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

President's Corner

Ray Randolph

Going's On - The December Christmas get-together was a most enjoyable event - and once again, we had a delicious assortment of snacks and deserts. Thanks to Dave Hoffman for taking care of the details and "accessories" and to the members for bringing their favorite "goodies" to share.

It sounds like Mike Laible and Don Fisher made some significant strides in moving the youth involvement activity forward. The demo RC flights at the Seabrook Middle School apparently made quite a hit with the kids. This looks like a good beginning to build on for the future. Thanks guys - let the membership know if there is additional help needed for the next phase of the activity.

I think it will be interesting to see what kind of inputs were received from Bill Langdoc's member interest questionnaire. The point that Brian Morris raised at the last meeting that this club has a wealth of engineering and aeronautical talent - would certainly allow us to pursue a project or a challenge that might bring some club recognition (by AMA or Hobby Publications). I have thought it would be neat to convert a glow 4-cycle engine (i.e., an Enya, Laser or other with rear-mounted push rods) to gas and have some of our electro-mechanical wizards fit the engine with a Magneto. This engine and a light built, heavy
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Words From The VP

Bill Langdoc

The responses received so far from the club questionnaire have been excellent. In addition to numerous comments on program interests, there have been several fine suggestions for club projects. I really appreciate all the inputs. While a number of you have responded, there are still many who have not. So if you are one of those who hasn't, please take a few minutes and complete the questionnaire. It's your club. Tell us what you would like to see in the way of meeting programs and projects.

Next Meeting

~~Thursday~~ Thursday

~~January 12th~~ FEB 9TH

7:30 PM

Clear Lake Park Building

Two classes of projects that have been suggested by several of you are to continue and expand our youth education/involvement efforts; and to initiate a club project to design, build, and fly a special purpose, record attempting airplane. It has been pointed out that our club has a wealth of R/C airplane design, building, and flying experience, plus an unusually talented pool of engineering talent. A type of flight
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Minutes from the December 1994 Meeting

Resha Hill - Secretary

No minutes were taken due to the Christmas party.



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lift airplane should have a good shot at an endurance record (just thought I'd throw that in). Also, the kinds of meeting entertainment could be more diverse or focused depending on member preferences. In any event - this survey will be valuable in determining the future direction the club takes.

Mini-Product Review - I've got some Hobby Lobby "Oracover-Lite" film for the "Lazy Bee". I'll let you know what I think about it in next months newsletter.

FLASH! Pop-Carts have been ordered. We'll have 12 pop-carts arriving at the end of January. Five are not spoken for.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Projects In Work - The holiday activities (parties, gift buying, wrapping, shipping, etc.) have had a real impact on progress on the "Lazy Bee". The wing has been completed to the point of being ready to cover. The "Balsarite", sanding and hinge slots (for the ailerons) are done. The rudder has been framed and it is ready for "Balsarite" and finish sanding. The "Lazy Bee" wing was probably the toughest to do finish sanding of any wing I've built. The reason being is that the wing frame is so light and fragile that it's hard to handle without breaking something. The same is also true about the sanding part. Until the wing is covered, it's really flimsy. I'm sure once it is covered it will be fine for flight loads.

—See Ya—



Ray's cartoon - Sometimes things get out of hand

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endurance airplane, or a cross country distance airplane, or a heavy lift payload airplane have all been suggested as worthwhile projects. What do you think? Are any of these, things that we want to get into? I, for one, would like to see us take on one of these for the coming year as a special group activity.

Increasing youth involvement in the hobby is an effort that has already begun, thanks to the fine efforts of Mike Laible. He has conducted a Delta Dart construction class and with the able help of Don Fisher, has demonstrated R/C airplane flying at Seabrook Intermediate School. (There is a whole other story from this demonstration. Ask Don or Mike if you see them. Something about flying from a track right next to a chain link fence, and fog with low ceilings). Many of you recognize that we need to do more to foster youth interest in the hobby. This whole area of educating young people in model aircraft building and flying, and bringing more of them into the hobby is something that we as a club simply must do.

The January meeting program will feature Richard Seltzer from Texas Model Trends. Many of you may know Richard as the model shop's R/C airplane guy. Besides being familiar with a wide range of hobby products, Richard has an excellent background in building and flying. Richard will share with us a lot of his thoughts and hints, and will answer questions on specific products, building techniques, and flying. This is your chance to get a lot of your questions answered.

Youth Program

Michael R. Laible

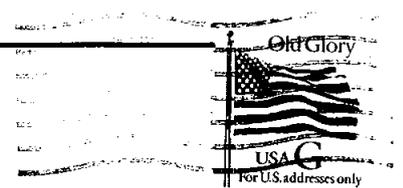
During the week of December 5 through the 8th the Seabrook Intermediate School successfully built and flew the AMA Delta Darts (Donated by MSC RC Club). I have been working on this program for some time and finally found a willing accomplice at the intermediate school. Mr Howard Schaefer teaches a Design Tech Class each year and building the delta Dart was a welcomed project. Mr. Schaefer and myself conducted the program in two classes, 20-25 students each. It took 3 one hour sessions to complete the delta dart. It was truly amazing to see the students working to complete the models.

The following day was reserved for the test flights. Most of the flights were successful and the rest with minor mishaps. The last class day was reserved for a real RC Plane demonstration. The school grounds made for a perfect flying field. Don Fisher volunteered to perform the demonstration flight. The demonstrations were flawless (excluding the lost plane in the fog). Don even got to demonstrate his impeccable dead stick landings. The questions were numerous and it seemed that everyone was interested.

Mr. Schaefer himself expressed interest in the RC Club and wants to hold a similar class in spring. Oh yes, we will have helicopters next time. Be looking for sign up sheets to participate in February or March.

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