



# *The R/C Flyer*

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Next Meeting – January 9, 2003 at 7:00pm - Clear Lake Park Bldg.

## December 2002 Meeting Minutes

*By: Editor*

Business was not conducted nor minutes taken as the club held its annual Christmas Party. It was a great time with excellent food and fellowship. Mr. Bob Obenberger of Romco Inc. (True-Turn products) presented a program on the company's beginnings, expansion, and products. Mr. Obenberger donated numerous items that will be used as door prizes at the club meetings throughout the year. Thanks Bob !

Model of the Year was selected out of some eight eligible models (still around and flyable!). Third place went to James Hornsby and his Small Creations TRC2 Sidewinder Q-40 pylon racer. Second place went to Tony Zinn and his scratch built electric powered Monocoupe. First place went to your editor and his Top Flight P-51 Mustang.



Tony Zinn and his Monocoupe



James Hornsby with his TRC2



Charlie Teixeira's P-51 Mustang Model of the Year

## **Club Web Site**

*By: Editor*

As most of you know by now, the club lost its domain during the past month. Thanks to Preston Hunt and Mike Laible, the web site is up and is being "reconstructed" with data from the previous site. Check it out at <http://www.jsrcc.com>

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## **Flying Site Upgrade**

*(Editor: The following is a synopsis of the field improvements started last month as relayed by Bruce Hilty).*

The work area stretches from approximately 50' east of the little RC shelter (Tx impound) to approximately 350' west. The asphalt surfaces on both sides of the concrete strip were brushed and swept to pick up all loose gravel. After cleaning, the surfaces were then seal coated with a two part diluted asphalt emulsion suitable for older asphalt surfaces. (The center opted to try the sealant approach first to see if that would work before committing funds to perform a complete asphalt replacement). Some small areas may be patched, as needed. There are some areas that appear to have not been sealed yet, but what has been done looks good.



View looking west from Tx impound

There are some concrete slabs/metal plates several inches above the surface at the west end of the field where gravel used to accumulate that will need to be "fixed".



"Automated Landing Gear Removal System" at far west end of pavement. Avoid area until obstacles are fixed/removed.

There is still some work to do out there...

- #1- Get the shelter. Center OPS said that they will begin work on this after the holidays. They want to check a few things with the building management. (Looks like one of the carports that are used at the center for car inspections).
- #2- Fill the holes and step-ups that are around the boxes and the road.
- #3- Clean/sweep the remaining areas of the radar range.
- #4- Tear down the radar reflector(s).

Hilty suggests the club paint the runway center lines as soon as possible while the sealant is fresh so the paint will stick better. Also, the club should look into getting 3-4 treated lumber picnic tables for under the shelter. (Maybe someone will volunteer to build some???)

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## **Must Have Book**

*By: Don White*

Long ago, my secretary brought in a book for me to see that she had purchased in a garage sale. It was a complete Encyclopedia of the War Plane from 1914 to the present time by Enco Angelucci. It had every war airplane in the world included. I bought it from her and it has become a very important source of information and other material on the subject for me. It has everything! A small three-view drawing, color sketches and a write-up on each airplane--well over 400 pages. When I was at 1/2 Priced books in Rice Village, I spotted a copy, in fact a dozen copies. Cost is about \$30.00. I recommend it to each of you. They may have it here in our local store. Do not let this pass you by.

Note, I have found it on Amazon as well. There is a

companion volume that I have never seen called Civil Aviation.

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### **WANTED:**

FOX EAGLE 60 or 74. Needed for parts and to experiment with making some significant changes to the engine. Must be the EAGLE and MUST be cheap. Call Don White at 281-488-1024.

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