
THE R/C FLYER

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Next Meeting - March 9, 2000 at 7:00pm - Clear Lake Park Bldg.

From The Editors Desk

By: *Preston Hunt*

As promised at the February Meeting. The field is really getting in poor shape with all the loose gravel. We need to have a sweep up day. I announced at the last meeting that I would pick a day and post it in the newsletter. What I am looking at is March 18th provided the field is not under water, all that can show up with brooms, shovels wheelbarrows, blowers or what ever you may think will help with the cleanup of the gravel. We will start the cleanup at about 8:00am to 8:30am and continue until we have at least the pit area cleaned. Flying will be suspended during the cleanup session for safety reasons but the field will open for flying right after we finish.

Other news- We seem to have an increased interest in the "Dark Side" (helicopters) of our hobby. I would like to welcome those who have chosen to try their hand at this very challenging side of RC Aviation.

Mike makes reference to the patch in his article below. The patch selection process has been going on for nearly two years now. Because of this if the members attending the March meeting do not select a patch, I will turn the selection process over to the executive officers and they will make the final decision on the patch selection.

One other thing before I finish. I have been editing the newsletter for about 1-1/2 years now. Due to my every decreasing amount of spare time, I am looking for someone to take over the newsletter. I am finding it increasingly more difficult to get the newsletter out on time.



In The Pits

By: *Mike Laible*

Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter several new patch ideas will make it to your email. I have worked numerous hours on trying to get a patch cleaned up and rsend them to Preston and the JSC RCC email list. I sent the patches out to 51 members on email and have received 7 suggestions and/or affirmations (WOW, where did that word come from). SOOOOOO, lets pick a patch in March and

wear the first accessory in April !!!! I believe the patches on the table are good ones except for one recommendation of adding RC logo of some sort. I hopefully will have that worked out prior to the March meeting.

FUN FLY - Yes it is that time of year. The first one will be on March 11th. Unfortunately it looks like I will be out of town. It is not confirmed yet, but I will call for a CD to replace me. Please step up to the table if you want to CD this event. The events will be:
Alarm Clock Pylon
Climb and Glide w/spot landing
Blind Flight

Should be a good one. This year is going to be different in the way prize money is distributed. It was decided that prizes for 1, 2, and 3 would be given each event. The prizes will be \$15, \$10, and \$5, respectively. At the end of the year a small plaque will be awarded for total point winner. For each month's event, if a tie exist, a fly-off will take place.

Also, I know that last year it was mentioned to try to have a big bird event and also join the IMAA. Well, I think it is time to bring this back up. I would suggest we carry through with IMAA registration and also set a time to hold an event. I know some rumblings have taken place for a helicopter event so we need to organize and schedule the weekends now!!!!

Just a little note on how to enhance photographs!
BEFORE



AFTER



This touch up was performed using Corel Draw 9. I have also been playing with Adobe PhotoDeluxe with good results. I was going to give Holly

February Minutes

The February meeting had 36 people in attendance with three visitors. The visitors were Bobby (sorry did not get his last name), Arman James, and Dave Oneil with son Patrick.

Meeting was called to order. The president noted the meeting agenda change of going through the Models of the Month, entertainment, and then business. So, to the MOM.

Hugh Stovall:

Hugh brought his newly finished Tower Extra Special. The model was covered in Monokote, red, white and blue. Hugh said he seemed the Monokote first so he could gap the hollow structure. It was truly a superb job. The model was powered by ST .51 with a Max mu ffler.

James Lemon:

James brought his rebuilt Fin Hawk Fun-Fly. His model is powered by a ST .34 and looks great. He mentioned that the model is six years old. The graphics were all cut by hand.

Meghan Laible:

Well, Meghan brought her styrofoam glider that she bought with her own money. Dad was not present and had nothing to do with it. I guess this is what makes it even more special. She had the simple gliders assembled prior to Dad getting home. Powered by good old elbow grease.



Holly Mathia:

Holly brought her nicely done Great Planes Spacewalker ARF. It is powered by a Magnum .75 and the pilot is a "CHIC". Holly stated the first few flights proved to be tail heavy but everything is fine after some nose weight.



The February Model of the Month winner was Holly Mathia with her Great Planes Spacewalker. Good Job Holly!!!

Entertainment was the application of a graphic decal onto SIG 4-star 120 wing. Preston Hunt with his new graphic cutter cut the graphic and the wing is Mike Laibles SIG 4-Star. The letters were very large and at times proved to be difficult to get all the bubbles out. After all was completed, the graphics looked great. Preston mentioned that he would give the club members discounts for cutting graphics. He can except the graphics in DXF format. Sure looked good, much better than if I had to cut them!!!!

Club fun fly's on March 11, April 15, May 13, June 10, July 15, August 12, September 16, and wrapping up with October 14. The events will be posted in the meeting prior to the event. Awards will be given for each fun fly, 1st - \$15, 2nd - \$10, and 3rd - \$5. These prizes will be given at each event for the point totals for the event. Year end a small plaque will be given to total point winner. This is a total of \$240 plus the plaque.

The club patch was discussed. The updated patch was presented. This patch included the old patch with Johnson added and Houston removed from the blue in the flag. It was decided to present several options.

Here is my editorial - I am tired of writing, so no more minutes were taken!!!!

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