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

President's Corner

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Ray Randolph

Going's On - Our first regular meeting of the year had a full agenda of discussion items. One of our discussion items addressed the possibility of a "club project". The recent (and on-going) survey that Bill Langdoc is putting together shows several areas of interest from across the membership. We have a group of volunteers who are going to look at the possibilities and come back to the club with options that would "make sense" for the club to pursue. The "Project Committee" is comprised of: Ed Copeland, David Dale, Don Fisher, Mike Liable, Jeff Longmore, Brian Morris, Bill Langdoc and me. We hope to have something to report by the next regular meeting.

There was also some discussion of talking to other clubs in the area about putting together some joint events or fly-ins. Since our flying site is not open to "spectators", this might give our members a chance to fly with some new pilots and participate in spectator kinds of events (i.e.; 4-Star 40 Pylon, Scale, etc.) I've got the action to contact the neighboring clubs and solicit their inputs. More in future newsletters.

The subject of the Club logo (patch) was brought up because the present "center figure" of the Lunar module is somewhat dated. Space business has come a long way since the original idea was developed. We may have a design competition for the members to come up with new logo ideas. We need some
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Words From The VP

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Bill Langdoc

A big thanks to Richard Seltzer of Texas Model Trends for speaking at the January meeting. His rather free form discussion answered a lot of questions. I learned several things and I'm sure most others did too. For those of you who weren't at the meeting, Richard indicated that Texas Model Trends is going to start a tool and equipment rental. Sounds like a great idea for getting access to seldom used, or new, specialty tools and measuring instruments.

**Next Meeting
This Thursday
February 9th
7:30 PM
Clear Lake Park Building**

The results are in from the club survey questionnaire. Thanks to the 21 of you who took the time to responded. There were a lot of comments and suggestions. You've given Ray and I a number of good ideas for club programs and activities with several excellent suggestions for program topics, speakers, and improvements. I've compiled a summary of all the inputs (it takes 5 pages) which I'll make available to those who are interested at the February meeting.

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Minutes from the January 1994 Meeting

Resha Hill - Secretary



Ray Randolph called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Old Business:

■Red and Yellow pop-carts are available for \$30.00, contact Dave Hoffman if you are interested in purchasing a new pop-cart.

■If you need to replace your beat-up plastic badge holder, Dave Hoffman has new holders available. He is also working on new 1995 club badges for members.

■Surveys were sent out in the January newsletter by Bill Langdoc soliciting club member interests. They will be compiled with the responses also received at the January club meeting and will then be reviewed at the February meeting.

■Youth Involvement Program - Mike Laible is currently organizing another class for the Seabrook Intermediate school to take place in the February/March timeframe. Another youth event is the Scout jamboree to take place in March, Mike may ask for volunteers for demo flying.

New Business:

■Ray Randolph will contact other clubs within the neighboring areas to solicit clubs interested in have joint events with our club.

■The club "Project Committee" will coordinate a Club Projects meeting before the February club meeting and report options for projects at the February meeting.

■A suggestion was made on possibly redesigning the club patch/logo. Also discussed was the possibility that the club have T-shirts and wind breakers made available for club members to purchase.

■Ray Randolph and Bill Langdoc will work the action regarding the Rocket Club being asked to relocate away from the hazardous area where they currently launch rockets near the building 14 club flying site.

Entertainment:

Thanks to Richard Seltzer, Texas Model Trends, for coming to our January meeting to talk with our club members.

Model of the Month:

Wayne Green was voted the January Model of the Month for his "Pushy Cat". The Pushy has a Super Tiger 51 engine mounted and weighs approximately 7 lbs; scratch built, the nose, canopy, and air-duct was made with foam; the wings are made of wood. Covered with florescent colors.

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The R/C Flyer

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feedback from the members about this subject and see what the majority thinks about the change. Let me or any or our officers know how you feel or come to the next meeting and tell us.

Mike Laible brought us up-to-date on the "Youth Involvement Project". There is some planning going on for a "follow-on" activity and Mike is looking for club volunteers that would like to participate.

Mini-Product Review - This month I was hoping to give a user point of view evaluation on "Oracover Lite" covering film -- but as of this date -- I haven't used it (see next paragraph). So, as an alternate, we'll talk a bit about "Z-Best" engine cleaner. This is probably the equivalent to "Easy-Off" oven cleaner for engines. It is a caustic goo that you paint on the
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varnish stained surfaces of the engine and let it set for about an hour. At that point, the engine is rinsed with warm water and the varnish is dissolved and washed away. This product works pretty well and is safe for the aluminum alloys that model engines are made of. A second application is sometimes needed for stubborn deposits. I think it works pretty well and would recommend it as a product. (Just don't get it on your skin!)

Projects In Work - The "Lazy Bee" is coming along, but no records are being set on construction. The wing, rudder, stabilizer, and elevator are all framed and sanded and ready to cover. I have started the fuselage, but I'm having to redesign the entire front end to accommodate the bigger engine and "beef-up" the structure. It will ultimately look the same on the outside but will be a "Mighty Bee" on the inside. I hope to get this plane finished and flying in a few more months.

Congratulations - To Wayne Green for winning the model-of-the-month trophy with his "Pushy" airplane. Nice job on the unusual design! Hope he puts a pusher style prop on before he attempts a flight!!

FLASH!! NASA WILL BE RUNNING TESTS ON FLYING FIELD 2-9-95 THROUGH 3- -95. THE FIELD WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE ENTIRE TIME FOR R/C FLYING. NO FLYING UNTIL 3-4 -95. SORRY!!

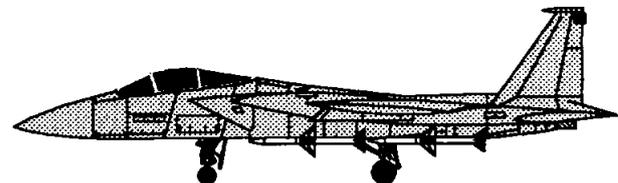
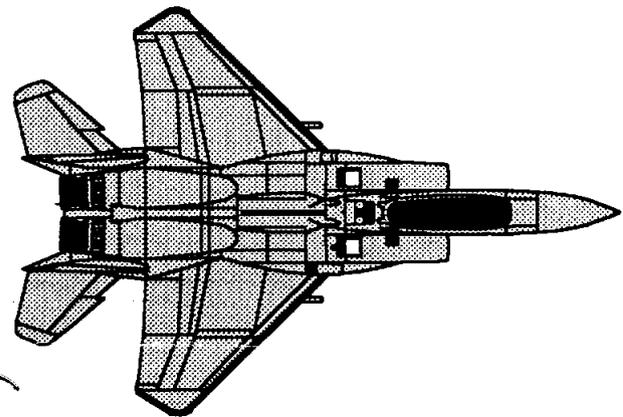


Cartoon - A test of character!

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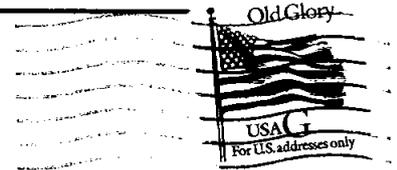
A few highlights from the survey: The program topics of most interest were engine maintenance and tuning, fiberglassing techniques, basic aerobatics, covering techniques, scratch building, and model painting. Nearly everyone was interested in fun flies. (So where were all of you for the several fun flies last year?) A trip to the Lone Star Flight Museum, several flight projects, and a class in basic aerobatics also had fairly wide support. There were several appropriate and many facetious suggestions for improving the flying site. Several of you mentioned an updated club rooster and a set of written rules for the flight site as things that should be made available to all.

One of the things that surprised me was how many of you commented on liking to see the models of the month. We had two good ones last month, so keep them coming.



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