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March 8, 1976

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## MEETING NOTICE

Date: Thursday 3/11/76

Time: 7:30 till ?

Place: SW Savings Assoc.

NASA #1 & Nassau

Bay Drive.

Program: "Coast-to-Coast R/C"

by Bob Rich.

First the good news! The NASA flying field on the Antenna Range is open for R/C flying again after a several week shutdown due to the shooting of a Hollywood movie. The movie titled "Future World" is a sci-fi sequel to "West World" which has recently appeared on TV. The Antenna Range and Building 14 were used as sets thereby restricting our flying activities. Anyway, the field is open and you'll can test fly your latest creation after 5 PM Monday - Friday and on the weekends.

The club fuel has arrived, all 60 gallons of it, and is available for members from either Hal Rosenberg (333-3866) or myself at 488-5758. It is packaged in one gallon jugs with child-proof caps so there's no need for containers or messy pouring. The fuel contains the best synthetic oil which gives it a pinkish color and is very easy to clean up after a days flying. It will also reduce engine varnishing and carbon build-up especially if you use a muffler. Just be sure to squirt a few drops of oil or WD-40 into the intake and flip the engine over several times after each flying session. This is a good habit to get into with any fuel you may be using but I personally haven't had any problems whatsoever in over 3 years of using this fuel.

The new club membership cards/ identification badges are complete and will be sent out to the membership under separate cover. This new card will be your gate pass to the JSC site and will also serve as your identification on the field itself. They will be issued to each member and are not-transferable for any reason whatsoever. A current membership list will be provided to Security and they will be checking cards periodically at the gate and on the field. It is your duty also to challenge anyone flying without a club card/badge. All of these measures are necessary to preserve our excellent flying field on the JSC/NASA site. It is really quite little to ask of everyone compared to other clubs with work details and other field responsibilities.

Our first QUICKIE 500 race of 1976 held on February 15th was a fantastic success. A total of 35 contestants came to race from as far away as Austin and Dallas/Ft. Worth. After 4 rounds of fast and furious flying the MSCRCC members were victorious again. W.T. Lummus won first place along the fast time trophy with his K&B 40 powered "Slo-Poke". Paul Claeys took second and Art Arro was third, both flying "Quickie 500"'s with K&B 40's providing the urge. Actually, it was a three way tie for for first with the best time deciding the outcome due to a frequency conflict. Charles Danley, the winner of the Championship Race las Nov., was edged out in a climatic heat with Paul Claeys and took fourth overall. Also competeing from the MSCRCC were Harvey Duck, Dennis Drysdale, J.W. Smith, Dave Alden, James Raines, Mel Brewer along with both Lars and Tommy Giertz. The youth faction was quite apparent with young Michael Johncock, Robert Atkinson from Texas City, Steve Barrett from Ft. Worth and our own Tommy Giertz.

The race was very profitable without even any concession or raffle being held. The only disappointment was the rather poor turnout of MSCRCC members to help with the contest. Only two members, not affil-





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iated with the Houston Area Pylon Racing Association, volunteered their services to directly work at the race. These were by name, Art Watson and Ben Issac, the latter a new member.

A Houston Area glider or soaring association is being formed for those interested in this faction of R/C. See me or contact Paul King (498-6776) for more information on this subject. Basically the association is a loosely organized group of individuals interested in soaring with plans to hold informal monthly contests to attain the various goals set forth by the League of Silent Flight, an international group with similar objectives. R/C soaring is a highly puristic form of flying and is excellent for both the beginner and expert alike. The cost of flying is low compared to powered planes and is very relaxing. Try it, you'll like it.

Pylon Corner: This column is being added to the Newsletter under obligation to the AMA District 8 Racing Association which was formed on February 15th right here in Houston. It is a voice to promote the sport of pylon racing within the club and to exchange information with other clubs within the District 8 Association.

Since the last race was already discussed earlier all I can add is that pylon racing has really gotten off the ground especially with regards to Quickie-type racing. It has grown in a single year from one active flier, myself, to over twenty enthusiasts in the MSCRCC alone. The first Quickie race last November drew 19 entrants and this figure was nearly doubled in the last one. We can reasonably expect up to 50 or 60 contestants in the more active summer months. A single set of rules has been adopted District-wide so let's get building racers and flying around those poles. And the Quickie is an excellent sport plane and pattern trainer also. Join the fun everyone is having.

## Contest Schedule:

- March 14- Houston, TX, Houston R/C Club Fun Fly. Spot Landing, Ribbon Dr and Cut, 7 Come 11 (?), Balloon Bust. Contact Gene Pelech 661-0132.
- March 21- Ft. Worth, TX. Thunderbirds "QUICKIE 500" Race, Contact Ed Rank (817) See me for phone no.
- April 3, 4- San Antonio, TX. Pattern, Sport Scale.
- April 11 - Houston, TX. MSCRCC "QUICKIE 500" Race, Contact Paul Claeys.
- April 24, 25- Corpus Christi, TX. Pattern, Sport Scale, Biplane, Fun-Fly and Sport Pylon and Glider.

## SWAP LIST

Fox HAWK 60 Engine- Factory Special, contact Charles Danley, 424-8017  
Sig CHIPMUNK kit- also from Danley. Engine price \$ 60.00  
World Engines Expert 7 Channel Radio, Used- contact Paul Claeys.  
Miller Spray Outfit-Used\* \$ 30.00 Also Paul Claeys, 488-6407.

So come on out to the meeting on Thursday evening and remember that this month is "Door Prize month" with a free gallon of club fuel going to the lucky attendee.

Can't think of any bad news so I'll close right now.

Yours in R/C.

A. L. ARRO