



# The R/C Flyer

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Next Meeting – April 14, 2011, Clear Lake Park Building– 7:00 PM



## In The Pits

by Michael Laible

At the March meeting I had to leave a little early and missed the end results. However, before I left the club voted on getting a year contract for a porta potty (\$820) and the field striped (\$715). I know this is a lot of money, but the field will be a top notch Model airplane park in the Bay Area.

The fun fly is Saturday April 9th (this Saturday). This is the Spring family event we started some years ago. The club will supply hot dogs, chips and water. So come on out and have some fun. In addition to the club fun fly, we have invited JSC Director Michael Coats to cut the ribbon to the new runway. This will happen at 9 am.

So come on out and lets have some fun.

The field should be striped in the next couple of weeks. Below find a print of the proposed striping.



The B-24 project is coming along. All employees have returned from the strike and the fuselage and wing assmeby is proceding. This month we will have an update on the fuselage and next month the wing

Below you is a pic of the fuse with front gear deployed and the bomb bay cut out.



Below is a side pic of the bomb doors. The

B-24 bomb doors are a sliding door, like a garage door. I made the door out of 1/8x1/4 bass wood and glued them to a .005" styrene. Nice and flexible and should slide in the track. You can see the aluminum rails in the bomb door.



Below is the one door in place. Now to make them slide. I do have an idea and will show you next month.



That all for now.

Until next month,  
Godspeed and Safe Landings,  
Mike

## A DAY AT THE FLYING FIELD

by Terry Dunn

Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> was a great day to be a member of JSCRCC. Renovations to the runway had been completed during the prior week, but strong winds kept all but the bravest (or foolhardy?) aviators from trying out the slick new surface. However, Tuesday was different, with calm winds and cool temperatures. I arrived around 5:15 PM and found Mike McGraw and Dave Bacque already in place and ready to get started. We were soon joined by Randy Stone, Don White, Bill Schwander and Fitz Walker. Mike and Dave flew their nitro-powered pattern ships, including the maiden flight on Mike's Fliton Element. He lost power a few minutes into the flight, but made a great landing on the runway (shame on those guys who were quietly betting that he wouldn't make it!). Of course, Dave always makes his Epsilon 90 look good.

The rest of us flew electrics of all shapes and sizes. I successfully maiden my Kyosho Cessna Cardinal that I got from Mike a few weeks earlier. This 25-year-old kit was basically new –in-box, though it had a little damage to the foam components. With modern electronics, it came out much lighter than stock and flew really well. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> flight, I turned the wing around backwards just to prove that aerodynamics will sometimes take a break.



I had recently converted my Goldberg Falcon EP to a taildragger. I put in a couple of flights and handed the transmitter to anyone else willing to fly it. Don's FredE (February 2011 Model of the Month) put in a few flights as well.



Everyone had a great time. We all agreed on two things: the new runway is great and sunset came much too soon. I hope for more days like this before summer rolls in.



As the sun was going down, Bill's Leveque flying boat made a pretty silhouette against the darkening sky.



## **APRIL 9<sup>th</sup> FUN FLY**

*by James Lemon*

### Skill Test:

Time starts. Start engine (plane holder removes glow driver) move to pilot box and take off. Execute three rolls and three loops. Land taxi to the designated box and stop engine. Fastest time wins.

### Dice Roll:

Roll a die to determine a maneuver. Roll again to determine the number of times you must perform the maneuver. Time start at lift off and ends a wheel touch. Fastest time wins.

### Bomb Drop:

Drop the bomb closest to target wins.

Kent and Herman will bring LT- 40 and proper buddy gear for Mike Coats to try  
Treasurer Report 5854.08 on hand

Work day on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am

Phil got bungees

Do cable repairs and general clean up and items deemed necessary for fun fly.

Table purchase of new canopy until after Hurricane season

It was voted and 2nded for club to get a port a potty and place on site for one year from club funds and table discussion of increase in dues to defray yearly expense.

Refreshments' Next meeting Kent

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## **March Meeting Minutes**

*by Kent Stromberg*

Guests Charles Mitchell  
Mike Varner

Discussion of Projector offered to club by Jeff Donahue- It was decided without a place to store we should respectfully decline.

Discussion of Fun Fly April 9<sup>th</sup>

Mike Coats JSC center Director will Attend

Kent Stromberg and Blaine Valentine will arrange food and Cooking

Herman Burton will get ribbon for ceremonies and scissors

James Lemon will be event director

### Suggested events:

1. Bomb Drop
2. Skill Test
3. Dice roll

## Upcoming Events

April 9 Fun Fly BBQ Ribbon Cutting  
April 16 Prop Nuts Fly in  
April 23 Alvin Big Bird  
April 30 New Waverly Big Bird  
May 1 Kingsbury IMAC

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