6) Take off again and fly around the designated markers and land.
- 7) Taxi back to the original spot.
- 8) Shortest time wins.

### **Luck and Go:**

- 1) Start Engine.
- 2) Position plane for take off.
- 3) Go to dice table.
- 4) Pick up dice and roll until "7" is thrown. (Time starts when the dice are picked up)
- 5) At roll of "7" take off.
- 6) Make at least 180deg turn and land. (Time stops at touchdown)
- 7) Shortest time wins.

### **Alarm Clock Pylon:**

- 1) Start engine, take off
- 2) Circle pylons until all contestants are airborne.
- 3) Time starts when whistle blows.
- 4) First contestant to pass finish line after second whistle blows wins.
- 5) Stay airborne until the CD tells you to land.

	<u>Total 2001 Points</u>
James Lemon	12
George Nixon	6
John Boyle	5
Mike Goza	4
Ray Randolph	3
Holly Boyle	3
Ron Madsen	2



## In The Pits

By: Michael R. Laible

I tell ya, time flies when you are having fun. I checked my files and it seems that the only articles I have written to the newsletter was in February and a short article in June. Wow, I can't believe it has been that long ago. In fact it seems like I only get one to two times a month to fly. Good thing I have the SIG 4-star, it makes anyone green behind the ears look good.

In my last article I wrote about my high frequency vibration test on the SIG 4-star. Well that is back together and flying better than ever. Had it at the Bayport fly-in and flew all day on a smidgen of gas. Now being the low energy person I am, I couldn't let the SIG 4-star vibration test be the last. It seems I had to perform a wing stress test on my Sukhoi. Yep, after one flight (well, I wasn't flying it) I decided that it was time to hang it up for the day. When I took the wing off it almost fell in two, right down the middle. It seems the joint came unglued and I forgot to glass the center section. Who designed this thing!!!! It's back together better than new.

I made a European vacation trip this summer to meet up with a family we know in the Czech Republic. Wouldn't you know it; their village is about 30 miles from the ZDZ model engine factory. Yep, had to stop in and pick me up a deal. The first picture is of me holding my new purchase. Note the nice European Cappuccino on the table.



The second picture is my daughter, Michal, part owner of ZDZ and me. The one peeking around the corner is my excited wife - Ava.



Oh yah, had to throw in a castle - one of many. I plan on giving a talk at the September meeting so I will have more pictures then. So please show up and I promise a good time.



## What's New?

By: Michael R. Laible

I have been involved with Dr. Sandy Frank getting Model Aviation in the local intermediate schools. It seems through his program and Mary Ann Herion, I will have MA in every intermediate school in CCISD. This is great news!!!

The Ballunar festival has come and gone. The Saturday and Sunday shows went off without a hitch. Randy Hammond and Derrick Martin did the flying. Derrick is a full size heli pilot flying Rangers out to the oil rigs. He could handle his heli with authority. A good crowd pleaser was an inverted tornado about 2 feet off the ground. Need I say more? Randy pleased the crowd with his usual flying skills. The weather was nice and the heat was under control with the crowds.

Remember, I can always use pictures for the homepage!! Be it helis or fixed wing. The homepage is the clubs and is as active as the club makes it. I have looked at my notes and I have records of starting the JSC page in '93. This is one of the first model RC club homepages!!!

Fly safe!!

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## **August MOM Update**

*By: Charlie Teixeira*

I managed to get the first flight in (before the rains came) of the Great Planes Extra 300S I showed at the August meeting. The new OS91 was still very tight after having run several tanks of fuel through it and required some additional mixture adjustments at the field. After taxiing around for a few minutes, I got the nerve up and took off. Although set at a very rich mixture ratio, the engine provided plenty of power for a good climb rate. The plane needed little trimming and flew great. Landing was a little fast but uneventful. The second flight went well also except on the landing. I let the plane drift over to the grass but it looked like it was going to be OK (just glad to get it down with my mouth still full of cotton). However, shortly after touchdown, the plane flipped over tearing the landing gear off. I thought to myself, heck, another classic Teixeira landing. However when I got home and checked over the plane for any damage I found the outer wheel collar missing and the wheel jammed against the wheel pant, which probably acted like a huge brake causing the flip over. Although I thought I had checked everything over carefully, I must not have tightened the wheel collar enough and was just lucky to get off the ground OK. Luckily, I got off with minor damage and actually now have a better landing gear attachment than called for in the plans by replacing the #8x5/8" metal screws (which I thought would not hold up very long given the almost 9 lb weight and my landing technique) with 1/4x20 nylon bolts. Repairs have been made and it's ready to go again, if it ever quits raining. *Moral:*

*check and re-check your airplane before AND after each flight!*

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## **Frequency Survey Status**

*By: Charlie Teixeira*

On the last page of this newsletter is a tabulation of the channel usage survey going on for the past several months. We have had 37 members respond, which is about 29% of the club membership, not a high response rate. Some quick observations:

--Most used channel: 23

--Not used at all: 13,14,32,36,55,58,59.

The only reported interference that I am aware of occurred last March on channel 56.

Unless we receive more feedback, the channel survey will be considered completed.

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## **Upcoming Area Events**

*By: Charlie Teixeira*

Sept 15, 2001: Poker Run Fun Fly, Texas City TX. Contact B. Campopiano at 281-484-4003. Sponsor is Texas City RC Club. (Note: This event was originally listed as a War Bird Fun Fly but has been changed to the Poker Run).

Sept 22, 2001: Swap Meet from 9:00 to 4:00 PM, Sugar Land TX. Contact S. Grice at 281-242-2342 for details. Sponsored by Fort Bend RC Club.

Sept 23, 2001: Battle on the Bayou at Scobee Field. Contact J. Dieckow at 713-464-2381. Sponsored by the Bayou City Flyers.

Sept 30, 2001: Space City Cross Country Challenge in Katy TX. Contact M. Crotts at 281-578-6183 for details. Sponsor: Space City RC Club.

Oct 6, 2001: Houston Combat Classic at Scobee Field. Contact Richard Stubblefield at 281-358-3522 for information. Sponsor is Proptwisters of Houston.

Oct 13-14, 2001: Memorial Big Bird Fly In, Crosby TX. (C-Restricted). Contact Charles Stevens at 713-473-4995 for information. Sponsor is Prop Nuts RC Club.

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*Don't Forget Club Officer Nominations at the September meeting!*

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## **Rules of Life**

From: *The Logbook*  
The Jericho Radio Control Flyers, Inc.  
Bob Schoppe, editor  
Miller Place NY

There are two rules of life.

1. Never tell people everything you know.

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**Fun Fly - September 15th**

Channel survey results as of September 3, 2001

Channel	Number of Users
11	1
12	4
13	0
14	0
15	1
16	3
17	2
18	3
19	1
20	2
21	2
22	2
23	5
24	1
25	2
26	1
27	3
28	3
29	1
30	3
31	2
32	0
33	2
34	3
35	1
36	0

Channel	Number of Users
37	2
38	1
39	1
40	1
41	1
42	1
43	1
44	2
45	1
46	2
47	1
48	3
49	3
50	3
51	2
52	2
53	1
54	4
55	0
56	2
57	1
58	0
59	0
60	2
50.3	1
53.4	1