



# *The R/C Flyer*

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Next Meeting – June 10, 2004, Clear Lake Park Building – 7:00 PM

## **May 2004 Meeting Minutes**

*By: Editor*

Due to the inclement weather and late meeting location change, attendance at the May meeting was sparse. The Fun Fly re-scheduled for May 29 was discussed but no official business was undertaken nor were any minutes recorded.

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## **Meeting Location Status**

*By: Herman Burton*

I stopped by the Clear Lake Park building and visited with the Park Supervisor, Cynthia Salinas. She says the building is ready for use. I asked her to check the reservations book for the JSC R/C Club, and we are booked for every second Thursday evening for the remainder of the year. The room we have been meeting in looks nice. New ceiling, fresh paint on the walls, new light fixtures, and a completely remodeled kitchen. Although I have never used the bathrooms at this facility, they look brand new, also. I was allowed a walk through, and discovered an ice machine in the back room, where the TV is and, I assume, where the person who locks up spends the evening until our club members are gone. The Park Supervisor said we are welcome to use the ice from this large commercial ice maker for each and every one of our meetings. We only have to bring a container to put the ice in. Everything looks good for our June meeting.

## **Club's May Fun-Fly**

*By: Editor*

The wind was a little gusty, but some dozen or so flyers were not concerned and showed up for the Club's May Fun-Fly. The event was coordinated by James Lemon who did an outstanding job. James had to fill in for the Beckers who had family matters that prevented them from attending and CDing the Fun Fly as planned.



May Fun-Fly participants

Three events were on the card for the day. A 7-11 whereby the pilot must roll the dice to get a 7 to take off. His partner had to roll an 11 for the pilot to land. Shortest time to touch down wins. The winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Herman Burton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – James Lemon
- 3<sup>d</sup> – Duane Sterling



Winner of first two events-Herman Burton



Two Minute Touch N Go winner-James Lemon

(If any club member wants some advice concerning who should not be taken to Vegas to roll the dice for them, contact the Editor for this free money saving advice).

The second event was the Dice Roll whereby the pilot rolls one die to determine the maneuver that must be performed and then roll the second die to determine the number of maneuvers to be flown. Shortest time wins. The winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Herman Burton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Terry Dunn
- 3d – James Lemon

The final event, saved for last due to the expected high rate of propeller losses, was the Two Minute Touch “N” Go whereby the pilot makes as many touch and goes as possible in two minutes. Winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – James Lemon (Seven touch and goes in two minutes!)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Alan Pelc
- 3d – Herman Burton

Second place actually had a tie between Herman and Alan requiring a “fly-off” event consisting of a 30 second climb, engine shut off and glide to a spot landing. Alan came up a “little short” of the runway by about 36 feet which didn’t look good at the time. However, Herman’s engine would not shut down disqualifying him and forcing him to settle for 3d place and Alan taking second place.

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## **THE GREATEST GENERATION**

*By: Herman Burton*

Much has been written about the men and women who fought in the Second World War. The U.S. dedicated its own tribute in Washington, D.C. over the Memorial Day weekend to the four million men and women who were killed and wounded in that great world wide conflict. Certainly, the world owes these, and the other millions of service people who participated in that war, our heart felt gratitude and appreciation.

Part of my appreciation and gratitude goes to Lt. Col Richard H. Schiebel (retired), United States Air Force. He served in the military from 1943 until his retirement nearly 30 years later. I have had the good fortune to know him and his family for over 50 years, but only recently did I have the good luck to discover a treasure trove of letters he wrote back to his folks during the time he was a fighter pilot, "...protecting the world from the bad guys!"

He had completed pilot training by 1944 and flew B-24's stateside. He was one of the few pilots who had the pleasure to fly a B-32, the new bomber built to succeed the B-29 Super Fortress in the summer of 1945. However, the atomic bomb finally drove the Japanese to surrender, and he was one of millions of service personnel soon to be released from duty.

He joined the National Guard after WWII, and kept his flying status current. When the Korean War broke out in 1950, he was one of the first National Guard officers to be called to active duty to fly the P-51 Mustang. Here was Lt. Schiebel, 26 years old, single, and very much home sick, on his way to the Far East to go to war. He had missed overseas action in WWII, but this time around he was in the right place, at the right time, to continue the legacy of THE GREATEST GENERATION.

The treasure trove of letters I mentioned earlier are the hand written letters he wrote back home to his parents from the time he left the states, arrived in the Far East, and over a short period of some four months, accumulated 100 missions flying P-51s over North Korea during that war.

It will be my pleasure to write several articles about those 100 MISSIONS OVER KOREA over the next several months. The articles will be Lt. Schiebel's own first-hand experiences, as he felt them, as they impacted him, and as he watched the war unfold before him on the battlefield from late 1950 until the spring of 1951.

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## **For Sale**

- Fuji 50SB, 46cc gas engine, new version with Walbro carb. Brand new in box never touched by gas. Tower price \$399.99, yours for \$325.
- Top Flite giant (1/5) scale P-51 kit. New in box never started. Tower price \$249.99, yours for \$200.
- Or both for \$500.

Contact Charlie at 281-488-4412

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## **Upcoming Events**

*By: Editor*

June 12, 2004: Super Float Fly at Lake Palestine TX.  
Contact Herbie Hobbs CD, at 903-839-2460

June 19-20, 2004: Bomber Field's Fun Float Fly at Bomber Field's 100x600ft water runway (NO CD info available)

June 19, 2004: Brayden Clough 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Big Bird Fun Fly at Texas City RC Club Field. Contact Michael Walther, CD at 281-218-0953

July 24, 2004: 3d Annual UFO's Over Bayport Night Fly at Bayport Aero Club Field. Contact CD Paul Curry at 281-487-3749 for more information

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Compiled by LARRY BROMAN

Courtesy of the AMA National Newsletter

Keep the aeroplane in such an attitude that the air pressure is directly in the pilot's face.

— *Horatio C. Barber, 1916*

When a flight is preceding incredibly well, something was forgotten.

— *Robert Livingston, Flying the Aeronca*

The only time an aircraft has too much fuel on board is when it's on fire.

— *Sir Charles Kingford Smith, some time before his death in the 1920s*

If you can't afford to do something right, then be darn sure you can afford to do it wrong.

— *Charlie Nelson*

I hope you either take up parachute jumping or stay out of single motored airplanes at night.

— *Charles A. Lindbergh to Wiley Post, 1931*

Never fly the "A" model of anything.

— *Ed Thompson*

Never fly anything that doesn't have the paint worn off the rudder pedals.

— *Harry Bill*

There is nothing more useless to a pilot than the sky above him or the runway behind him.

— *Author unknown*

The Cub is the safest airplane in the world; it can just barely kill you.

— *Attributed to Max Stanley, Northrop test pilot*

A pilot who doesn't have any fear probably isn't flying his plane to its maximum.

— *Jon McBride, astronaut*

If you're faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible.

— *Bob Hoover*

Though I Fly Through the Valley of Death, I Shall Fear No Evil, For I am 80,000 Feet and Climbing.

— *Sign over the entrance to the SR-71 operating location at Kadena AB, Okinawa*

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