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Next Meeting - April 13, 2000 at 7:00pm - Clear Lake Park Bldg.

The Presidents Corner

By: Preston Hunt.

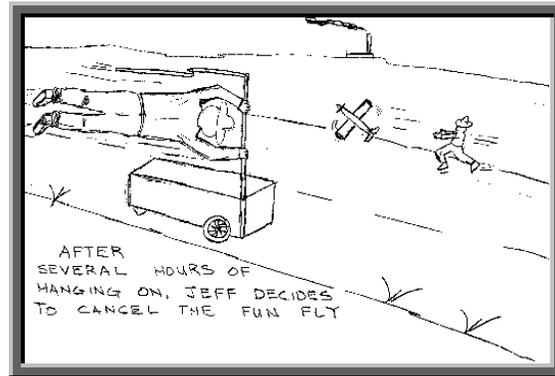
I was going to soap box it but I changed my mind. I will just point out some safety issues for everyone to keep in mind. Let keep our minds focused on field safety. Lets not taxi in or out of the pit area. Takeoffs should be performed after you plane passes the last pilot on the flight line. Fly the active pattern and notify other pilots when you need to leave the active pattern or if a runway change is needed. Fixed wing pilots, we currently have 4 new heli students. Please do not over fly the heli hover area. Heli pilots, please keep yourself as far away from the runway line as possible when practicing hovering. Hover at least 50 feet away from any vehicle or spectator. All pilots and spectators, the heli hover area is located west of the pits, please park all vehicles as far to the east as possible.

As many of you have noticed, this issue of the newsletter is extremely late in getting published. Those members who receive the newsletter by email will get it prior to the meeting. Snail mailers, I'm sorry. As I stated in the last newsletter, I have become extremely busy with my work, which is only going to get worse before it gets better. The hospital I work for is preparing for our JCAHO inspection plus I am currently working very hard on getting my model graphics business going. What this elates to is the fact that I have very little time to write newsletters. I still need someone to take over as editor. I will still be able to do the E publishing (PDF) so all the editor needs to do is send me the document in Word and I will create the PDF and email it out. I hate to say this but another snag in our newsletter distribution is that fact that our snail mail distributor does not have email. The copies have to go to him via snail mail. SO! I need someone to take over as editor; we need members to submit articles & pictures, everyone needs to get email (you can get the Internet for free now days) after all, it is the 21st Century.



FUN FLY STATUS

Well the March fun fly was blown away. A few of us braved it out but decided that 20 MPH with gust up to 25 MPH was just a little to much. Reminds me of a cartoon I drew some time ago.



So, the next event will be April 15 and will be the same as the proposed March events.

As you can note, for the May events I drop the top event for April, roll up the others and add a new one. So May will have "Climb and Glide with Spot Landing" and "Blind Flight" and finally a new event. The next two months are listed below.

April 15

- 1)Alram Clock Pylon Race
- 2)Climb and Glide with Spot Landing
- 3)Blind Flight

May 13

- 1)Climb and Glide with Spot Landing
- 2)Blind Flight
- 3)Dice Roll

Remember, Gift certificate awards at every event.

See Ya!!

March Meeting Minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm. 22 members were present.

Herman Burton provided refreshments.

Entertainment: Helicopter 101 “An intro into the dark side”. Preston Hunt gave a presentation on the basics of helicopters. The discussion included purchase cost for a 30 size helicopter using a Thunder Tiger Raptor as a base line, cost for the TT Raptor Pro and Gyro will run just over \$400.00. Radio equipment depends on preference and if you already have a radio with helicopter programming. Topics also included the basic control functions of a collective pitch helicopter and just what makes these things fly.

Model of the Month: Mike Laible displayed his Sig FourStar 120 powered by a Ryobi converted engine. The model weighted out at 12 ½ pounds. Covered with Monokote. The “RYOBI POWER” graphics on the underside of the wing were manufactured by Model Graphics www.boomstrike.com. Mike won model of the month with this superbly built model.

Brett Yourgans displayed his Kombat Kopter manufactured by the Airplane Factory. The KK is a gyro copter powered by a OS 46. *Editors note: I did some research on the Internet and found that the Kombat Kopter is one of the most unstable gyro copter designs. This is due to its teeter head design, which does not handle “Dessymetry of lift” very well. To find out more about gyro copters vist www.autogyro.com*

Old Business:

Canopy – Mike Liabile will purchase a new canopy structure and a replacement to for the old canopy. Club voted to spend up to \$500.00 on this project.

New Business:

Mike Laible proposed that we sponsor Clear Lake Intermediate School for AMA. The club will pay the AMA dues for the school. Mike stated that the cost was somewhere around \$30.00. Motion was seconded and passed by majority vote.

Mike Laible volunteered to update the club bylaws to reflect the new club name. The executive officers gave Mike the authority to correct the name in the bylaws.

The meeting ended at 9:15pm

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