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MEETING NOTICE and

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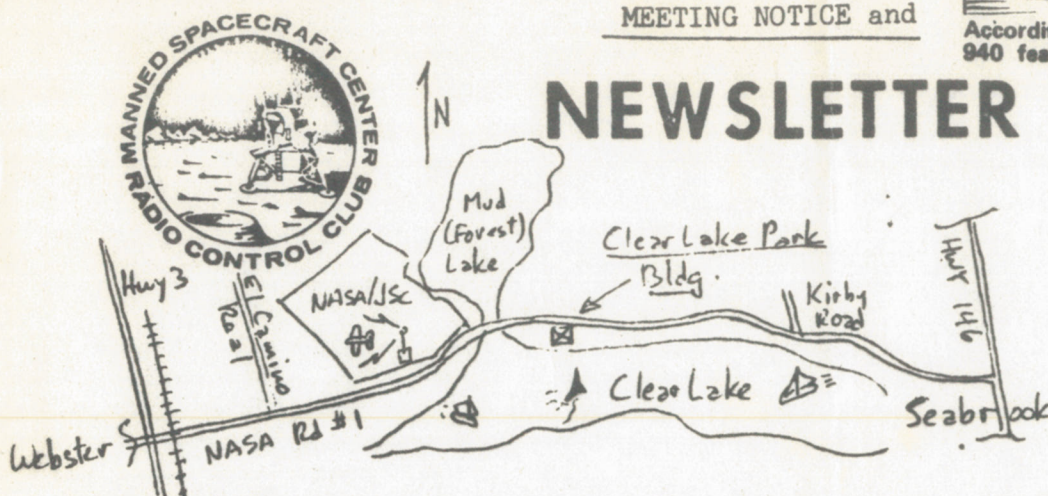
HMMMMMM!
According to experts, a ruby-throated hummingbird has 940 feathers. (MONOKOTE WOULD BE EASIER!)

DATE: Thursday, April 14, 1977

TIME: 8:00 - 10:00 P.M.

PLACE: Clear Lake Park Bldg.
(see map)

PROGRAM: Lars Giertz will tell us all about the speed trials



BUILDING TIPS: The following may be of interest to some of you readers. The utilization of plastic containers, coffee can lids, or bags such as the type and size CG spinners are packaged in provides an excellent base for mixing epoxy glue. The surface can be used over and over because it can be cleaned very easily by pulling off the unused epoxy from the plastic base after it hardens. The base is easily pinned to a convenient location and may be stored with the glue supply. Also, when held in your hand, you can feel the heat generated when the epoxy begins to cure, thereby alerting you of the available time left to work with. (H. Rosenberg).

ATTENTION: The MSC/RCC club will hold its 6th annual Sailplane Contest on Saturday, May 21, '77 (AMA Sanction #367). Event are Task III modified (2 minute target) and Task II modified (10 min duration). This year we are looking for lots of MSC/RCC club members to enter.....so lets get with the building and practice flying you guys (and gals also!).



A FRIENDLY REMINDER!....all practice racing (i.e. Quickie 500, Formula I, etc.) in which the models are flown at low altitude simulating the actual pylon racing pattern will be conducted between the blue and white towers in a North-South direction. This is to insure adequate safety and to eliminate confusion with the sport and pattern flyers operating from the normal location. Frequency control procedures will be as usual. Pick up a pin from wherever the frequency tree is located. Since individuals on the same frequency may be at the two different areas of the field, routine courtesy must be exercised in order to make the system work.



TEST FLIGHT FUN!!.....the following conversation was (almost) overheard last week:

Kiker: "J. W. Smith, why is that Safari coming down in a flat spin???"

J. W.: "I dunno, John. Maybe its because the tail just blew off!!!"

The subject of this dialog was the "Safari" ready-to-fly airplane shown by J. Kiker at the March meeting. On the 3d test flight, a structural failure occurred on the vertical fin which serves as the horizontal stab mount. This failure seems to be due to a design deficiency. There were no violent maneuvers performed with the model prior to this occurrence. Please be advised if you are planning to purchase a Safari that flight characteristics are satisfactory and the potential of the airplane appears to be good if the structure is beefed up in some way. For more information, call John K.



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MSC/RCC MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 14, 1977

The April meeting of the MSC/RCC was held at the Clear Lake Park Building. President J.W. Smith called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

1. Minutes of the March meeting were read by the Secretary and accepted by the members.
2. The Treasurer was absent from the meeting.
3. OLD BUSINESS:

A. John Kiker gave some additional details concerning the structural failure of his Safari aircraft as described in the April Newsletter. In a telephone conversation, the manufacturer admitted that this has happened to him and that kits now have been modified to fix the problem.

B. J. W. Smith reminded everyone about performing practice racing further out between the towers as noted in the April Newsletter.

C. Hal Rosenberg discussed the May 21 sailplane contest and requested club participation. In these contests it is possible to fly and also work. Two events: 2-minute precision and 10-minute duration.

D. J. W. Smith announced that the pylon races originally scheduled for the coming weekend are cancelled. An AMA sanction has been received for July 2-3.

4. NEW BUSINESS: J. Kiker announced that there is now a free-flight club at JSC which will also be using the field. Their flying area is dictated by the wind direction. A free flight contest will be held in two weeks, but there will be no R/C equipment used such as on the Radio Assist Free Flight event. Everyone is urged to cooperate, especially if a model dethermalizes into our area.

5. MOTM: There were two entries for Model of the Month.

---J. W. Smith showed a Lanier Rebel biplane which has already been tested. About 6 1/2#, OS Blackhead, World Engines radio.

---O. Morris showed his rebuilt Royal B-25. 13#, 7 servos, K&B 40's.

The judging team of J. Baker, B. J. Philipp, and B. Arrow awarded the non-existent trophy to O. Morris for the B-25.

6. REFRESHMENTS were provided by Bill Nelson.

7. Lars Giertz gave a run-down on the recent speed trials at Ellington while O. Morris showed slides of the event. High wind conditions made it difficult to fly well, and the times were rather high.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Brown, Secretary

