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The Newsletter of the *Manned Spacecraft Center Radio Control Club*

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**President's Corner**

Mike Laible

It must have been faith, but I got so busy with the Ballunar Festival I did not get a chance to send out the September newsletter and to top it off, mother nature took care of the meeting. So everyone got a little break from club duties for September.


So let's do some catching up. The August funfly was a hoot. I tried but just couldn't make any headway on Joe Parlanti. The events were great and really a nice twist. Thanks for everyone that loaned me a prop. It seemed I was really eating them up that day. But all and all the day was a lot of fun.

The ballunar festival was a huge success for the club and event organizers. The MSC RC tent was well attended and plenty of planes to show. One item I would like to remember for next year is maybe we could have little airplanes to hand out, like the ones I had at the Christmas party. I believe it was \$10 for a gross. Thirty dollars should handle all weekend (maybe). The banner towing was a huge success and CarpetMax was very happy. One show we even had two Telemasters towing banners. Anyone have a picture of this?? The Osborne/Goza show was excellent as usual. Numerous ooo's and ahhh's. Hats off to everyone that helped.

The Auction is near!!!! As usual we will need help for sign up, handling the hardware, auctioneer, flyer distribution, and etc. I will try and contact David Dale for auctioneer, however, last I heard he may have been transferred out state. So anyone have auctioneer experience??? So lets roll up our sleeves and volunteer for this event.

Let's not forget about the Club BBQ/Picnic and last of the year fun fly. I really think we should void the first place prizes and just give out second place. I know, can we give negative points!!! Oh well, it looks like Joe has the event wrapped up. However, you can bet on it that I will be shooting it out for second place. Maybe the Bearcat can make the maiden voyage on this day! That should be good for a few points.

Officers, yes we need a few good men/woman. It is that time of the year. Infact we are late. It was unfortunate that tropical storm Frances decided to rain on our parade. As it may be, we still need some officers to volunteer. Maybe I need to appoint an independent council, Hummmm.

Till next month, safe landings. 

**Next Meeting**  
**October 8th, 1998, 7:00 PM**  
**CLEAR LAKE PARK BUILDING**

# Fun Fly Results August 15th '98

A Little Rain Didn't Stop Us

By Preston Hunt

As CD of the august fun fly, I decided to make things interesting by not announcing the events until the day of the funfly. I also was determined to find a few different events to make things exciting. After a brief surf around the web, I came across "Rconline.com" and located a listing of fun fly events compiled by Bill Fulmer. After scanning through the list, I picked two easy ones to implement the event and used the old climb and glide as the third.

Total Scores after three fun fly's

Joe Parlanti	19
Jeff Longmore	7
Mike Laible	7
Rob Bartel	6
Ray Randolph	4
Brett Yourgans	3
Ed Copeland	2
Dave Mahan	2
Rick Searfoss	2
Boyce Sterling	1

### Mail Run

Mike Laible	3:43.49	2nd
Ed Copeland	3:59.99	4th
Joe Copeland	3:51.41	3rd
Brett Yourgans	1:59.72	1st

### Climb and Glide

Mike Laible	2:47.34	1st
Ed Copeland	2:29.72	3rd
Joe Parlanti	2:29.77	2nd
Brett Yourgans	2:13.66	4th

Can you believe 5 hundredths of a second between 2nd and 3rd

### Blind Flight

Mike Laible	1:09.22	2nd
Ed Copeland	1:15.63	3rd
Joe Parlanti	0:55.57	1st
Brett Yourgans	1:28.59	4th
Charlie Wilson	2:04.22	5th

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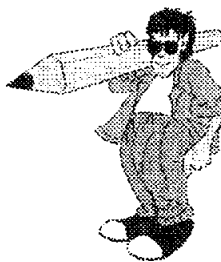
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"Support Your R/C Flyer"

## Minutes from the August, 1998 Meeting



Minutes by Bill, the Secretary



### General:

Submitted by Bill Langdoc

The August 8, 1998 meeting of the MSC R/C Club was convened at 7:09 by President Mike Laible. Eventually there were 34 members and visitors in attendance. New pilots were congratulated included: Troy Whitehurst, Randy Karenel, Herman Burton, and Charlie Wilson.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as

written. There was no treasurer's report.



**Old Business:**

A discussion was held on ideas for a revised club logo, and getting T-shirts with this new logo for the Ballunar Festival. Several suggested new logos were presented. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to add "Houston, Texas" to the current logo. Another motion was made and approved to start taking orders for T-shirts and knit shirts with collar with the revised logo.

An order sheet was prepared and club members encouraged to indicate type, size, and quantities.

A discussion of a revised home page and newsletter were postponed until next month. However, Mike Laible indicated that the club needed someone to take on each of these responsibilities. Mike indicated that he does not plan to run again for president again or to continue editing the newsletter. He wants to spend his time concentrating on getting a flying field pavilion approved and built.

The next Fun-Fly is scheduled for Saturday, August 15th. Preston Hunt will be the contest director. Practice will start at 8AM, with the events beginning at 9AM. The events for this Fun-Fly will not be announced until that morning.

The availability of club fuel was checked. There are still a number of gallons of fuel available. An exact count will be determined by the next club meeting and an assessment made at time on whether or not to order any more. A discussion ensued on engine run problems. Several people expressed concerns with the last batch of club fuel. It was pointed out that unless a fuel container is kept sealed between uses, it will absorb moisture and quickly become unusable.

Plans for the Ballunar Festival are being finalized. Two demonstrations each day are currently scheduled, plus we have been asked to be on-call to fly on short notice as a filler. Jim Osborne from Pirate Models will fly an aircraft demonstration.

Mike Goza will fly his helicopter. Laible has been talking with Space Center Houston to get a banner or two to pull during the festival. Club members were asked to sign up to work both the club booth and the flight demonstrations. A sign-up sheet with two hour increments for both Saturday and Sunday was presented. The club has eight free passes to the exhibit area, plus eight field passes for the demonstrations. These will be shared among those who work the Ballunar Festival. Ken White indicated he has four walkie talkies available to help the flight demos. Don Fisher will provide tables, stanchions, rope, and signs for the club booth. Kellan Goestemiller will mow the sides of the runway a couple of days before the festival. The club voted to provide Jim Osborne with a complimentary club membership as a token of thanks for assisting with the festival.

Club members were again encouraged to provide their e-mail addresses to Mike Laible at [milaible@phoenix.net](mailto:milaible@phoenix.net).



**New Business:**

Nominations for club officers--President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer are needed by the September meeting. The election will be held in October.

The shut-down of the flying field by JSC Security (due to the fire alert) has been resolved. We plan to get a copy for our files of the letter from Safety indicating that it is okay to fly. It was suggested that we also laminate a copy and put it in the field box in case there is a future problem with JSC Security.

The July model of the month plaque for Owen Morris was available, but will have to be presented the next time Owen comes to the meeting.

A discussion on flying field safety led to a reminder that no one is to fly over the pits or parked cars. That is the club rule. Everyone is responsible for field safety and should stop any unsafe act. It was suggested that the flying field safety rules be posted

at the field to aid enforcement.

An updated club roster giving names, addresses, and phone numbers is available. A number of copies were passed out at the meeting.

Joe Parlanti showed a landing gear that had been finished with a powder coating. Joe talked about the powder coating process, which can be used on any metal part. The parts are sprayed with a colored using an electrostatic process, and are then baked at 400 degrees. A powder coating kit is available from Eastwood for around \$150.



**Model of the Month:**

Herman Burton showed his Great Planes Trainer 40. This is the plane that Herman learned to fly with; and while it has crashed four times, it has been easily repaired and is in very good condition.

Ken White showed a Tower Hobby Uproar which was still under construction. Ken plans to cover it with a laminating film which he got from a teacher supply. The film is very light but not fuel proof. He has used this film on gliders, but has found that painting with Painter's Touch does create a fuel proof finish. He expects the total airplane, when completed, to weigh around four pounds.

Herman's Trainer 40 was selected as Model of the Month.



**Program:**

The program was slides and video tape taken by Mike Laible at this year's Scale National Contest. As would be expected at this level, the construction and the flying were outstanding.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20.

**Minutes from the  
September, 1998 Meeting**

Submitted by Bill Langdoc

The September 10, 1998 meeting of the MSC R/C

Club was convened at 7:00 by President Mike Laible. Due to Tropical Storm Frances the meeting was very abbreviated. It should be noted however, that Treasurer David Hoffman was not only present but arrived early. Eventually nine diehard members made it.

Mike Liabile explained that the August newsletter was not sent out due to the press of other business; however, he did send the minutes by e-mail to those club members for whom he had an address.

Our participation in the Ballunar Festival generally went well. Mike Goza performed six demonstration flights which were well received. Jim Osborne had to cancel one of his flights when his airplane failed to start. A number of inquiries about the club and potential new members have been received as a result of the festival.

The October meeting will have election of new officers, selection of the model of the year, and establish plans for the November auction.

A general discussion ensued on engine maintenance and modifications. Mike Goza explained how to change the bearings in an engine.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

**Fuel for Sale**

John Campo		488-7748
Tas Crowson		474-9531
Don Fisher	474-4942(H)	483-2157(W)
Wayne Green		484-3151

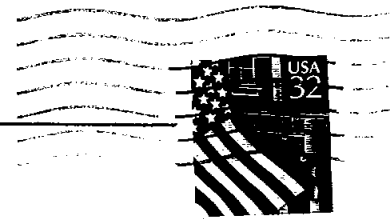
**Instructors**

John Campo		488-7748
Charles Copeland		474-1195
Don Fisher	474-4942(H)	483-2157(W)
Mike Laible	474-1255(H)	336-4718(W)
Mike Goza		
(Heli and Airplane)	554-4016(H)	483-4696(W)
Wayne Green		484-3151
Jerry Hajek	486-4722(H)	246-4312(W)
David Hoffman	476-5206(H)	479-1945(W)
David Tadlock (Glider)		481-5227

**Club Officers**

President	Mike Laible	474-1255
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Treasurer	Dave Hoffman	476-5206
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