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

## President's Corner

Mike Laible

The first of the year is here. Another year gone by and another in front of us. I assume that this will mark the 33rd year for the MSC RC Club. I talked with Dave Hoffman and he claims the club started in 1964. I called AMA and all records earlier than 1971 have been destroyed in a fire. Speaking of history, I have pulled out the newsletters from 1977 (could not find 1967) and will start a section called twenty years ago. Should be nice to hear about the history of the MSC RCC and look at won past Models of the month.

By the time everyone is reading this letter Santa will have arrived and left. I hope he was good to everyone. He brought me a very unexpected gift. I guess my wife and parents thought I needed to be exposed to other RC hobbies (*no not choppers*). Santa delivered me a new RC boat. I guess ~~he~~ will come in handy since I live on the lake. Anyway, after some construction the boat was on its way. It is gas powered (.19 cu. in.) and around 34" long. Boy does it scoot on the water. So, Mike is having a little fun on the water.

Don't forget the meeting on January 9th. The entertainment will be a slide show of the 1996 greater Southwest Fan Fly. See you then! 

## Youth Program

Mike Laible

First and foremost I really must thank all the MSC members that showed up and helped on Saturday morning, December 7th. You know who you are. The morning turned out absolutely perfect, weather, students, and equipment. The only problem was ~~the~~ <sup>my</sup> ~~was~~ deadstick landing that turned out to be the last landing for the club trainer. It seems that I ran out of gas at the same time that I waved on an automobile. I had to land it in the field. Not to sweat, everything is in working order.

Back to the program. Kent Morrison showed up promptly with a bus of 13 8th graders. I got concerned at first because 10 of the 13 immediately ran to the helicopter circle. I guess they got confused, hee hee. After a call to order and a brief ground demonstration, the youth were broken into 3 groups of 4. I will have o say the kids took to the flying with enthusiasm. Everyone was well mannered, listened to instructions, and took the flying seriously. It was a great time for all and will take place again in the near future.

One area of improvement would be to have the ground school organized a little better and maybe have some examples of kits and semi completed models. Just some food for thought.

I would like to end this article with thanking the group once again and to also leave everyone with a mental picture:

Picture three planes in the air at one time all connected to a buddy box with first time flyers. YES, this is how December 7th at the MSC RC field looked. **tf**

## Laws of Physics

### GRAND PRIZE WINNER

When a cat is dropped, it always lands on its feet, and when toast is dropped, it always lands with the buttered side facing down. I propose to strap buttered toast to the back of a cat; the two will hover, spinning inches above the ground. With a giant buttered cat array, a high-speed monorail could easily link New York with Chicago.

### RUNNERS-UP:

#1

If an infinite number of rednecks riding in an infinite number of pickup trucks fire an infinite number of shotgun rounds at an infinite number of highway signs, they will eventually produce all the world's great literary works in Braille.

#2

Why Yawning Is Contagious: You yawn to equalize the pressure on your eardrums. This pressure change outside your eardrums unbalances other people's ear pressures, so they must yawn to even it out.

#3

Communist China is technologically underdeveloped because they have no alphabet and therefore cannot use acronyms to communicate ideas at a faster rate.

#4

The earth may spin faster on its axis due to deforestation. Just as a figure skater's rate of spin increases when the arms are brought in close to the

body, the cutting of tall trees may cause our planet to spin dangerously fast.

### HONORABLE MENTION:

#1

Birds take off at sunrise. On the opposite side of the world, they are landing at sunset. This causes the earth to spin on its axis.

#2

The reason hot-rod owners raise the backs of their cars is that it's easier to go faster when you're always going downhill. Besides, they get better gas mileage that way.

#3

The quantity of consonants in the English language is constant. If omitted in one place, they turn up in another. When a Bostonian "pahks" his "cah," the lost r's migrate southwest, causing a Texan to "warsh" his car and invest in "erl wells." **tf**

## Twenty Years Ago

Michael R. Laible

Excerpts from Meeting Minutes, January 13th, 1977

J. W. Smith called the meeting to order.

Dae Hoffmen gave the treasurers report (*Dave Who*)

Don White asked if new members were being given copies of Field Rules. (*WOW something's never change*).

Model of the month - entries were Jim Black (Platt T-28), Tom McPhearson (Andrews Trainermaster), Don White (Lanier Rebel Bipe), Tommy Giertz (1/4 midget racer), and Bruce Wood (a pair of QT trainers from RCM). Jim Black won.

Program - an excellent AMA film called Wings and Things. **tf**

**The R/C Flyer**

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**Minutes from the  
December 1996 Party**



Bill Langdoc -Secretary

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The December 12th meeting was the annual Christmas party. Forty-two members, family, and friends attended. There was plenty of good food, drink, and conversation for all to enjoy.

**Next Meeting on Thursday  
January 9th, 1997, 7:30 PM  
Clear Lake Park Building**

**1997 MSC/RCC Calendar**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Jan 9	Club Meeting, Southwest Fan-Fly	July 10	Club Meeting
Feb 13	Club Meeting	Aug 14	Club Meeting
Mar 13	Club Meeting	Sept 11	Club Meeting
Mar 22-23	Big Bird Flyin, Southwind Flyers, 473-4995	Oct 9	Club Meeting, Elections
Apr 10	Club Meeting	Nov 13	Club Meeting, Auction
May 8	Club Meeting	Dec 11	Club Meeting, Christmas Party
June 12	Club Meeting		

**Fuel for Sale**

Jim Brock		334-1715
John Campo		488-7748
Tas Crowson		474-9531
Don Fisher	474-4942(H)	483-2157(W)
Wayne Green		484-3151
Don White		488-1024

**Instructors**

John Campo		488-7748
Charles Copeland		474-1195
Paul Ellis	480-3839(H)	488-9878(W)
Don Fisher	474-4942(H)	483-2157(W)
Mike Goza		
(Heli and Airplane)	554-4016(H)	483-4696(W)
Wayne Green (Heli)		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	Bill Langdoc	482-2369
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Treasurer	Dave Hoffman	476-5206
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