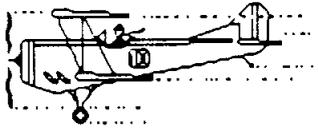
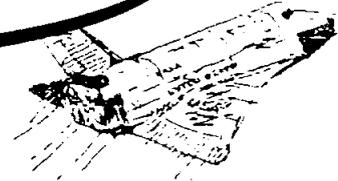


The R C Flyer



March 1987



The Newsletter of the *Manned Space Center Radio Control Club*

President's Corner

Dear Members:

Well another month has slipped by very fast and the weather remains lousy. Since the last meeting we seem to have had rain or high winds every weekend except last Sunday, not conducive to flying anyone's pride and joy. I trust the time has been spent completing some of those building projects waiting to be finished.

I was absent from the February club meeting due to work commitments and my place was taken by the Vice President Dennis Smerz. Thanks Dennis, everyone says you did a fine job.

At the February meeting, "The Model of the Month" judging was thrown open to everyone present. During the meeting refreshment break everyone was encouraged to examine the models, and actual judging was done by a show of hands after the meeting resumed. I like the idea of everyone being involved, and this method of judging will be adopted for all future meetings.

The Club will purchase more fuel and it will be kept by LOCAL volunteer members. When these people are known, their names will be carried every month along with their telephone numbers in the Newsletter until that member no longer has any fuel left. I emphasize the word local here because in the past fuel has been put into the keeping of people who live in outlying areas, and because of their location they have had trouble disposing of it. Subsequently, we have had to write off fuel due to leakage and evaporation.

At the next meeting there will be a slight change of format as Steve Rethstein and Tim Hudson plan to bring their respective Cub Scout

Next Meeting **THIS Thursday,**
March 12, 1987 at 7:30 PM
in the Clear Lake Park Building

SOARING CALENDER

Sat	Mar 21, 1987	Sun	Jun 7, 1987
Pre season warmup Joe Welch San Antonio 5 min duration 10% in or out as many rounds as possible		Contest Eastfield boomers Dallas may be part of Texas R/C Soaring Championship Series	
Sun	Apr 5, 1987	Sat	Jun 13, 1987
15-min add em up with 10% in or out landing Chuck Fisher Dallas		Corpus Christi Hoater contest 7-4/L-4 Canabis CD Chuck Caldwell	
Thu	Apr 9, 1987	Sun	Jun 14, 1987
expecting new arrival		Corpus Christi Unlimited Handlaunch (No soar limits) CD Larry Cox	
Sat	Apr 25, 1987	Sun	Jun 21, 1987
NASA Contest CD Julian Tamez part of Texas R/C Soaring Championship Series		Runway Landing Joe Welch San Antonio part of Texas R/C Soaring Championship Series	
Sun	Apr 26, 1987	Sun	Jul 12, 1987
NASA Contest CD Greg Baker part of Texas R/C Soaring Championship Series		30 min add em up CD Bud Black Dallas	
Sun	May 3, 1987	Sat	Jul 25, 1987
60' Handlaunch CD Bud Black Dallas		NASA Contest CD Jim Ferris	
Sat	May 16, 1987	Sun	Jul 26, 1987
TNT AMA distance Pancho Morris Dallas part of Texas R/C Soaring Championship Series		NASA Contest CD Gary Ward	
Sun	May 17, 1987	Sun	Aug 9, 1987
TNT 7 min duration L-4 landing Walter Carter Dallas part of Texas R/C Soaring Championship Series		3-6-9 Contest CD Mickey Dewitt Dallas	
		Sat	Aug 22, 1987
		Cross country Corpus Christi Chuck Caldwell \$500 for 4 laps in 40 min	

Calender supplied by Gary Ward

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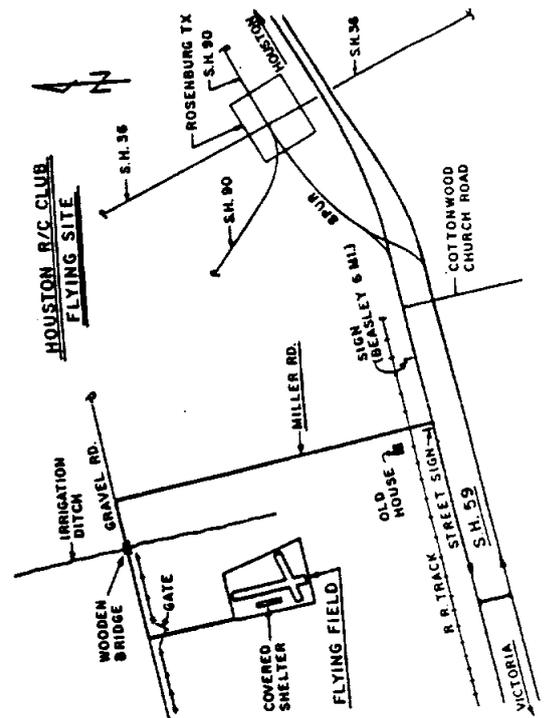
HOUSTON R/C CLUB

MARCH 15, 1987 - 11:00 TO 4:00 PM

LOCATION: CLUB FIELD

OPEN TO PUBLIC - GREAT BUYS
FLYING DEMONSTRATION DURING AUCTION
OPEN FLYING TO AMA MEMBERS
AFTER AUCTION

MARCH	29	FUN FLY	H.A.M.C.	HOUSTON, TX
APRIL	11-12	PATTERN		BATON ROUGE, LA
	11-12	ELECTRIC FUN FLY	SPARKS (SCOBEE FIELD)	HOUSTON, TX
	25-26	PATTERN		AUSTIN, TX
	26	FLEA MARKET/FUN FLY	PROP NUTS	HOUSTON/HIGHLANDS, TX
MAY	3-4	BIG BIRD		WACO, TX
	16-17	ALL SCALE	MSC/RC	HOUSTON, TX
	16-17	PATTERN		LAFAYETTE, LA
	23-24	PATTERN		TULSA, OK
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	27-24	PATTERN & SCALE		KRESS (PLAINVIEW), TX
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JUNE	6-7	BIG BIRD		BEAUMONT, TX
	6-7	PATTERN		WACO, TX
	20-21	BIG BIRD	HARKS	HOUSTON, TX
	27-28	BIG BIRD		CLAREMORE, OK
	27-28	SCALE		DALLAS, TX
	27-28	Q 500 & FI	SC/RC (SCOBEE FIELD)	HOUSTON, TX
JULY	4-5	PATTERN	HARKS	HOUSTON, TX
	11-12	BIG BIRD	PROP NUTS	HOUSTON/HIGHLANDS, TX
	18-19	BIG BIRD		DALLAS, TX
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AUG.	8-9	PATTERN	PROP NUTS	HOUSTON/HIGHLANDS, TX
	22-23	BIG BIRD	8TH DISTRICT	ODESSA, TX
	29-30	PATTERN		FT. HOOD, TX
SEPT.	12-13	BIG BIRD		BOSSIER CITY, LA
	19-20	PATTERN		NORMAN, OK
	20	BIG BIRD	SC/RC	HOUSTON, TX
OCT	10-11	PATTERN		NEW ORLEANS, LA





President's Corner (Continued From Page 1)

packs into the meeting from 7:00 to 8:00PM so that members can assist the lads in building AMA Delta Darts. The Cubs will provide all the materials, so all we need are a few volunteers to assist. Remember that these lads are our future club members and this is just the right age to catch them.

That about raps it up for another month. Enjoy your flying, weather permitting, and do it safely!


Capt. Jon Vincent

A Note On Safety

by Don White

I know, not another article about safety. I plan to observe the activities out at the flying site and report on what I see from time to time. If the shoe fits wear it, and do something about changing your attitude about safety. As you know, field safety is a journey, not a destination, and I can tell you the flying site privilege is something we do not want to lose.

My talk this month is about our knees, hands, and props. It is best to separate one from the other.

I see youngsters starting alot of engines. They are usually on their knees, so when they raise up they come very close to the spinning prop. If the plane were to move forward, or the person to move even the least little bit, the prop could eat a very important part of the leg. Lets be aware and avoid that hassle.

Next, I get to relate a war story about props and hands. I was carrying a plane out to the flight line holding on the rear of the fuselage when the nose started to fall. To catch it I reached with my left hand and got caught by the prop. Seventeen stiches in one of my fingers that cost over \$100.00. I wish I had not done it, as I could have used the money for a new engine!

If you see unsafe activities, don't wait to tell me about it, do something right then and tell me at the next meeting.

Don White 488-1024



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How about some more ads guys....



From the Editor's Desk:



Well, we are improving! I actually had some input from the club for this newsletter, and my many thanks go out to those who contributed. Now just send in MORE! Send in items for sale....it's free ad space to lots of people!

The section on the location of club fuel discussed by Jon Vincent will begin in the next newsletter.

Time is getting harder to come by....

H.A.M.C.I.'s

February 1987

FLYING INFORMATION

Houston Area Model Council Inc. Dedicated to the unification and promotion of Houston area Aeromodelers.

*** AMA CHARTERED CLUB NUMBER 856 ***

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WHAT IS H.A.M.C.I. ?

There have been many questions about H.A.M.C.I., the Houston Area Model Council, Inc.. Questions like, "Why should my club join HAMCI, since we are too far from Scobee field to use it?", or "350.00 a year is too much for our club to afford.", or "Why should I help provide a field for clubs who have lost their flying sites?", or "I won't fly there because of the no beer rule."

I could probably list another 50 questions like this, but do you notice what these questions have in common? They are all negative! It has always been easier to criticize than to construct. It takes teamwork to construct things-people pulling together in the same organization that is needed to do the job. The goal of HAMCI is teamwork among all the chartered clubs in the Houston area.

As one of the founders of HAMCI, I feel qualified to explain it's goals and I hope you will give a lot of thought to what I am about to write. HAMCI is not just an operating committee for Scobee Field - quite the contrary! Scobee Field is a result of the fact that we have HAMCI. Right now, HAMCI consists of 11 chartered clubs. It is charged with the operation of Scobee Field just like the Little League baseball fields are operated by their association.

The Little League contract was used as a model for the HAMCI contract with Harris County and the Corps of Engineers. But, operation of a particular flying field is not what HAMCI is all about.

HAMCI is a DREAM! A vision of how aeromodelling should really be in the Houston area instead of how it is. The stated purpose of HAMCI in it's state charter is to "further and encourage the sport and hobby of aeromodelling in the Houston area". As simple as that!

One way to further encourage the hobby and sport is to help provide flying sites, but there are many other ways. More important ways.

Let's take a moment to be perfectly candid with ourselves about the state of the hobby and sport of aeromodelling in the Houston area. Little Lake Charles has hosted several nationals. San Antonio hosted a nationals and Dallas-Ft. Worth area has hosted numerous major meets over the years, including the Southwest Championships. Large public flying fields have been built on public property with public funds in Chicago, Dallas, Albuquerque, Florida, upper New York state, Los Angeles, and Casper, Wyoming, just to name a few. Now there is one in Houston.

All of these efforts took organization. The lack of any coherent organization in Houston has kept us from being on the leading edge of aeromodelling for many years. At last count, there are 23 chartered clubs in the Houston area and they have traditionally spoken with 23 different voices. No single club is capable of sponsoring a nationals or for that matter, developing a public flying site on a grand scale. Just think of what we could accomplish if all 23 chartered clubs were working together towards a common goal. We could move mountains!

As an example, the AMA suggested we might want to put in a bid for the World control line meet in 1987 since we have such a fine control line facility at Scobee field. I don't honestly think we are ready to organize and run a contest of this caliber - Yet. That is only an indication of things to come in the Houston area if we can get all 23 area clubs to pull together through HAMCI. We could have the nationals here if we wanted it.

The facilities are available, all we really need is the organization to get the job done. HAMCI is that organization. It's a framework for working TOGETHER. So there you have it. The dream of HAMCI and what it's really all about. If there is something you don't like about Scobee field, let's work TOGETHER to change it. If there is something special you would like to see done in Houston aeromodelling, let's work TOGETHER to make it happen. If you would like to see the nationals or a World control line meet in Houston, let's work TOGETHER to get them here. As we need more public flying sites in the area, let's work TOGETHER to get them built.

HAMCI may be a dream, but it's a dream that is coming true. At the last Council meeting, I saw a room full of dreamers who have the same vision that I have. They were your council representatives. They are going to make it all happen. **THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE HOUSTON A MAJOR FORCE IN THE SPORT AND HOBBY OF AEROMODELLING!!**

signed, Bert Striegler

EDITORS NOTE :

As editor, I would like to welcome all readers to submit any material for publication in upcoming newsletters concerning your club. I would also encourage individuals who would like to offer ideas on Council activities or suggestions for the promotion of the hobby, to bring them up at your next meeting and have your representative present it at the next Council meeting. **REMEMBER HE IS YOUR CLUBS VOICE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS !!**

It is often said of organizations that the majority of the work is done by a minority of its members. HAMCI is fortunate in that most of its members are selected from this minority from each club. We have a concentration of devoted modelers who have accepted the added responsibility of seeing that their hobbies and their clubs best interests are met by the Council.

Your AMA dollars are like tax dollars, we in the Houston area are proud a large portion of the district 3 and must ask, are we getting our proportionate share? Are we getting a good return for our money? If you have your doubts, speak out! The Council is here to work for you, the

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\$5.00 LANDING FEE
(includes 1 free raffle ticket)
ADDITIONAL TICKETS
AVAILABLE \$1.00 OR 6/\$3.00**



This first edition of the Houston Area Model Council newsletter is the beginning of what we hope will be a long line of communication within the modeling community of the Houston area. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide a vehicle for each of the clubs in our area to let each other know what is happening, and to draw all of the modeling community together in a spirit of cooperation.

The Council is a collection of model clubs of all disciplines. While most of the clubs are R/C oriented, control line is represented too. The free flight interests are not yet a part of the Council, but we would welcome any that would like to join.

The Council was formed a little over two years ago, with the primary concerns being the acquisition of Scobee Field in the west end of Houston. That effort, while not yet complete, has been very successful. Now is the time for the Council to accept the other responsibilities that exist to serve as a regional focal point for modeling in the entire Houston area. Scobee field is a good start. But it is only a start!

What does the future hold in store? For starters, look over this newsletter. You will find communications from each of the member clubs. You will find information about Council sponsored functions. This should indicate the direction the Council is taking.

But what else? It has been noted that the Houston area has one of the largest collection of modelers for any comparable area in the country. If we set our minds to it, we could do ANYTHING WE WANT!

What about the NATS? Do we want them in Texas again? Do we want them in the Houston area? It's up to us.

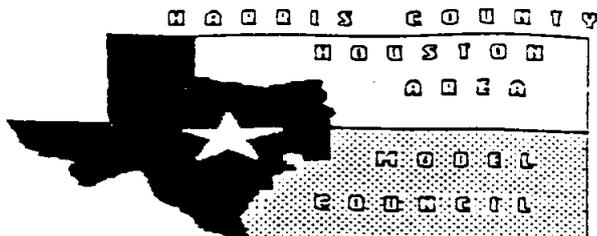
How about team selections? Pattern? Fusion? Down? Combat? Precision Aerobatics? Team Race? Speed? and more... It's up to us.

How about RMA? do we want to select a U.P. from the Houston area? Do we want to control our own destiny? It's up to us.

The Houston area modelers are as good as anywhere in the world. If we can all work together, we can achieve anything we can imagine. Ryan and Vender flew around the world using technology that modelers use everyday. If we can dream it, we can do it!

Welcome to the first communication from the Council. May it be only the first of many.

Bill Lee



THE SCOBEE FIELD REPORT

HOUSTON AREA EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	SPONSOR/FIELD	CITY/STATE
MARCH 8	FUN-FLY	JETERO R/C CLUB	HUMBLE, TX
29	SWAP/FLY-IN	H. A. M. C. I. (SCOBEE)	HOUSTON, TX
APRIL 5	FLY-IN	JETERO R/C CLUB	HUMBLE, TX
11-12	PATTERN		BATON ROUGE, LA
11-12	ELEC. FUN-FLY	S. P. A. R. K. S. (SCOBEE)	HOUSTON, TX
25-26	PATTERN		AUSTIN, TX
26	FLEA MARK/FUN-FLY	PROP NUTS	HIGHLANDS, TX
MAY 3-4	BIG BIRD		WACO, TX
9-10	BIG BIRD	NORTHWEST R/C	HOUSTON, TX
16-17	ALL SCALE	MANNED SPACE CRAFT R/C	HOUSTON, TX
16-17	PATTERN		LAFAYETTE, LA
23-24	PATTERN		TULSA, OK
23-24	PATTERN & SCALE	(KRESS)	PLAINVIEW, TX
24	BIG BIRD	SPACE CITY R/C	HOUSTON, TX
30-31	4-STROKE FLY-IN	PROP NUTS	HIGHLANDS, TX
JUNE 6-7	BIG BIRD		BEAUMONT, TX
6-7	PATTERN		WACO, TX
14	FUN-FLY	JETERO R/C	HUMBLE, TX
20-21	BIG BIRD	H. A. R. K. S.	HOUSTON, TX
27-28	BIG BIRD		CLAREMORE, OK
27-28	SCALE		DALLAS, TX
27-28	Q 500 & F. I.	SPACE CITY R/C (SCOBEE)	HOUSTON, TX
JULY 4-5	PATTERN	H. A. R. K. S.	HOUSTON, TX
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18-19	BIG BIRD		DALLAS, TX
19	BIG BIRD	JETERO R/C CLUB	HUMBLE, TX
26	SCALE	HOUSTON R/C (SCOBEE)	HOUSTON, TX
AUG. 8-9	PATTERN	PROP NUTS	HIGHLANDS, TX
15-16		NORTHWEST R/C	HOUSTON, TX
22-23	BIG BIRD	8TH DISTRICT	ODDESA, TX
29-30	PATTERN		FORT HOOD, TX
SEPT. 12-13	BIG BIRD		BOSSIER CITY, LA
19-20	BIG BIRD	NORTHWEST R/C	HOUSTON, TX
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OCT. 10-11	PATTERN		NEW ORLEANS, LA
4	SWAP MEET/FLY-IN	JETERO R/C CLUB	HUMBLE, TX

**REMEMBER
H.A.M.C.I.
MEETING
THURSDAY
MAR.5, 1987
7:30pm**

The Scobee Field Resort is meant to keep all members up to date on the latest developments concerning Scobee field. Remember this field is being run with you, the member clubs in mind. Any complaints? let us know otherwise we can assume everything is to your liking and may use it as a model for any other facility we may plan. Remember this field was built and payed for with your tax dollars, your H.A.M.C.I. dues didn't pay for it, your H.A.M.C.I. dues simply get access to the public officials how to best spend our money. If you have no interest in a public facility, think again. If the only place to fly is a club field, and you think your club is overcrowded, simply closing the membership won't solve matters. The hobby has gotten quite a bad reputation from those who fly at shopping centers, unfinished subdivisions, and football stadiums. Providing public flying sites may result in some top notch young flyers in the future that we would all welcome to our clubs. This hobby is too great to keep hidden from public view, don't be selfish. If you are reluctant to help anyone at your field for fear of being shackled with the full time task of teaching, step by at the public flying field at your convenience and help someone who is just getting started.

The first order of business concerns a request from precinct officials on 1937 improvements to Scobee field. (here's your chance speak up) Discuss it at your next club meeting and have your representative present it to the Council.

Secondly, the problem of safety has caused the county a great deal of concern, as in all clubs, enforcement of the rules is the job of each and every member. However people are reluctant to speak up, so the motion has been made to assign one weekend 4 times a year to each H.A.M.C.I. member (the representative) as Field Marshal. Any comments? any volunteers?

Power and water are still not hooked up but rumor is "they're working on it".

On the last page of this newsletter is a rather brief layout of Scobee Field showing the imaginary line we are all too familiar with, the restricted airspace for R/C models. AGAIN SEE BACK PAGE!

The R/C Flyer

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