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Next Meeting – Thursday, June 13, 2002 at 7:00pm - Clear Lake Park Bldg.

Vice President's Corner

By: John Boyle, JSCRCC Vice President

Here we are again coming into what will be a GREAT summer season. We've already had two fabulous Fun Fly Saturdays, and speaking for Holly and I, we're looking forward to the upcoming Fun Flies as well. The Fun fly committee has been working hard to get as many of us involved, and thus far I believe it's paying off.

Not too long ago we had basically two different types of flyers out at the field. The guys flying the "Whirly-Birds" would hang out at one end of the flight line and do their Heli-thing, and the "Noisy Fixed Wingers" would hang out closer to the wind-vane and tweak their airplanes.

Ladies and Gentlemen we have a new breed among us. I'll call them the "Electrifites" It's not uncommon to hear a whining electric motor pulling or pushing around a piece of foam or balsa these days. Be warned...this is a truly seductive approach to our beloved hobby. I myself have been lured into the realm of the Electrifies. The primary culprit seems to be the Zagi flying wing. They are becoming more and more prevalent at the flying field. But rest assured, these electrics couldn't take over entirely. These Electrifies have to take valuable flying time to charge batteries. This has the added beneficial effect of making the atmosphere at the field more sociable. After all...once you hook up the charger, all you can do is hang around and wait till it's full. So what else is there to do but shoot the bull with the "Whirlybirds" & "Noisy Fixed-Wingers"?

Maybe the Electrifies aren't so bad after all!!!!

May Meeting Minutes

By: Mike Goza, JSCRCC Secretary

The Meeting started at 7:11pm 5/9/2002

Old Business:

Don White ordered 24 hats. Holly will take care of the ordering. (*Editor: The hats are in!*)

There will be a Fun Fly this weekend at the field at 9:00am. Events will be dead stick loops, alarm clock pylon, and dice roll.

The club voted to have food at each Fun Fly with a cap of \$100 per Fun Fly for food. There will be (free) hot dogs and soft drinks at the next fun fly.

The club will give away two club shirts as door prizes at the Fun Fly.

Dave Hoffman will add the wording for the NASA and contractor employees to be allowed to fly during working hours.

New Business:

There was discussion about creating a run up area and not allowing an engine to be started in the pits.

The president volunteered to draw up a proposal for a run up area. It was suggested that the run up area be near the ends of the runway away from the pilots and the pit area.

Holly volunteered to bring refreshments for the next meeting.

Model of the Month

Tony Zinn designed his own electric airplane. The wing is symmetrical with an arrow shaft fuselage and a speed 400 motor. Weight is 13 oz with batteries.

James Hornsby brought a speed 400 Mini Viper electric pylon racer made in Germany. He also brought a P-51 electric pylon racer that draws about 40 amps.

Jerry Beamguard brought a Kiwi aircraft with a strobe and navigation lights. Jerry also brought a Stearman biplane. It too had a strobe and navigation lights. Kit was originally bought in 1973. It has a leather-upholstered cockpit with Scruffy the pilot and flaps. The cowl was made from fiberglass using a mixing bowl as a mold.

Jerry Beamguard won Model of the Month with the Stearman.



Entertainment:

Travis flew a Piccolo helicopter indoors for entertainment. The machine is about 1.5' long and powered by two electric motors. It was impressive.

Next month's program will be a talk on foam cutting by Ken White.

Meeting adjourned 9:00pm

May Fun Fly Results

By: Editor

The May Fun Fly went off without a hitch and everyone, both competitors and onlookers, had a great time. The wind was up a bit but it didn't seem to bother the competitors. The 20-second climb with dead stick loops (and landing on the pavement!) was tough; two loops would have won that event. The winners of each event are:

Alarm Clock Pylon

- 1) JR (last name?)
- 2) James Lemon
- 3) John Boyle

Dice Roll

- 1) Terry Dunn
- 2) John Boyle
- 3) Ray Randolph

Dead Stick Loops

- 1) Jonathan Hughes
- 2) James Lemon
- 3) Tom Altmeyer

Thanks are due to All American Discount Hobbies for their donation of fuel and CA raffle prizes. Thanks guys! Also James Lemon deserves a big thumbs up for a great job as CD. Following are just a few of the many photos we received.

Don't forget the June Fun Fly set for June 15th





Loop-A-Minute:

- 1) Take off. (Time starts at lift off)
- 2) Perform as many loops as possible in one minute.
- 3) Land
- 4) The pilot with the most loops wins.

Luck and Go:

- 1) Start Engine.
- 2) Position plane for take off.
- 3) Go to dice table.
- 4) Pick up dice and roll until "7" is thrown. (Time starts when the dice are picked up)
- 5) At roll of "7" take off.
- 6) Make at least a 180deg turn and land. (Time stops at touchdown)
- 7) Shortest time wins.

Dead Stick Spot Landing:

- 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) Touchdown nearest predetermined spot on runway.
- 7) Closest to spot wins.

June Meeting Program

Ken White will make a presentation on foam cutting techniques. The presentation will include a discussion on the computer program used to produce templates, the template material, foam types and sources, cutting bows and Ken's automatic foam cutting table. Cutting tapered wings, adding washout, cutting foam blocks and other tricks will also be discussed. In addition, Ken will talk about his vertical cutting table, which allows cutting blocks, compound angles and also converts into a pivot point cutting table. The tables are too big to bring to the club meeting, so Ken will try and have some slides made and bring samples of the templates, cut cores, bows, etc.

June Fun Fly

By: Fun Fly Committee

The third Fun Fly of the year will be held at the club field on June 15, 2002. Registration will begin at 9:00 AM and Don Fisher will be the CD. The events will be Loop- A- Minute, Luck & Go, and Dead Stick Spot Landing. The rules for each event are:

Newsletter Feedback

By: Charlie Teixeira, Editor

I've been editing the club newsletter for several years now and thought it was time to get some feedback. It is easy to get into a rut and before you know it things can get pretty

stale. I would appreciate any comments or suggestions on newsletter improvements. For example:

-Is there some content you would like to see added?

Deleted?

-Font size too small for some of you "mature" pilots?

-Too many pictures resulting in long download times?

-Are you getting the newsletter in time each month?

Any comments would be appreciated and should be sent to cteixeira2@earthlink.net or call 281-488-4412. THANKS

Upcoming Events

6-15-02: Ft. Bend RC Big Bird fly in. Site is club field in Rosenberg, TX. CD is Sam Grice reached at 281-242-2342 for further information. Sponsor is Ft. Bend Radio Control Club.

6-22-02: Texas City Radio Control Club 2002 Fly-In. Contact CD Mike Walther at 281-218-0953 for further details.

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

8-10-02: Propnuts Helicopter Fly-In, Crosby TX. Contact Lloyd Sullivan, CD, at 281-998-3377. Sponsor is Propnuts RC Club.

Some Humor

By: Editor

All too rarely, airline attendants make an effort to make the in-flight "safety lecture" and their other announcements a bit more entertaining. Here are some real examples that have been heard or reported:

Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but we'll try to have them fixed before we arrive. Thank you, and remember, nobody loves you, or your money, more than Southwest Airlines."

Heard on Southwest Airlines just after a very hard landing in Salt Lake City: The flight attendant came on the intercom and said, "That was quite a bump, and I know what y'all are thinking. I'm here to tell you it wasn't the airline's fault, it wasn't the pilot's fault, it wasn't the flight attendant's fault...it was the asphalt!"

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