



The R/C Flyer

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Next Meeting – Thursday, May 9, 2002 at 7:00pm - Clear Lake Park Bldg.

President's Corner

By: Clay Bare, JSCRCC President

Summertime weather has arrived and it looks like the flying season is off to a GREAT start at JSCRCC. For those of you that missed our April Fun-Fly, you missed a heck of a good time! The Fun-Fly committee did a great job selecting the events and we had about fourteen participants as well as numerous spectators. Lunch went over without a hitch and my two year-old daughter, Lauren, loved the hotdogs. Congratulations to all for making this event a success. As for you that missed this one, make sure to reserve a spot on your calendar for the next Fun-Fly. I would love to see 20+ participants at the next one.

One of the items we tried at the Fun-Fly was to designate a run-up area outside of the pits. I feel that this worked out great and I would like to propose that we designate a run-up area to be utilized each week. Starting the engines in the pit area poses a level of risk I think we can avoid. No one wants to be hit by a stray prop, thrown gravel... or at least I don't!

Another safety precaution used at the Fun-Fly was to enforce the use of the transmitter impound. I know it is convenient to keep your transmitter with your other stuff, but it is also real tempting to switch the transmitter on to adjust that out of trim control surface in between flights. Now that we have the new impound I would like to encourage each member to be more conscientious about using it.

Enough safety soapbox for now... Let's get out there and fly!

Clay

April Meeting Minutes

By: Mike Goza, JSCRCC Secretary

Meeting started at 7:15pm April 11, 2002.

Old Business

There will be a Fun Fly Saturday at 9:00am.

It was decided by the members at large to fund giving away 3 T-shirts to members that show up at the field for the Fun Fly.

Speaking of T- shirts, there are still T-shirts, polo shirts, and hats with the club logo available. The cost is \$15 for T-shirts, \$31 for polo shirts, and \$10 for hats. Polo shirts with a pocket will be available next time, but the price will go to \$36.

New Business

There is a new AMA program, which we have enrolled some people into. The pilot program allows a person without AMA (membership) to fly with an instructor for 30 days and be covered by insurance. Only certain instructors have been signed up. Remember to get peoples names on the list with security before attempting to bring visitors on site!

Model of the Month

J. R.? (Sorry I missed the name) brought a Lanier F4 prop driven airplane. It featured a glass body and a .45 for power.



Randy with his Model of the Month

Mr. Timure? (Again I missed the name. I really should get my ears cleaned out, :-)) brought a nicely built yellow PT40 trainer.



Randy Korenek brought a large BME 44 powered Ugly Stick with a swept wing. Randy thanked Preston Hunt for inaugurating the model by ripping the landing gear off in the grass during an emergency landing. Randy won Model of the Month in a close vote.

Entertainment

Our VP and the lovely Holly organized a paper airplane contest. The theme was a carrier landing where the plane had to fly under a wire, land beyond another line and land nearest the arresting line at the far end of the room. The entire event was MAJOR fun. Maybe we can get the VP to stage another one along with how to build origami aircraft. Ron Madsen won the event after two rounds of flying. Getting a paper airplane to go straight is not easy. Anyway, if you missed this meeting, you missed out on a lot of fun.



John Campo launching his paper airplane (What form!)

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm



In The Pits

By Michael R. Laible

This month's article of "In the Pits" is about the great Fun Fly that was held in April. Thirteen contestants turned out to fly and many more showed up to watch the fun. Believe me, no one was let down. The events held were the Mail Run, Climb and Glide, and to wrap it up Blackjack.

The competition was close and sometimes not decided until the last flyer. The Blackjack event had a flyoff for First, Second and third. The winners of the events were John Boyle (1st), Tracy Dunn (2nd), and Holly Boyle (3rd) for Mail Run. For the Climb n Glide event the winners were Tracy Dunn (1st), Becker (2nd), and Randy Korenek (3rd). The winners of the final event, Blackjack, were Becker (1st), Don Fisher (2nd), and Mike Laible (3rd).

Lets see if I can remember some of the high lights. One was the turn performed by Holly Boyle. It consisted of a full 180 degree turn while touching the inside wingtip throughout the turn, immediately landing for the mail exchange and then taking off. Yep, didn't even kill the engine. Another was Herman's landing without crashing. It was close to a crash, however, it was deemed a landing considering the plane was still flyable. Boy, I sure would like to know what glue Herman uses. I guess the best quick engineering has to go to Dunn for his Zaggi with one wheel. This allowed him to participate in the Mail Run and Blackjack.

Below you will find a few pictures, curtosy of Magnum Walker, showing the fun.



View of the pits



A little mid afternoon refreshments



A mug shot of the participants

Now that is a bunch of happy faces. I must commend all the people that put this Fun Fly together. It was truly a nice event and a lot of fun.

May Fun Fly

By: Fun Fly Committee

The second Fun Fly of the year will be held at the club field on May 11, 2002. Registration will begin at 9:00 AM and James Lemon will be the CD. The events will be Alarm Clock Pylon, Dice Roll, and Dead Stick Loops. The rules for each event are as follows:

Alarm Clock Pylon:

- 1) Start engine, take off
- 2) Circle pylons until all contestants are airborne
- 3) Time starts when whistle blows

- 4) First contestant to pass finish line after second whistle blows wins
- 5) Stay airborne until the CD tells you to land

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, shortest time wins

Dead Stick Loops

- 1) Start engine, take off
- 2) Time starts at lift off
- 3) 20 seconds to gain altitude
- 4) "Kill " engine at 20-second call.
- 5) Advance throttle 5 seconds after kill to verify engine has stopped (The contestant will be disqualified if the engine is still running)
6. Complete as many loops as possible before landing, most loops wins

Upcoming Events

5-18-02: Bay Port Spring Fly-In, Dear Park, TX. Contact R.C. Hulett at 281-930-8923 for more details. Sponsor is Bay Port Aero Club.

6-01-02: Jetero RC Pattern Classic, Huffman TX. Contact Ronald Barr, CD, for more info at 281-360-6632. Sponsor is Jetero RC Club.

6-01-02: Annual Any Size Warbird Event, Monaville, TX. Contact Nick Stratos, CD at 281-471-6762 for more info. Sponsor is Bomber Field Inc.

6-8-02: Alvin Spring Big Bird, Alvin TX. Fred Daniels, CD at 281-488-8371. Sponsor is Alvin RC Modelers Assn.

7-6/7-02: Propnuts Annual July Big Bird event. Contact Lloyd Sullivan, CD, at 281-998-3377. Sponsor is Propnuts RC Club.

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