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The News Letter of the *Manned Space Center Radio Control Club*

President's Corner

Bill Landoc

A special thanks to the folks at Pirate Models for coming all the way from Tomball to provide the program for the March meeting. The large scale Extra that they brought to show was beautiful. Obviously all the kits that they produce are of very high quality. James Osborne did an excellent job of explaining their production techniques and narrating a video of their plane's flight capabilities. The Extra hanging on it's prop and flying close to the ground like a helicopter had to be seen to believe.

Another special thanks to Charles Copeland for donating a Royal 40 high wing trainer to be used as a club trainer. This plane, along with the Royal 40 low wing that Tas Crowson finished building and showed at the March meeting, now gives us two airplanes to be used to introduce people to the hobby without them first having to invest a lot of money.

The March 16th flying field work day was well attended and most successful. Mike Goza got things organized including a visit by a street sweeper the evening before the work day. While the street sweeper broke down and didn't get to finish the job, much of the loose gravel was relocated away from the pit and flying areas. The

flight lines and pilot boxes were repainted (Jeff Longmore may have found a second career as a paint stripper). The helicopter area had markings repainted. Special stop signs and yellow lines were added at each end of the flight area to control cross field traffic during shared field operations. The field box was repainted and weeds on and along the flight area were cut. All in all, the flying field looks better than it has in a long time. With the improving weather, longer days, and day light savings time coming the field is all ready for increased usage.

The March Fun Fly got blown away, literally. While more than a dozen pilots plus several spectators showed up, the wind was just too high to be able to fly safely. So the whole event, has been slipped one month and rescheduled for April 27. Hopefully the weather will be better then.

For those of you who have been wondering about the demolition work that has been going on at the flying field with the old radar tower at the end of the field. The tower has only gone away temporarily. I'm told that the structural steel for the tower had become unsafe so that is why it was taken down. The plan is to rebuild the tower along with upgrading the B18 Range Control Building to support some up coming radar tests for space station. The work is suppose to be one by May, so we should soon see a new tower at the end of the antenna range.

Next meeting we will have another special program. (Mike Laible has done an outstanding job in getting speakers this year.) Dub Jett from Jett Engines will be at the April meeting to provide the program, so plan to make a special effort to attend.

Fly often and fly safely.



Buy the May meeting I should have the .60 Cu. In. Sea Fury. My Pop is just about finished. He said that my plans are perfect and that every part fits. After the test flights I will be completing the plans for retail. This is a long project in the making it is truly a pleasure to see the finished product. I just hope it flies. Hee Hee.



Words From The VP

Michael Laible

I write this column just as I returned from the first fun fly of the year. I am sorry to say that the fun fly was canceled due to high winds. I am sure this is what kept the crowds away! I believe that we had four or five planes ready to participate. The rescheduled fun fly has been set for April 27th. This should really be a fun experience. I really want to thank Jeff and Christine for helping out so much with the food. The last two fun flies have been canceled due to high winds, but we ate well at both. I guess it always could be worse, like rain and no FOOD.

Jeff was so excited to try out the LIMBO. It seemed like he had a good set-up. The LIMBO stand was made of pipe thin enough not to cause major damage. I think Ray Randolph really wanted to get the LAZY BEE through the LIMBO. Only problem is with the high winds he would have had to take off at rocket park and fly backwards through the setup!!! We had a few brave flyers.

The Thunder Tiger that I bought and put into the "Sorta Pattern" is really working out great. The engine is really strong and I haven't had a dead stick yet. Same tank, fuel, and fueling as what the Fox was running on. Oh Well.

I will be missing the April meeting due to vacation.

Fun Fly

Michael R. Laible

The fun fly has been rescheduled for April 27th. The events and prizes will stay the same as before. If you need more information call Jeff Longmore at 335-1532. Everyone plan to come to fly or watch and eat

9:00 REGISTRATION AND WARM UP FLIGHTS

10:00 BEGIN ALARM CLOCK PYLON FOLLOWED BY LIMBO CONTEST

\$50/\$25/\$10 PRIZE FOR TOP THREE IN EACH EVENT

12:00 CLUB PROVIDED FOOD



April Entertainment

Mike Laible

The April entertainment is scheduled to have Dubb Jett from Jett Engineering talk about his manufacturing plant. This should be a very interesting talk.

In May I have scheduled Mel Keister of Brookside Machine to talk about his new Model Engine Starter System. This should also be a good presentation. In fact, Mel informed me that in 1990 he tested this starter system at the MSC field. I guess this was before my time.



Classifieds

Needed someone who will cut a foam wing. Small wing span and templates will be provided. Will pay! Call Don White at 483-7647.

Tip of the Month

Ed Walsh

Want a nice convent way to clean up the airplanes? Use baby wipes. Yes, those soft wipe tissues that come under various brand names and are packaged in a handy plastic box. The wipes must contain some kind of cleaning fluid (of course water only wipes will not work) because they remove oil very well and the lanolin in them seems to act like a bit of polish.

The R/C Flyer

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Minutes from the February 1995 Meeting

Don Fisher -Secretary - Absent



Meeting called to order by Bill Langdoc at 7:30 PM.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted. See new business for treasurer vote.

Old Business

- The membership packet is near completion. Relines were collected and will be incorporated for the May meeting.
- Club Logo contest continues. Three to four logos have been collected to date. Logos must be in by the April meeting
- Club Trainer- Tas reported that the club Trainer is complete and has had a test flight. Everything seems to be in good working order. Charles Copeland also brought a club trainer. It was donated to the MSC RC Club.
- Field Work Day is scheduled and everything is in place.
- Fun Fly is scheduled

New Business

- It was motioned and carried by majority to discontinue the printing of the budget in the treasurers report.
- The MSC Flight Lines were discussed it was decided that only two primary flight lines will be marked on the field.
- The Rocket field is closed due to dry grass conditions

Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's report.



Model of the Month

Don White brought his Tiger 2. It is a nicely completed model using red and white film covering. Don had several construction techniques to share the Club.

Program

The program for the month of March was James Osborn of Pirate Models. This was a very informative talk on the production of his aircraft and video of the flight characteristics. The models

are light and exhibit excellent flight performance. Pirate Models mainly carry 25% to 33% Extras in semi or professional kits. You had to see the video to believe what the models are capable of doing.

Refreshments

- Tas Crowson will bring refreshments for April

**Next Meeting on Thursday
April 11th 7:30 PM
Clear Lake Park Building**

1996 MSC/RCC Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
April 11	Club Meeting-Doub Jett, Jett Engines	July 27	Club Fun Fly
April 13-14	Prop Nuts Swap Meet/Fly In	August 8	Club Meeting
April 27	Club Fun Fly	August 23-25	Ballunar Festival
May 9	Club Meeting, Brookside Machine	September 12	Club Meeting, Nominations
June 13	Club Meeting	September 28	Club Fun Fly Annual BBQ
June 13-16	IMAA Rally of the Giants, Lake Charles, LA	October 10	Club Meeting, Elections
July 6-7	Prop Nuts Big Bird Fly In	October 12-13	Prop Nuts Big Bird Fly IN
July 11	Club Meeting	November 14	Club Auction
		December 12	Club Christmas Party



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Wayne Green		484-3151
Don White		488-1024

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