



June 1994

The News Letter of the *Manned Space Center Radio Control Club*

President's Corner

Ed Copeland

I hope you enjoyed the entertainment last month. I certainly did. I spoke to Fred Maupin after his presentation and he enjoyed his visit to our club. It is easy to see that he is an aviation enthusiast. And he does it all day every day. One would think that he would do golf or something but his hobby is aviation.

Thanks to Kirby Henson for bringing his Avro to the club for us to see. He did his usual high quality job of workmanship. Bring those planes in. Everyone likes to see them.

A little "and this didn't work either" construction story. A friend from the office is building a full size Pitts S1 (I think). He mentioned that he had a gal of the dope they use to stick the fabric to the frame that he would not need - would I care to have it? Well, I thought it was a great gift, if only to smell (brings back boyhood memories). It is thicker than regular clear dope and the label mentions that the stuff can be used for model airplane cement. I thought this was great. So, when I had occasion to re-finish a cowl I am working on I mixed in a little talc and thinner to make sanding sealer and smeared it around. It made good sanding sealer until after about the 3rd coat I noticed that the cowl was a bit warped. Well, I had to think about that a bit so I set it aside for a couple of days. The next time I looked at it I got the
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Words From The VP

Ray Randolph

Going's On - Mother Nature finally let us have our airplane fun fly on April 30th and all seven contestants (well, maybe six) had a good time along with three helpers. We had some nice prizes in the form of gift certificates and also some prizes awarded by drawing. I was lucky enough to stagger through two heats of the "Alarm Clock Pattern" with a sick airplane and wound up winning the event. Pure blind luck - but fun. I'll tell you what I did with the \$100 certificate later. You folks that are not participating (and that's essentially the whole membership) are missing a major part of the hobby - too bad.

**Next Meeting
This Thursday
June 9th
7:30 PM
Clear Lake Park Building**

The Galveston Air Races were a lot of work - but the event turned out to be the beginning of what will be a major event with time. It's planned to be staged again in May of '95.

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Minutes from the May 1994 Meeting

Resha Hill - Secretary



Ed Copeland called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Old Business:

Youth Involvement Program. Mike Laible presented further information on progress. Response has been good from all that he had talked to. He will be contacting volunteers.

April Fun Fly. Don Fisher reported on April fun fly. The Fun Fly was held April 30. The results were:

Pylon Alarm Clock event

1st place:	Ray Randolph	\$100 Gift Certificate
2nd place:	Jeff Longmore	\$50.00 Gift Certificate
3rd place:	Don Fisher	\$25.00 Gift Certificate

Climb and Glide event

1st place:	Bill Langdoc	\$100.00 Gift Certificate
2nd place:	Wayne Green	\$50.00 Gift Certificate
3rd place:	Jeff Longmore	\$25.00 Gift Certificate

New Business:

Fuel Survey. John Campo suggested that we order 3% Castor and others wanted some 4-stroke fuel. It was decided that Don Fisher and Ed Copeland will order a mix.

June Fun Fly. The helicopter folks waived their event so it was decided and voted on to have an airplane powered event again to be held on June 10th. Rain out date will be moved to Sunday, June 11. Jeff Longmore and Ed Copeland agreed to work with Don Fisher on the Fun Fly Committee. Prizes and events to be determined at committee meeting.

JSC Club. Don White discussed JSC Club vs. MSC RCC and asked for NASA volunteers to join the JSC membership to keep the charter alive.

Model of the Month:

Kirby Henson was the only entrant, however he could have won against competition with his 1/2A scale AVRO 560 Texaco model.

Entertainment:

Provided by Fred Maupin, Tora, Tora, Tora Historian. It was really an interesting program.

Refreshments: - Bill Langdoc volunteered for to bring refreshments for the June meeting.

Calendar of Events:

July 9-10 - Big Bird, Prop Nuts, Crosby, Tx

Sept 9-10-11 - 12th Annual Greater Southwest Fan Fly, Bomber Field, Monaville, Tx

Sept 16-17-18 - 6th Annual B-17 Gathering Big Bird Fly Bomber Field, Monaville, Tx

Oct 8-9 - October Charity Event, Prop Nuts, Crosby, Tx

The R/C Flyer

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impression of a plastic cup that had been over heated in the oven. The thing was warped to trash. So, I thought no problem, I will just put about three coats on the inside and that will even it up. Now wouldn't you think this stuff would work the same way on the inside as out? Wrong! I think it got worse. Now why is that? Anyhow, I will bring it to the next meeting for an expert opinion.

I finally received my Super Cyclone engines I ordered almost 4 years ago. I am impressed. I will bring one to the next meeting. I have about 30 minutes time on one of them and it is clear I will need a muffler. I had forgotten how loud they can be. It started and ran well after about the 3rd 2 minute run except for one time when it was a bear to start. I am using FAI fuel with castor and it seems to like that. I am now working on a set of plans for an American Junior Fireball (Jim Walker). I will bring a print or two to the meeting.

The fun fly planning group will be working toward plans for the next event. Hope we can get good weather and a good turnout. Have that fun fly ship ready and the date will be announced at the next meeting.

—See you at the meeting—

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The AT-6, Formula 1 and Unlimited qualifying and heat races were all exciting and eventful. Unfortunately, 30 out of 90 planes bit the dust over the six days. The finale was the Trophy Dashes on Sunday for the big money. There were Gold, Silver, and Bronze heats for Unlimited and AT-6's, and just Gold for the Formula 1 planes. The top 5 fastest planes competed in each category, so for the Unlimited and AT-6 heats, 15 planes were rewarded. The pilot remarks about the event were very positive and they loved the flying site (even if Mother Nature gave us a bad night and two wet mornings).

I worked tech inspection for the first 3 days and then helped in radio impound, where Resha was working, for the last 3 days. We had a good time and enjoyed doing it -- but I know by the end I was exhausted. However, you can loose weight this way! There should be some good magazine coverage of the events in a couple of months and a video is being produced for sale.

Mini-Product Review - The "Windsor Propeller Co." which produces the "Master Airscrew" line of props have expanded their line to include a "Scimitar Series" of props with blade curvature similar to the "APC" line. These props are glass-filled nylon and are charcoal grey in color. They look good on planes and are quieter than the straight blade version. The glass-filled nylon should also be tough like the original "Airscrew" line. Prices look pretty good (8-5 @ \$1.59 to 12-6 @ \$3.29). There is also a new 3-blade series with adjustable pitch -- but I haven't tried them (also- expensive).

In Work - About the gift certificate I mentioned earlier - well, I went off to "Texas Model Trends" and ordered an ACE 4-120 BIPE with my prize money (plus some of my own). Anyway, they had to order the kit and it should be here any day now. My plan is to power it with my Webra 120 and put smoke on it. Somehow BIPES and smoke seem to go together. I ordered a "Simple Smoke Pump" from the TME, Inc. folks and this seems like a great way to do a smoke system. More as the project gets underway.

Entertainment - This month may have to be a surprise (even to me), because as I write this, I'm still trying to line it up. Whatever it is - I'll try to make it interesting.

Cartoon - A little sadistic humor!



Club Fun Fly

JUNE 11 (rain date JUNE 12)

Events

3 - Minute Touch-N-Go

...no vertical loops allowed until ready to land plane.
The most touch-n-goes within three minutes wins.

Loops/Rools/Touch-N-Go

...one loop, rool, and touch-n-go accomplished three times. The pilot who finished within the least amount of time wins. (Extra point for spot landing.)

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