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Next Meeting – May 11, 2006, Clear Lake Park Building – 7:00 PM

April meeting minutes

By: Mike Goza, JSCRCC Secretary

The Meeting started at 7:00pm 4/13/2006

Old Business:

We had a safety report from Dane Russo our safety officer. He reminded us that it is EVERYONE's responsibility to enforce club and AMA regulations.

NASA has finally contacted Herman about field improvements. They do not have money to sink new poles. They are willing to pour some new concrete pylons with poles and rebuild the canopy. We are going to accept their offer and suggest an alternative.

We asked that they overlay the runway to remove the water problem. They are willing to do a 30' x 300' main and 30' x XX for the cross runway. We will get them to feather the edges.

We also asked to get electrical power by the canopy. Unfortunately, the communications lines are the ones close to the canopy. NASA proposed moving the canopy to the other side. The pit area used to be on that side, but sun problems caused us to move it in the first place. The consensus was to leave the canopy where it is and remove the electrical request.

James is working on getting some outside entertainment. He is waiting for responses from potential demonstrators.

Alvin is having their big bird fun fly April 15th. This was mentioned in the last meeting minutes as well. Try to attend.

New Business:

Herman will be the CD for the club's Fun Fly. He is also bringing snacks and drinks. The events are alarm clock pylon, 60 second flight event (no timers of any sort allowed), and the luck and go.

Dane gave a short presentation on workshop safety. This was the first of three that he will present at the meetings.

Model of the Month (MOM)

Several neat models were presented by club members including Ken White, Bill Swchander, Mike Laible, and a pilot with a heli whose name we did not get.



Mike Laible won MOM with his beautiful Hellcat which he plans on taking to the Nationals later this summer.

The model is a Grumman F6F Hellcat in 1/6.24 scale. The plane was built from Bates Plans. These plans used Mike's CAD three views of the hellcat to produce the outline. The model is powered by a Fuji engine with a spring starter, weighs 19.25 pounds, and has a span of 80". The retracts are Century Jet Models retracts with retractable tail wheel. The paint system is a water based acrylic from Warbird Colors. The parts were cut by Bob Holman plans and the cowl and canopy are from Bates Plans.



This model is of a full scale plane that had three different pilots during 1945. The plane flew from the USS Essex and the model has the exact markings, all painted. The panel lines were produced by masking with chart tape and using standard Rustoluem Auto Primer. A light sanding and then removing the chart tape makes a nice panel line. All rivets are shirt Tulip glue and the dazzio connectors were made using a brass tube in a soldering gun.



Mike Laible with his MOM Hellcat

Entertainment:

Mike Liable showed a video on a model museum located in Schulenburg, Texas. Mike will also be teaching some Saturday classes during the summer at the museum.

Meeting adjourned 8:25pm.

April 22 Fun Fly Results

By: Herman Burton

The spring Fun Fly was held on Saturday, April 22 and was a lot of fun. The weather was absolutely perfect - clear, slight wind down the main runway, with temperatures in the low eighty's. Fresh kolaches, donuts, snack food and plenty to drink were provided for everyone to enjoy.

Six pilots signed up for the days activities. They were Paul Dostal, Mike Laible, James Lemon, Charlie Teixeira, Duane Sterling, and Herman Burton. Several guests and other club members showed up to watch and enjoy the activities.

The first event run was LUCK AND GO, where, after starting his plane's engine, the pilot must then roll a seven with the dice provided at the CD table. After a seven is rolled, the pilot then gets his plane airborne, and must complete at least a 360 turn around the field. The clock stops running when the wheels touch the pavement. The winning pilots all were able to roll a seven with just a few rolls of the dice. And the winners are:

1. James Lemon with a time of 24.06 seconds;
2. Herman Burton, 27.94 seconds;
3. Charlie Teixeira with 40.13 seconds.

The second event run was the ALARM CLOCK PYLON. Like all the other events for our Fun Fly's, this event is not skill dependent, and mainly involves luck, keeping your plane in the air, and landing safely. The winners of this event are:

1. James Lemon;
2. Charlie Teixeira;
3. Duane Sterling.

In between these two events and the last one, the SIXTY SECOND FLIGHT, helium filled balloons were filled and released, with one pilot at a time attempting to burst the balloon. Unfortunately, the wind was blowing too hard for the pilots to be able to successfully maneuver their planes for the "kill". Even tethering the balloons on a pole proved beyond the skills of all who attempted to burst the balloon, except for our James Lemon. James managed to burst the tethered balloons. Good job, James!

The final event was the SIXTY SECOND FLIGHT. The stop watch starts when the plane's wheels leave the pavement, and stops when the wheels touch the pavement. The pilot may only estimate the passage of 60 seconds, and cannot use any time keeping device to assist him. And the winners are:

1. Herman Burton, with a time of 58.0 seconds;
2. Mike Laible, with a time of 57.5 seconds;
3. Lames Lemon, with 65 seconds.

The winners will receive checks at the next club meeting. First place in each event wins \$15, second place wins \$10, and third place wins \$5. Congratulations, pilots!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Herman Burton

The April Fun Fly was a lot of fun! The pilots, spectators, and members all enjoyed a morning of flying, conversing, and eating amid perfect weather - cool and comfortable.

Productive conversations have been held with NASA facilities personnel this past month to discuss, and hopefully have implemented, flying site improvements. A 30' wide by 300' long by 2" thick hot-mix asphalt primary landing strip was originally discussed. Because the depth of existing low spots is only an inch or so, this request was modified to a 40' wide by 450' long by 1 1/4" thick asphalt pavement primary runway.

Also, a 40' wide by grass to grass cross wind runway is also being requested. To allow for our models to access the pavement easily, we are asking for gentle slopes at the edges of all these pavement strips.

The existing canopy renovation is of paramount concern, and hopefully NASA will put this project near the top of the site improvements. NASA listened to our request of a permanent porta-potty, with the suggestion that weekly servicing should be adequate. As additional discussions are forthcoming, the membership will be kept informed.

Dane Russo is doing a good job as the club's safety officer. Thanks, Dane, and keep up the good work.

The weather should be warming up now as May approaches. Enjoy the spring flying activities, the other club's Fun Fly's, plus the sheer enjoyment of burning holes in the sky with your airplanes.

Safe landings!

Upcoming Events

5/20/2006 : Annual Scale Big Bird event sponsored by the NW Houston Club. Go to web site www.nwrcc.com for more information.

5/27/2006 : Texas State Championships for 328, 330, 331, (JSO) at Scobee Field. Contact CD Richard Stubblefield, 281-358-3522, for more information

6/3/06-6/4/06: Bomber Field War Bird Event, Monaville, TX. Nick Stratos CD, 281-471-6762.

6/18/2006 : Braden Clough Big Bird Fly In, Texas City, TX. CD is Ken Juneau, 281-996-5711.

6/24/2006 : 2006 Houston Helicopter Fun Fly, Katy, TX. Contact CD Ty Prause at 979-732-9072 for more information.

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