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Next Meeting – Thursday, April 12th at 7:00pm - Clear Lake Park Bldg.

The President's Corner

By: Clay Bare, President

April is finally here as well as daylight savings time, which means that warmer weather and longer days are on the way. It also means that there should be more opportunity for y'all to make it out to the field.

If you haven't been out lately, you probably have not seen our new transmitter impound which was designed by Brian Morris and built by Charles Teixeira and his band of merry men. Thanks guys, it looks great and it is an excellent example of how important it is to the future of our club to have active members that are willing to volunteer both time and talent. I think we should dedicate it to all the lost planes shot down by poorly managed transmitters!

Now that we have an impound, we need to make a conscious effort at ensuring it is used and that rules in our bylaws concerning its use are obeyed and enforced. A good practice is that in between flights, the transmitter and frequency pin be returned to the impound. That way no one has to check with everyone at the field to see who has the pin. This also eliminates the temptation of turning on the transmitter without first checking the impound.

There's one other issue I would like to mention. If you want to fly the main flight line (regardless of craft type), please be sure to locate yourself in one of the pilot boxes. This way communication between you and the other pilots on the flight line has a better chance to be heard. We have had a couple incidents over the past few weeks that could have been avoided had the pilots communicated their intentions.

I know it seems that I have something negative to bring up each month, but I feel that my number one priority should be the safety of our membership and my second priority is that everyone has an enjoyable experience when at the field (i.e.

have FUN). I hope that each member also has the same priorities when using our facilities.

I guess that's enough for now. I hope to see everyone at our April meeting. For those of you who missed last month's meeting, we had a great presentation from Mike McGraw. Thanks Mike, for telling us about your new line of ducted fan jets. See y'all at the field !!!

February 2001 Meeting Minutes

By: Mike Goza

Meeting started 7:08pm

Mike McGraw presented his new line of Australian jets. On display was the Renegade. It is a highly prefabricated ducted fan model at a good price relative to other jets. Visit his web site for further details.

(<http://www.gcbmrc.com>)

Model of the Month

Mike Goza presented a new helicopter fuselage from Italy called a type E in a shark paint scheme.

Charlie Teixeira presented his red and white Something Extra.

Don Fisher presented a white Piper Cub on floats with OS .61 4-stroke engine.

John Boyle presented a JC Hobbies FunBat with a .18 engine. The model was designed for low cost combat fun.

Charlie Teixeira won Model of the Month.



New Business

Question was raised about non-instructors helping a friend and family on the buddy box and was that legal in relation to club rules. The answer was that it was OK to do this on a limited basis (couple of times). If it was going to be more frequent, then a special instructor pass should be issued in order to adhere to club rules.

There was a reminder that guests of the club flying on a guest pass need to have the sponsoring member present or that person should be escorted off site or be sponsored by another member currently on the field. This is a security issue with NASA. Please challenge suspicious badges and guest passes.

Old Business

The new impound design has been approved and construction is proceeding. (Editor: See update in President's Corner and below)

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00pm

April Program

John Boyle and Mike Laible will give a talk on the funbats.

March Fun Fly

By: James Lemon

The March Fun Fly was a great event. It was a little windy but other than that the weather was good and we had nine pilots competing.

The first event was the Blind Flight. The Boyle's dominated this event. Holly Boyle had the best time with John Boyle close behind. I came in third.

The second event was the Climb-N-Glide. I had the best time. John Boyle came in second and Mike Goza finished third flying a helicopter. **Yes a Helicopter.** All of the other competitors either passed on the event or were disqualified because their engines would not shut off.

The final event was the Dead Stick Landing. Mike Goza won this event with his Helicopter. I came in second and John Boyle finished third.

Gift Certificates from GCBM R/C models were awarded to the winners.

	March Points
James Lemon	6
John Boyle	5
Mike Goza	4
Holly Boyle	3

The April Fun Fly will be held on 4/14/01. Registration will be at 9:00 am. The events will be Dice Roll, Luck and Go and Bomb Drop.

Dice Roll:

- 1) Six maneuvers are chosen and numbered 1-6.
- 2) The pilot rolls one die to choose a maneuver, rolls it again to choose the number of times the maneuver must be flown.
- 3) Start engine and take off.
- 4) Time starts at lift off.
- 5) Perform maneuvers as described by dice rolls.
- 6) Time stops at touch down.

Luck and Go:

- 1) Start Engine.
- 2) Position plane for take off.
- 3) Go to dice table.
- 4) Pick up dice and roll until "7" is thrown.(time starts when the dice are picked up)
- 5) At roll of "7" take off.
- 6) Make at least a 180deg turn and land.(time stops at touchdown)
- 7) Shortest time wins.

Bomb Drop.

- 1) A beanbag will be placed in a cup that will be attached to your plane.
- 2) Drop the beanbag any way you can.
- 3) Closest to target wins.

Tx Impound Status

By: Charlie Teixeira

The transmitter impound has been built and set up at the field as of 3/24. Brian Morris did an excellent job in designing the Impound. Everything fit and matched as shown on his plans and the concept was well thought out. Also want to thank Don Fisher, Herman Burton, Brian Morris, Don White and Duane Sterling for help in constructing and setting up the Impound. If it is determined that some minor tweaks are needed as the impound gets used, let one of the club officers know. But for the impound to provide any safety benefits, members must use it every time they are at the field. For example, place your transmitter(s) in the Impound as soon as you get to the field and don't wait till later and get distracted and turn on your radio and cause a crash or injury. Members should also have some identification on their transmitter(s) to avoid picking up the wrong one.



Great helpers Sterling, Morris, White, Fisher and Burton (latter not available at time of photo)

The Impound also has a place for the frequency pins. It is not necessary for members to place their transmitters directly under the particular frequency pin they are using. Transmitters may be placed anywhere on any one of the three shelves or the PVC bar for those of you with shoulder harnesses.

Since the Impound is made of treated material, it was decided not to paint it. However, if the club members would rather have it painted, bring it up at a club meeting. If over the coming months/years you see a loose screw (other than a club member) or some other needed repair, take the

initiative and fix it. With a little care, the structure should last many years. The total cost for materials came out to about \$275.

I enjoyed working on the project (it's one of the few things I have built lately that hasn't crashed!) and hope it serves the club's needs for many years.

Neat Web Site:

By: Don White

I was reading a document discussing Flight Research using the X-15 and the problems with the flow separation at high speeds. They were using models in wind tunnels to predict aircraft stability. The article went on to say the X-15 had achieved an altitude of over 350K feet and speeds of Mach 6 but not who flew the aircraft. I was interested in who was at the controls of the airplane. I got on the net and YAHOO and entered X-15 and a slew of stuff came up, and in looking through some of the "hits" I stumbled on the site "Fiddlers Green". It's just pure fun, have a look for yourself. It is a whole facet of model aviation that I never considered. BTW I still don't know who flew the X-15 that high and fast. The Web site can be found at WWW.fiddlersgreen.net. Let me tell you just a bit more. The site has over 100 card stock model airplanes with a reference library, some of them free for downloading. You print them out and grab your exacto knife you are going to need it. I can't recall enjoying a web site more.



Don White with his new electric "Terry"

April Area Events

By: Editor

April 7-8, 2001, Monaville, TX. Annual April Jet Fly In and B-17 gathering and big bird fly in. Sponsor is Bomber Field and contact is Jack Spears at 979-826-8414.

April 8, 2001 Crosby, TX. Deep South Championships for 444(JSO). Sponsor: Hawks. Contact Julian Tamez at 281-540-3944.

April 21-22, 2001 Prop Nuts Annual Flea Market & Fly In. Contact Taswell Crowson at 281-474-9531. Sponsor: Prop Nuts RC Club

April 27-29, 2001 Houston F2D and 1/2A contest at Scobee Field. Contact Pat Willcox at 281-358-1750. Sponsor: Proptwisters of Houston.

LOST

Lost, one pair of leather work gloves at the field on Saturday (3/24) during the Impound Installation. If found call Don White at 281-488-1024.

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