



The R/C Flyer

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Next Meeting – June 9, 2005, Clear Lake Park Building – 7:00 PM

May, 2005 Meeting Minutes

By: James Lemon, VP

JSCRCC Meeting 5/12/05 7:00 pm

New Members: Matt and Brian Lemke.

Coffee Cup Winners: Matt Lemke, Dane Russo, John Becker.

Old Business:

- 1) The club bylaws are going to be updated. They will include club history, safety rules, and a membership list with names addresses and AMA numbers. The updated bylaws will be placed in a future newsletter for club approval.
- 2) Herman Burton mailed out 71 letters to club members that can be used to request the newsletter by e-mail.
- 3) Club brochures have been issued to Clear Lake Hobbies and Odyssey Hobby.

New Business:

The club will be contacting JSC to discuss possible field improvements. These improvements will include electricity, water, port a potty, and field resurfacing.

Phil Elting will provide refreshments for the next meeting.

Model of the Month:

Herman Burton brought his Dazzler powered by an OS 50.

Herman with his new Dazzler



Dane Russo won MOM with a PT 40 powered by a Super Tigre 40.



James Lemon demonstrated his custom charger accessory case. Neat!



Fun Fly: A club Fun Fly was held on 5/14/05. Seven pilots competed in three events, the Climb-N-Glide, 7-11, and Alarm clock Pylon.



Happy bunch of Fun Fly participants

Winners were:

- Climb-N-Glide: 1) Mike Laible
 2) James Lemon
 3) Mike Goza
- 7-11: 1) Mike Goza
 2) Mike Laible
 3) Chris Zinn
- Alarm Clock Pylon: 1) James Lemon
 2) Tom Altmeyer
 3) Mike Goza

AWNING MAINTAINED

By: Herman Burton

The beautiful blue awning, providing a welcome spot for some shade from our blistering summer sun, furnished and installed by NASA for the convenience of our members, has been recently maintained by several members of the club. The awning is secured every few feet along its perimeter with bungee cords. The bungee cords had become dilapidated, had lost their elasticity from constant exposure to the sun, and were no longer holding the grommet fastening points of the awning securely to the steel rails.

James Lemon took the initiative to bring this to the club's attention. He ordered replacement bungee cords, and he plus a small contingent of club members installed the new bungee cords on Friday afternoon, May 13th, just in time for the club's Fun Fly the next day.

Thank you James, for your dedication. And thanks also to John Becker and Chris Harris for their assistance. Herman Burton brought along some tall ladders to help with the activity.

The awning is now securely attached to the rails, and should be safe from strong winds for another year or two. The spare bungee cords are stored in the steel box at the site, where the first aid supplies are kept. Hopefully, the heat of a contained steel box will not adversely affect the durability of the replacement bungee cords.

April MOM photo

A photo of the April MOM winner was not available in time for the last newsletter, so here is Don Fisher with his 1/4 scale Fairchild 22.



By-Laws Revision

By: Herman Burton, President

The club, by virtue of a motion made by the members earlier in the year, has been reviewing a Pilot and Student Certification Program being implemented by the Texas City and Bayport clubs. The members of the committee are Charles Teixeira, Mike Laible, and Herman Burton. During the review process, it became obvious to the committee members that the club by-laws were out of date, had conflicting portions, and were in need of updating.

Accordingly, the club's handbook has been updated, and now includes new appendices for the proposed certification programs. Any changes to the by-laws or constitution must be published prior to a club meeting where they will be discussed and/or adopted. A 2/3 majority of the members in attendance will be required for acceptance.

Therefore, please be advised the club's website at www.jsrcc.com has a copy of the draft handbook in the Club Activities section. Members are encouraged to review the document and provide comments. Subsequent to getting member feedback, the specific changes to the by-laws and constitution will be published in the newsletter as required under the current constitution (Article 5) and be presented for a vote at a subsequent club meeting.

(Editor: The draft (revised) Handbook will be posted to the Club's web site by the June meeting).

Some safety tips

By: Charlie Teixeira

I recently had an incident that could have caused an injury due to carelessness. I had hooked up my plane's restraint (rope) and ran the throttle up in order to prime my engine, a Saito 100 4-stroke. I then hooked up the glow plug driver and started the engine with my electric starter. The engine roared to life at full throttle having forgotten to run the throttle down to idle, - mistake #1. But the strange thing was that the engine started up running backwards which I have never experienced using an electric starter and it startled me to say the least. Coupled with me pushing the airplane back with the starter, the plane moved back away from me with the prop just an inch or so from my left arm/wrist while attempting to hold the plane. Mistake #2 was thinking I was "safe" with the tie down, but you can't push on a rope right?

Two lessons came out of this:

1. *Double check to make sure the throttle is set to the starting position and not wide open after priming.*

2. *Use some restraint device to keep the plane from rolling back, a 2 foot piece of 2x4 behind the wheels will work or a plane hold down device as designed and used by Brian Morris for many years will also work. See <http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Geyser/2126/flyinggadgets.html#restraint>.*

Be careful, be safe!

AMA News Release

May 25, 2005

MUNCIE, IN -- The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) will launch the 79th National Aeromodeling Championships (historically known as the "Nats"), the world's largest model aviation event, commencing June 1, 2005 in Johnson City, TN, with Indoor Free Flight activity. Action at the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, IN begins July 4. More than 1,000 participants are expected to fill the skies with virtually every form of flying model imaginable. For a schedule and more information about this thrilling contest that covers six weeks and 168 separate events, go to www.modelaircraft.org/events/.

Upcoming Events

6/11/05 : 6th Annual Spring Fling Fun Fly, Livingston TX, CD is Mike Muehr at 936-967-0487

6/18/05 : UFO's Over Bayport Night Fly, starts at 8:00PM Dear Park TX. Contact CD Paul Curry 281-487-3749 for more information.

6/19/05 : Bayou City Electric Fly-In, site: Scobee Field, CD is Jim Dieckow at 713-2998413

6/25/05 : 3d Big Bird Fly-In at Holland Park, Texas City sponsored by TCRCC. Contact CD Michael Walter, 281-218-0953.

9/16-18/05 : 17th Annual B-17 Gathering and Scale Big Bird Fly-In, Bomber Field, Monaville TX. Contact Nick CD Stratos at 281-471-6762 for more information.

9/16-18/05 : Houston Heli Fun Fly sponsored by PropNuts RC Club, Crosby TX. Contact Lloyd Sullivan CD at 281-998-3377 for more information.

10/15/05 : 21st Annual Big Bird Fly-In, New Waverly TX. Contact CD Yale Taylor at 936-760-2654 for more information.

In Memoriam

For those who may not have heard:

JOHN WILLIAM KIKER, age 79, passed away on Friday, May 6, 2005, in Houston. He was born August 4, 1925 in Wadesboro, North Carolina to Paul and Ethel Kiker. John was a pilot trainer in WWII, flying B-25s. He had a long career with NASA and retired as head of NASA's Mechanical Systems Branch. His lifelong passion was aviation of any kind. He owned an airplane before he had a car. John was preceded in death by his wife Isabel. John is survived by his three children, a number of grandchildren, and many other family members and friends.



John Kiker was one of the founders of what is now JSCRC. He was a very enthusiastic R/C flyer and always had time to help other members with their problems. By 1985 as a result of long term of diabetes, John's eyesight became too poor to see a R/C model. He then flew only in full size aircraft along with a copilot friend to do the take off and landings. Because he became unable to fly R/C so long ago there are few current members in the club that knew John. Many of us may remember seeing the Shuttle on top a Boeing 747—that was John's ideas—first tried out as an R/C model at our club field. NASA liked it and the rest is history.

John had many accomplishments as an employee of the NASA. He was truly one of the pioneers and will be greatly missed by his many friends and R/C enthusiasts. He meant a lot to folks like Dave Hoffman who met John at the very first club meeting in 1964.

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