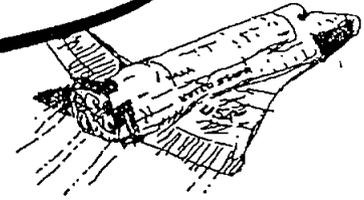


# The **R** **C** *Flyer*

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

## The President's Corner

Well, I hope everybody in MSC/RCC land had a Merry Christmas and found lots of RC related toys under the Christmas tree. Now it's time to buckle down and get all those new models built (or old ones repaired) for the upcoming flying season. We plan to have some activities for everyone to participate in this year. Starting this month, we will have a monthly club fun-fly for all powered airplanes. Here's your chance to win some great prizes like glue or fuel. The fun-fly will always be the Sunday following the monthly club meeting. If the weather is bad on the day of the fun-fly, the fun-fly will be cancelled for the month, and not made up. You don't have to be an expert flyer to participate in fun-fly events. We plan to have events that are appropriate for all skill levels of flying so that everyone can participate. David Fennin has more details on the January fun-fly elsewhere in this newsletter. We hope that the fun-flies will generate interest in other types of organized events such as scale, soaring, pylon, and aerobatics. If you are interested in a particular aspect of RC flying, let me know so that we can form some special interest groups. For example, if several people want to participate as a team in some type of organized event, we could get some team jackets and shirts. We are very fortunate to have some really outstanding RC activity around the Houston area. During the flying season there are sanctioned events almost every weekend. I would really like to see more of you out there.

You should find a reprint of our club safety rules in this newsletter. Please take a few minutes to review these rules and make sure that you understand them. In the past few months, the great weather has produced large numbers of flyers at our field. One Saturday in November, I counted 24 airplanes and several helicopters. With this many people sharing the field, and the AMA's elimination of AMA-to-AMA liability coverage, it is vital that we all obey the rules.

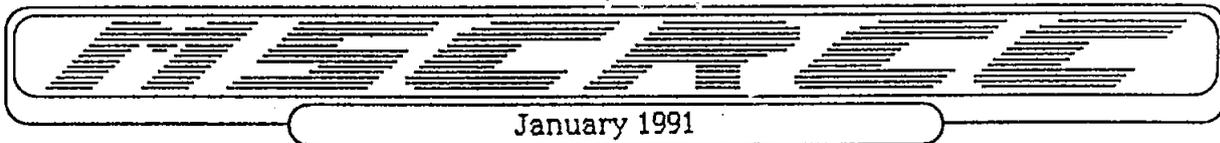
**NEXT MEETING**  
***THIS THURSDAY***  
**JANUARY 10th**  
**at 7:30 PM**  
in the Clear Lake Park Building

We will have one minor change in the way that the club meetings are run this year. The club officers feel that reinstating the Rules of Order that have been used in past years, will make the meetings proceed more smoothly. A brief summary of the rules of order we will use in our club meetings is given below:

1. To speak, raise your hand and be acknowledged by the presiding officer.
2. A proposal must be stated as a motion, and the motion must be seconded before continuing.
3. Once the motion is seconded, it can be discussed and voted on.
4. The motion is voted on, and is either passed or fails.
5. An amendment may be made to the current motion in the same way that the original motion was made. That is, an amendment is moved and seconded.

Well, that's about it for this month. I hope to see everyone at the fun-fly. Until then, happy building and flying.

Charles Copeland



## THE MSC/RCC MONTHLY FUN-FLY IS SCHEDULED FOR THIS SUNDAY, JAN 13th

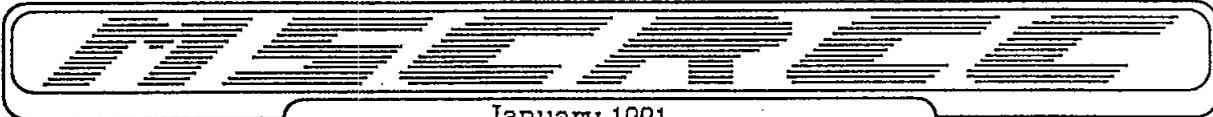
All you guys with a desire for a good time and have a power plane need to arrive at the field at 10:00 sharp Sunday morning for a fun filled fun-fly. Refreshments will be available free of charge and a bottle of CA will be awarded to the first place pilot of each category. The events scheduled are limbo, climb and glide, and most landings in two minutes.

All you need to know how to do is take off, fly around, and land to be competitive in the events. So, all you "fresh" pilots should come out with your patched trainers and wipe away us guys with the fast planes that glide like a manhole cover and eat nine miles of runway for landing. Come out, have a good time, and who knows, you might go home with a bottle of CA to do any repairs that might need to be done to your plane after the events.

**LIMBO** - The idea of limbo is to fly your plane under a marker, something other than a high-tension wire, that is stretched across the field. The pilots that "clip" the ribbon are disqualified and those remaining continue to fly under the ribbon after it is lowered. This continues until all but one pilot is left, thus a winner. Limbo should prove to be an exciting event.

**MOST LANDINGS IN TWO MINUTES** - The pilot that can make the most touch and goes in two minutes is the winner of this event.

**CLIMB AND GLIDE** - In this event, the pilot is allowed a 30 second engine run to obtain as much altitude as possible. After 30 seconds, the pilot pulls his throttle to the "kill" position. At 35 seconds the pilot advances his throttle and is disqualified if the engine "spurts" to life. Now the "dead stick" pilot stays airborne as long as possible only to end his flight with a picture perfect landing on the "10 second bonus" spot. The pilot who has accumulated the most time is the winner.



**FIELD AND OTHER NEWS:**

Your 1991 Field Passes will be mailed to you on Tuesday, 1-8-91. The new badges will be effective the following Saturday, 1-12-91. Security will be notified not to honor the old 1990 badges beginning on the 12th.

An updated copy of the SAFETY RULES will be included in the envelope with your field pass. Sorry -- 20 hour work days over the past two weeks have put my R/C time -- and any other time -- to nil, so the safety rules are not included with this newsletter as mentioned in the President's column.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Seventy-six members and family attended an almost standing room only crowd. Good food and lots of R/C lies and other stories were told.

**frequencies:** Effective 1-1-91 ALL 72 MHZ R/C transmitters must be gold stickered to fly at the NASA field. Even and odd frequencies are now authorized below channel 38. Only 1991 AMA specification receivers are allowed below channel 38. Those members who have single conversion non-AMA specification receivers must pull the frequency pin 23 channels below you when you fly -- and these non-AMA receivers must be channel 38 or higher. The old receivers can be used at the field until June 30, 1991. Beginning July 1, 1991, all receivers must be AMA specification and all odd and even frequencies will be allowed. Please contact me if you need help in getting information on upgrading your existing radio.

AMA licenses -- some members have called indicating they had not received their 1991 AMA license. Check with your bank to see if your payment check has cleared. If it has, then AMA/post office has messed up delivery of your 1991 license. Sending AMA a copy of your cancelled check and a request for a duplicate will take care of the missing license. If the club sent in your AMA renewal, your field pass will be issued to you regardless of any foul-up in your receiving the 1991 license.

A few members didn't renew their AMA license through the club and have not furnished me with proof of 1991 AMA membership. Your field pass will be held pending proof.

**FIELD SAFETY:** When taking off, your first turn MUST turn away from the pit area. As we have many fliers at the field on week-ends now, please fly in a large oval going in one direction. This is to give order to the flying and to eliminate the problem of having a head-on collision from a random direction plane. This also helps the students who are learning to fly and really don't need dodging other planes as part of their daily training.

**ATTENDENCE AWARD RAFFLE:**

Winners of the raffle, drawn at the Christmas Party are:

- Dave Thommason \$100
- Joe Kastetter \$50
- Jesse Robinson \$25
- Mike Goza \$10

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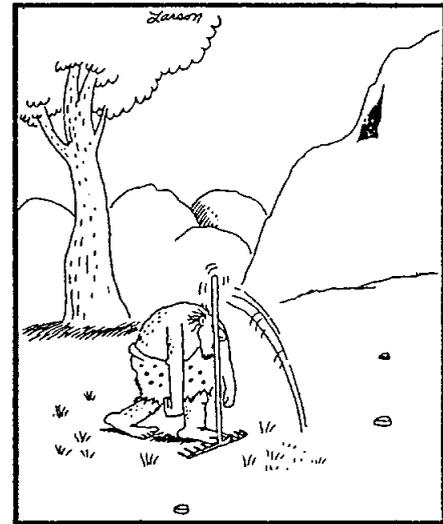
Just writing to inform members of the club that I have moved and will not be renewing my membership ext year. I really enjoyed being a part of a great club for the last eight years. I would also like to thank Dave Thomasson for his help in teaching me how to fly and all members that I learned the hobby from. I've moved up to Round Rock near Austin. I joined the Georgetown club. They have a beautiful field right across I-35 from Inner-Space Caverns. If any club members are in the area I invite you to stop by and fly.

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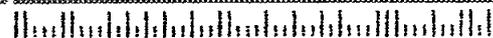
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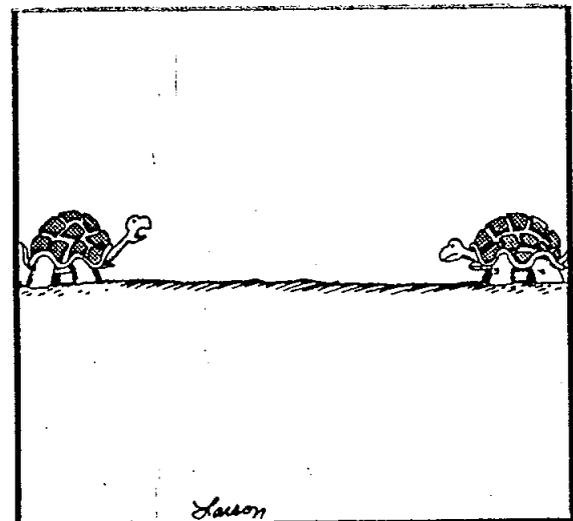
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