

February 1996

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

President's Corner

Bill Landoc

Charlie Steven's talk at the January meeting provided some interesting insights into the Houston Area Model Council (HAMC) and the efforts to organize a modeler's trade show in Houston. Our club has not been active in HAMC for the past few years, but I was glad that we voted to rejoin. I plan to make their next meeting in March and will report back on what I learn. I do think that it is important that we have communication with other clubs, and participate in the activities of the greater Houston area.

A special thank you to Tas Crowson and Mike Goza for volunteering to do two important jobs for the club. Tas is going to build and check out the first Club trainer, and Mike is going to be our flying field manager for the coming year.

Tas will be assembling the Royal 40 ARF that Dick Centnar donated, installing the radio and servo's that Andy Copper provided, and mounting the engine that John Chambers is providing. He plans to have the plane done and ready to show at the February meeting.

Mike is going to take responsibility for the maintenance of the flying field. Stop signs and lines need to be added. Field markings repainted.

The canopy box repaired. And the wind sock replaced. Mike isn't going to do all this work by him self, but he is going to see that WE help get it done. So mark your calendar for a work day for the morning of Feb. 10, and help Mike if you are requested through out the rest of the year.

Speaking of marking your calendars. March 23 will be our first fun fly of 1996. A Fun Fly Committee has been formed and will report at the next meeting on the flying events that are being proposed.

We have initiated a "contest" to updated the club logo. The lunar lander that is featured on the current logo is of great historical significance, and a proud part of our past; but many people no longer relate to it, and we need to have a logo that represents the club as we are today, or want to be in the future. The plan is to take all the ideas that are generated, have the club pick their favorites, and then work with some graphic artists to fine tune them so that we can have several finalists for the club members to vote on. A year's free dues will be awarded to the person who supplies the winning idea. So get your creative and artistic juices flowing, and bring illustrations of your logo to the next meeting. Once we get an updated logo, we want to explore getting caps, T-shirts, and patches for the whole club.

Fly often and fly safely.

NOTE--IF YOU HAVEN'T RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP--THIS IS YOUR LAST ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER.

Words From The VP

Michael Laible

It seemed like it was a great first meeting. Hopefully the rest of the year will continue to draw the same attendance. Be sure to scan the calendar for meeting notices, entertainment, and special events.

Bill has informed the club council that he is going to run the business part of the meeting on schedule from 7:30 PM to 8:00 PM and then the entertainment from break conclusion to around 8:45 PM. I think this is a good plan and should be easy to obtain. To expedite the process, the council will meet prior to the club meeting to review business and the agenda. I really look forward to serving as VP under Bill. Now for the hard part. As VP I am responsible for the entertainment. I have February and March scheduled but I am looking for suggestions for the remainder of the meetings. Any Help?

On Saturday, January 13, (I didn't realize it was the 13th until I wrote this article) the P-51 made it into the air. Charles Copeland was the brave pilot. Of course I waived all rights and damages, Hee Hee. After a ground check surfaced an elevator hinge and rudder servo problem, the ship was on its way. I need to stress the importance of a ground checks. I am finishing up the handbook which I have inserted a preflight check list. The P-51 looked really nice in the air and had plenty of power with the ST90 up front. The new ST silent muffler really sounded nice in the air.

In addition to the Mustang flying I really worked out the bugs with the "Sorta Pattern". Charles put it through every maneuver and then some. It seems like the CG has finally found its proper place and the aircraft is really tracking nice. If you are out at the field I would be happy to let you try it out.

Quote of the day "it would be a nice plane if you put a real engine in it". Wonder what and who they are talking about?

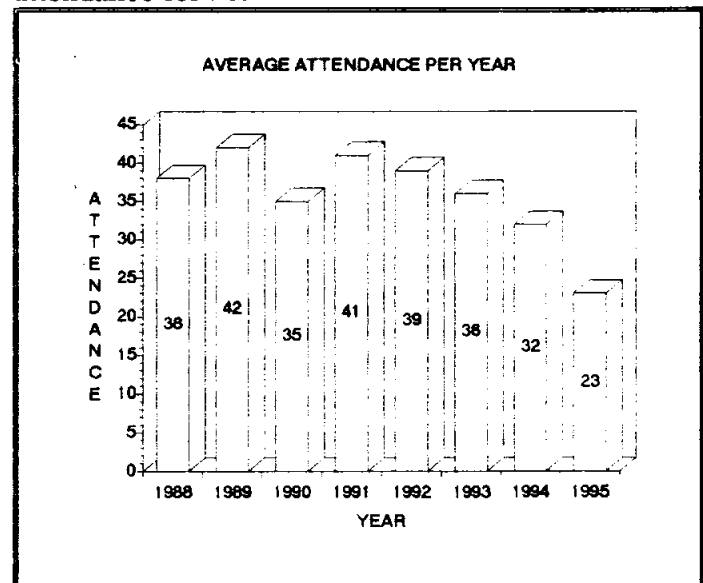
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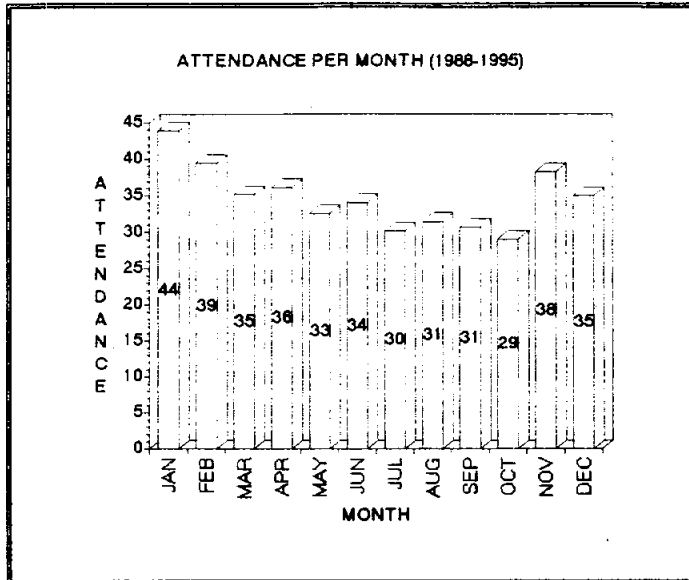
Michael R. Laible

Lately there seems to be a lot of talk about attendance. So as you can see from the two charts (with the help of Tas) I have graphed the MSC/RCC attendance going back to 1988.

The first chart is the average attendance per year starting with 1988. As can be noted the attendance has been declining since 1991 and in particular took a steep decline in 1995. I feel the industry as a whole has noted a decline for the first part of the 90s; however, the steep decline in 95 is probable a result of the site dispute. Now with the dispute behind us, I hope we can increase the average attendance for 96.

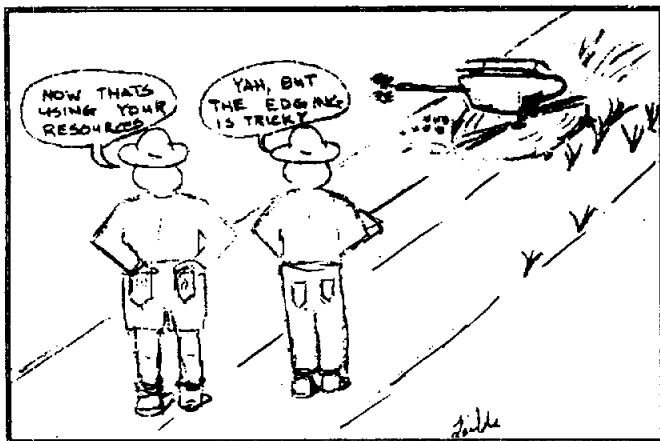


The second chart is just for interest and shows the attendance break down as an average per month. As can be expected the summer months are lower. This is more than likely due to vacations, youth activities, and just plain being active in other areas.



I just thought that everyone would be interested in the attendance figures. Maybe with the handbook and roster listing we could make some calls to other members, just as a reminder.

Lighter Than Air



A look at the new field manager

Logo Contest

As Bill mentioned we are holding a logo contest. The rules are easy, none. One should keep in mind that the heritage of this club should be present somewhere on the logo. Below you will find a suggestion. I quickly put this together, but one of the items I do not like about the logo is that RC Modeling is not represented !!! It would be nice to have new logos for shirts, caps, etc for the ballunar festival. So as Bill mentioned, lets get the old creative juices flowing and submit some artwork.

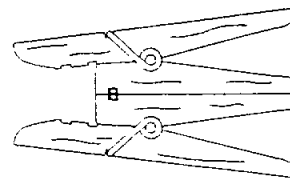


Just an example

Tips from the Field

Michael Laible

In RC Report I read a great idea on how to use a clothespin. Dan Johnston writes trim off the appropriate amount of each clothespin, as shown in



the drawing. Join the two clothespin with epoxy or CA. You now have a clothespin that will clamp twice as much stuff together.

Minutes from the January 1995 Meeting



Don Fisher - Secretary

Bill Langdoc brought the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

New Business

Introduction of visitors and/or new members as follows:

Frank and Justin Jensen - New Members
 James and Elizabeth Hornsby - Visitors
 Jeff Edwards - Visitor
 Ron Madson - Visitor
 Joe Bare - Visitor

- New membership package was discussed and is in the works.
- Discussed logo competition - Year's free membership for best design.
- 1996 Fund Fly Committee was elected.
 Jeff Longmore - Chairman
 Boyce Sterling
 Ray Randolph
- Balloon Festival club participation discussed by Bill Langdoc and volunteers requested.
- Mike Goza volunteered for field maintenance manager.
- Program was presented by Charlie Stevens (HAMC).
 Discussed AMA vs. homeowner insurance.
 Discussed attempt to get model trade show in Houston.
 Discussed MSCRCC desire to join HAMC.
 Club voted to rejoin HAMC with Bill Langdoc as club representative.

Old Business

- JSC Sanction Status was discussed.
- 1995 Attendance Awards recipients were noted.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report is as follows:

BAL FWD	\$1881.00
IN	\$1,256.00
OUT	\$185.00
BALANCE	\$2952.00



Model of the Month

A Sig Spacewalker II was presented by Bill Needham. Excellent job for his first model.

Refreshments

Refreshments for February meeting - Resha Hill.

Next Meeting on Thursday
February 8th 7:30 PM
Clear Lake Park Building

1996 MSC/RCC Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
February 8	Meeting Hoot Gibson
March 14	Meeting Pirate Models
March 23	Fun Fly
April 11	Meeting
May 9	Meeting
May 25	Proposed Fun Fly
June 13	Meeting
July 11	Meeting
July 27	Proposed Fun Fly
August 8	Meeting
August 23-25	Ballunar Festival
September 12	Meeting, Nominations
September 28	Fun Fly Annual BBQ
October 10	Meeting, Elections
November 14	Auction
December 12	Christmas Party

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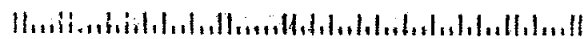
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Fuel for Sale

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