

THE R/C FLYER

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Next Meeting - May 13, 1999 at 7:00pm - Clear Lake Park Bldg.

From The Editors Desk

By: Preston Hunt

Well, I'm running a little late on getting the newsletter out this month. You know how it is, too much to do and not enough time. Yea we've all heard that one right? At any rate as promised starting with this issue I would be including a brief article on local area hobby shops. Some of you might be asking why? Well, I will give an insight into my perspective on what is sometimes a very controversial issue. Local Shops verses Mail Order. I also felt it would be good information for our members to know what the shops in our area had to offer. What does the local hobby shop offer us that mail order does not and visa-versa? Good question. Local shops offer us convenience, service & up close product comparison. If you purchase a product from a local shop and there is a problem with it, you can take it back and get it taken care of. Mail order on the other hand requires that you pay shipping back and have yet another delay in getting airborne. Lets say I walk into a shop and they do not have the product I want in stock, what then? In my experience most all shops will order it and have it for me faster that if I mail ordered it and without any shipping cost or hassle of waiting on the UPS truck. What does mail order have to offer us that local shops do not? A pretty catalog that helps you keep abreast of new products. Some might say, "Lower Cost" but is this really always the case? In my experience, no. Oh, I might save a couple of bucks on this item or that after shipping verses taxes, but it's not worth the trouble especially if I need to take it back or it's not what I thought it would be. I would hate to see the day when I could not go flying because I needed a prop or gallon of fuel and all the local shops went out of business due to lack of sales.

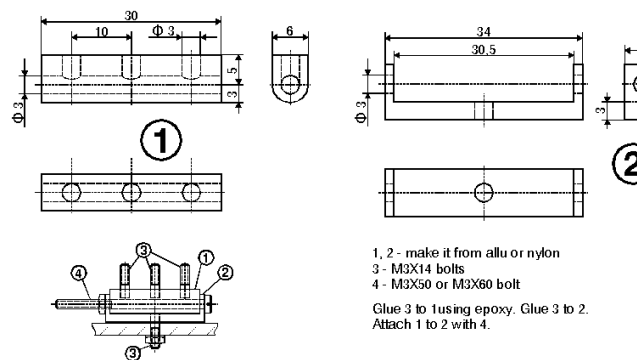
Items from the Net

Submitted by: Mike Laible

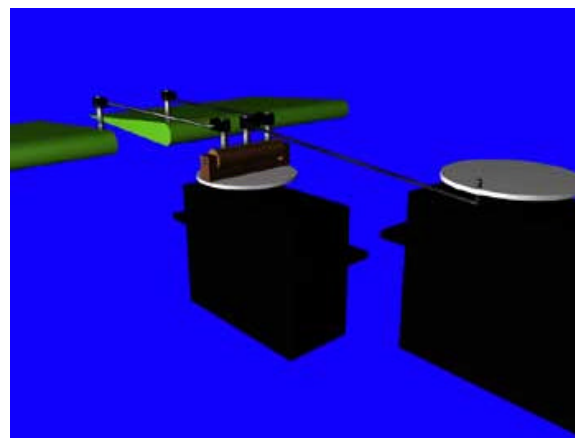
How make mechanical mixer?

I thought I would share something that I found from the net. This is not my article and credit goes to the author listed below.

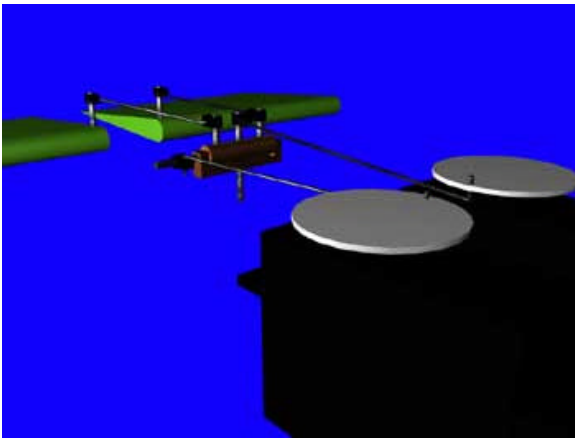
It is easy if you use next recommendations. First make details 1 and 2.



Now see how to connect mixer to servos and elevons:



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If you have question, suggestion or want contact with me, Vladimir Nikolov.

Other items from the net are the following from Red Schowfield:

1997 Primary Interest:

Of the 149,700 members, 138280 stated Radio Control as primary interest of which there were:

9423 Jr. Under 19

6383 Sr. 19-21

97186 Open

25288 Sr. Citizen (65 and over)

The other categories:

Control Line 1327

Free Flight 1385

Indoor 164

Scale 756

General 7,423

Not Specified 4

Year end membership 1998 152,565

Highest membership 1992 168,190

April Fun Fly

By Mike Laible

The April Fun Fly was a huge small success. Huge because everyone had a great time and small because we had four members complete all three categories. One member (to protect the accident prone, I will not mention any names) lost an aircraft during warm-up due to aileron reversal. I guess this should be a reminder to check the control surface

direction. The accident occurred because a computer radio was not set to the correct aircraft. Please do your preflight check.

Anyway the contest were great and some were very close. The blindflight had four entries. The largest from delta from one minute was 3.22 seconds. Great job guys. I took the honors with a time of 59.8 seconds.

The climb and glide with spot landing was another event that was exciting. Once again I took the honors with James Lemons in close pursuit.

The last but not least was the dice roll. This I thought turned out great. James lemons took first with a roll of 3 immelmans performed in 35.19 seconds. The best show of the day was Walt Lueke, the new gut on the block, rolls 5 ½ cuban eights. Walt was determined to complete the maneuvers. His time was a respectable 3:46.00 minutes:seconds. An E for effort Walt!!!

The fun fly was topped off by giving four students from League City Intermediate some flight time. This was the completion of a flight demo that Mike Goza and myself started several weeks earlier. I want to say thanks to James Lemons for taking his time to train all four. Thanks James, we are lucky to have you as a member.

On a personal note, I as a father could not be prouder of having my daughter helping out that day. I believe she had a lot of fun and had this illusion that she was running the fun fly. I heard she tried to sell my Cokes for \$5 each. AHHH, a chip off the old block.

In closing I do want to mention That Herman Burton and myself held a delta dart class on April 24th. This was a huge success and will share pictures at the next club meeting. Thanks Herman.

Check the Homepage for minute by minute wind direction and speed!!!!

Keep them flying!

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Next Fun Fly is May 15, 1999

- 1) Mail Run
- 2) Luck and Go
- 3) 2 Minute Touch and Go

EVENT RULES

LUCK AND GO

1. Start engine
2. Position plane for takeoff
3. Go to "Dice Table"
4. Pick up dice & roll until "7" thrown
5. Contestant time starts when dice picked up
6. At roll of "7", take plane off
7. Make at least 180deg turn and land plane
8. Shortest time to "touch down" wins

MAIL RUN

Pilot must taxi to spot on field where helper directs him to spot #1. Once on spot business card is attached to plane (rubber band). Take off, pass upwind and down wind markers and land. Taxi to spot #2 where helper removes card 1 and attaches card 2. Take off, fly around markers and deliver mail back to spot #1 where you will receive card 3 to deliver back to spot #2. Time to pick up and deliver X pieces of mail wins. Time starts when plane starts to roll and stops when last piece of mail is delivered.

TWO MINUTE TOUCH 'N' GO

Time starts at takeoff. Pilot performs as many touch and go maneuvers as possible in two minutes. Make at least 180deg turn in between touch and goes.

April Meeting Minutes

By: Kellan Goertemiller

Meeting started at 7:15

Visitors – Bruce Hilty

Old Business

Discussed resurfacing the runway.

New Business

Anyone who would like to join the External Affairs Committee please let Preston Hunt, his number is at the end of the newsletter.

Minutes were approved from last month.

The painting of the field stripes was delayed.

Mike Liable proposes the April fun fly rules and events and they were approved.

Motion made and approved to up the first prize to \$150

Motion made and approved to reimburse Mike for the Delta Darts.

Ray shows his Stik .40 from Balsa USA. Flown by a MDS .38 and has a muffler that weighs just about as much as the engine it self say's Ray. It's covered in UltraCoat. Rays says it would make a great trainer.

David Frisk shows his Thunder Tiger Rapter. He says it's fully 3D. What a unique design, with the flybar on the top. Looks like lots of fun.

Mike Liable shows his Eagle on floats. Says he's flip it 4 times but floats on the on the wing. So overall it looks like a lot of fun!

Meeting 9:15pm

Hobby Shop Review

By: Preston Hunt

The Hobby Center

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Hours: M-F 10:30am - 7:00pm
SAT 10:00am - 6:00pm
SUN 12:00am - 4:00pm

The Hobby Center (Issac's) has been in business since 1976 and in its current location for the last five years. They currently offer a special discount price on all common fuels to our club members. E.g. 5-10-15% Omega & S.T fuels. They carry a full line of radios and, as Issac pointed out, an ever-increasing line of Hitec radio systems. One thing that impressed me was the wide variety of ARF's from Great Planes war birds to some of the finest ARF's around in the Kyosho line. Along with the ARFs was a good selection of kits. Issac explained that ARF kits were out selling build kits 5-1 and his inventory reflects that. Issac also indicated that he can order just about anything you want if he does not already have it in stock.

One thing I asked Issac about was what apparently is a misconception that The Hobby Center is moving towards mainly carrying cars. Granted his line of cars and car parts have greatly increased because it's his #1 selling line. But the planes, the #2 seller, are increasing in stock also.

All in all, I had a very interesting interview with Issac that covered more things than I have room for in this newsletter. One thing that Issac mentioned is that The Hobby Center donates between \$8,000 - \$13,000 a year in merchandises to local area clubs for use in club fund raising events. This is his effort to support the local clubs.

WANT ADS

BIG BEE 96" span, new Quadra 42 gasoline with 18" prop and fuel tank, covered and primed ready for finish painting and radio installation. Wing servos and linkage already installed. The Big Bee is a large taildrager that's very easy to fly but can do all of the aerobatics maneuvers and slows to walking speed for landing. Selling price is lower than material cost all for \$500.

Jerry Hajek 281-486-4722

Wanted R/C stuff to buy and sell.

Your Want Ad could be here.
Ask Me how.

Do you have something your wanting to sell? Place your ad here.

If there is something your looking for? Place an ad here.

No cost Ad's for MSCRCC members.

Next month

Hobbico Extra 300 ARF review.



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