

NEWS LETTER

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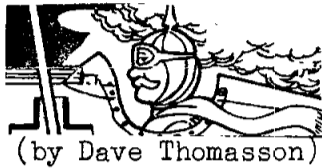
DATE: Thurs. March 13, 1980
TIME: 7:30 - 10:00 P.M.
PLACE: Clear Lake Park Bldg.

PROGRAM: Mo' movies! This time some NASA stuff about carting the Shuttle Orbiter around on a Boeing 747.....



HIGH CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

Prez's Corner

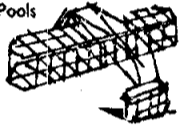


(by Dave Thomasson)

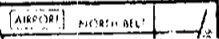
How many of you could answer our editor's quiz on airplane identification in the last pile-of-Newsletter? In case you couldn't, the plane was a Saunders-Roe (SARO) Princess which was powered by 10 Bristol Proteus turboprop engines rated at 3780 H.P., 215' span, top speed 360 mph, and range of 5,270 miles. (Note to the editor: "some of us did our homework!")

(Note from the ed.: **NEAR INTERCONTINENTAL AIRPORT** "some of us like to brag!" So, if you are so smart, tell me what's strange about this ad that appears daily in the Houston Post?)

Kitty Hawk LANDING



1, 2, 3 Bedrooms from \$200.
Separate Adult and Family 4 Large Pools
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Thanks to Don Fisher for refreshments last month, and my special thanks to Owen Morris for getting the fine film on scale aircraft and Hal Rosenberg for the projector and screen.

This past Saturday (Feb.23) I had the honor and privilege of watching John Kiker and Kirby Hinson fly the big rocket booster (24 solid rocket motors) carrying the Shuttle Orbiter model. It was a great flight and very impressive! I must admit I had a few fears when, at separation, pilot John said, "Where's the Shuttle?" Fortunately he spotted it and completed a successful flight. Good show, fellows!!

Along a more serious note: in case you don't know it, it's a rather difficult job for your officers to come up with new and different programs each month that is of interest to a large group. Let's hear a few suggestions from all you club members and we will try to arrange them!

As I stated at the last meeting, Joe Martin - our Vice-Prez - has been transferred to the Cape for an extended stay, so it appears we need to elect a new V.P. to serve the remainder of the term. If you wish to nominate someone, be sure to check it out first with that person. The election is slated for the next meeting.

I received a hot tip a few days ago that our newsletter editor is about ready to fly his P-47 Thunderbolt. Tim, let us know the date. We all want to watch that retract system in operation!! (Thomasson, you've got to be kidding.....seriously, though, did all of you see the picture of Howard Keith's great "Jug" in the new Mod.Av?)



YOU NEED THIS,
DAVE T.???

THOUGHTS ON MODEL OF THE MONTH

by Don White

Many of you will remember that back in '74 we started Model of the Month for two reasons: (1) Give the builder a chance to present his work and give him a little extra energy to finish up a project and bring it to the meeting, and (2) Help the new guy with some helpful techniques and new ideas to apply to his models. This was the idea -- and frankly, we haven't done very well on the second reason. When Capt. Midnight gets up and tells me his B-36 is powered by two 60's, two 40's, and two 20's and weighs 66 lbs.; I

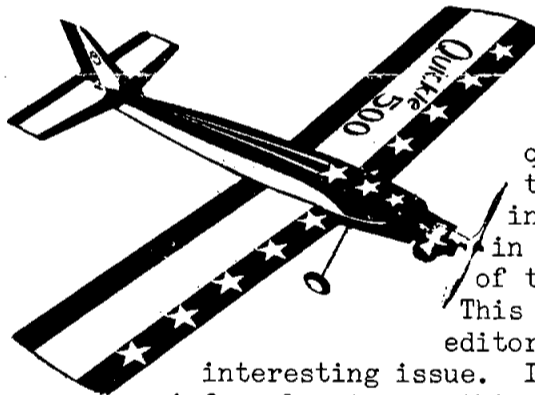


DON'S MIXED GRILL

haven't really learned very much about his airplane. So, I suggest we require the builder to hand in some info to be printed in the next issue of the Newsletter!

This would help the editor get out a more interesting issue. I propose a very informal note something like this:

"QUICKY 500/K&B 40/MONOKOTE



The kit is complete with all hardware except tank, engine mount & wheels. The wood was only fair and some had to be replaced. The plans are full-size and are excellent. An instructor sheet is included which maybe is too concise, but it is helpful. **CONSTRUCTION - Fuselage:** very fast, without doublers. **Wing:** complex & very slow, two hardwood spars, webs, sheeting & cap strips. **Tail:** just butt-glue it on -- seems weak. **Radio Installation:** difficult, small space with interference between aileron & elevator servos. Aileron servo had to stick out the bottom of the wing and it was still tight. I did not like the kit. That is one man's opinion."



CASH...

...is all that is required!!!
FOR SALE -- World Engines
Mark II 7-channel radio on
72.400 MHz. Includes TX, RX,
switch harness, three S-5 servos,
charger, and flight pack. \$195. Call
Hal Rosenberg at 333-3866 after 5 p.m.



EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

FUEL

Yes, the club fuel has arrived and may be put in your greasy little hands for a paltry \$6/gallon! It is Red Max, 15% nitro, with synthetic oil. Members who eagerly volunteered to stock it are: Dave Hoffman, 5247 Cripple Creek Ct., Houston, 941-8485; Dick Centnar, 15530 Seahorse, Clear Lake City, 488-5489; Hal Rosenberg, 1434 San Sebastian Lane, Nassau Bay, 333-3866; Prez. Dave Thomasson, 10339 Antrim, La Porte, 471-0642; & Tim Brown, 18599 Martinique Dr., Nassau Bay, 333-3103. So see the above if you are running low.



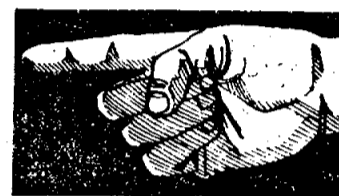
Well, there is an old familiar sight! The FunFly logo! Ken White has announced the events for the first FF of 1980 to be held on Sat, Apr. 5th! They are Poker Hand and Egg Timer Speed Trap: the rules are enclosed. Now hear this!! First

Beginner's Day is Sat., March 8, which is why we mailed out the Newsletter early so you would be reminded of this and be out there. Come practice the events or anything else...like how to land right side up! "Experts" (?) will be there to help. (Are you importing them from another club, Ken???) Finally, Ken has also provided you with the complete FF schedule for the year. Please don't lose it!!

COOL



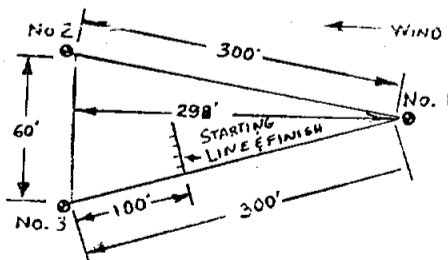
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APRIL MSC/RCC FUN FLY

SATURDAY APRIL 5, 1980
REGISTRATION: 8:30 A.M. (FOR BOTH EVENTS)
FLYING WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 9:30 A.M.
SITE: MSC/RCC FIELD
EVENT: EGG TIMER "SPEED TRAP"

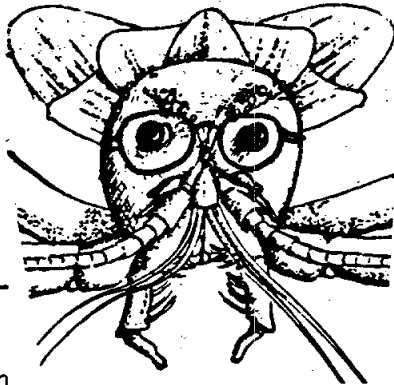
- Object is to be first across a finish line after the sound of a randomly set timer.
- Engines to be started at signal.
- Take off into the wind. Random timer will be started at take off. Timer will be set between 2-4 minutes- approximately.
- A triangular pattern will be set up. (see sketch)
- All laps will be flown in a counter-clockwise direction.
- Contestants must fly around the pattern.



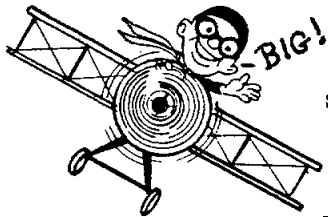
- A call out for the timer will be made should pilots not hear it.
- Matches to be determined by number of contestants entered.
- Points will be awarded for first through last place according to the number of contestants and results. Points are accumulated toward the year end trophies.
- First through third place of combined points for both events of the day awarded one gallon of fuel.
- This is a self-handicapping event.

Prez's Corner

(Dave Thomasson)



In case you were not at the last meeting, a proposal was discussed and passed to assist a new RC club being started in the Sagemont area. We will aid them financially in preparing their field: they, in turn, will grant all our members a year's free membership and use of the club field upon its completion.



Our thanks to Mike Gaudiano for presenting his excellent slides of the Las Vegas $\frac{1}{4}$ -scale meet at the Jan. meeting. Thanks also to Susan & Charles Hofacker for providing the refreshments!!!

Fuel is now on order and we hope will be delivered in a few weeks. I will let you know when and from whom it will be available....and the cost!

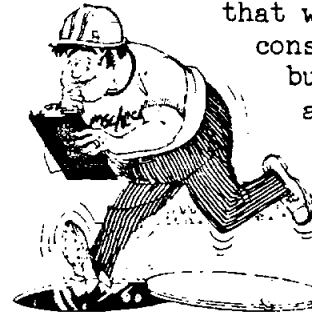
The February meeting program will be a new AMA film called "Modelings Grand Illusions". It's all about scale models, from the rubber powered Peanut types to RC versions of Boeing 747's and a gigantic British Avro Lancaster WW-II bomber! I just hope the film arrives on time for the meeting!



DAVE WAITING FOR FILM TO ARRIVE!!

In view of the recent rainy season we have just been through, I might suggest

that we all consider



building

amphibians,

flying boats, and float-type airplanes. On a serious

level, the rains have wash

ed a lot of gravel onto

the field, the pits need

sweeping to clear out the

loose debris, and the

FIELD CREW IN ACTION lines marking runways/pits, flight lines need some maintenance. Any volunteers for a broom brigade?? (Sure, Prez, if you supply the Colorado Cool-Aid!)

(Ed.Note: can any of you identify the flying boat pictured above??)



The Thinking Man's Sport

