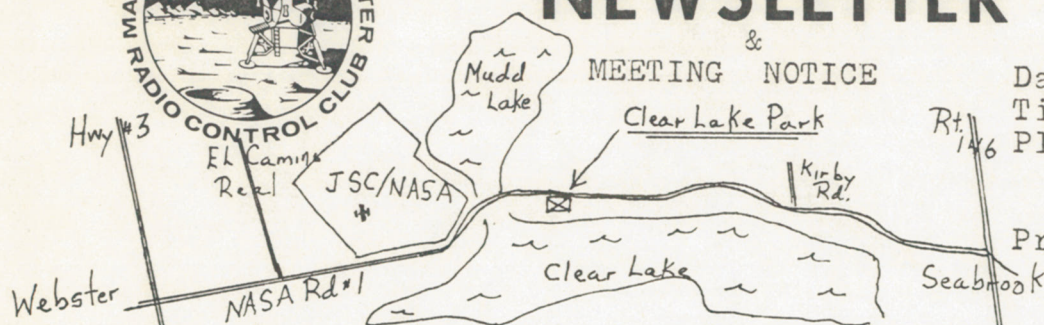




# NEWSLETTER

July 5, 1976



## MEETING NOTICE

Date: Thursday, July 8, '76  
Time: 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
Place: CLEAR LAKE PARK BL  
on NASA Rd. #1  
(see Map)

Program: "The model Space Shuttle & 747 Ferry", by John Kiker.

A Happy Bicentennial to all! The draft of this newsletter was written early before the holiday weekend but delays in getting it to the printer resulted in a rewrite incorporating some changes. Firstly, I am asking for a volunteer to write next month's Newsletter since I will be away at the Nationals in Dayton, Ohio when it is due. It is a good chance to try out your literary talents and if you can type at least as good (or bad) as I it is a cinch. Any takers should let me know at the meeting so that they can get the address list, etc. necessary for distribution.

You'll note that enclosed with this Newsletter is a flyer on our Bicentennial Rally on July 17 and 18th. The events are fun-fly, Sport Biplane, and Sport Scale and everyone is encouraged to enter especially the fun-fly on Saturday. The two events, Scramble and Las Vegas have been designed specifically for the Sunday or evening flier with no special skills or airplane required to do well. There is a large element of luck included which will equate flying abilities especially in the Las Vegas event so if lady luck is with you, you should do well. And if she's not smiling upon you then the worst that can happen is that you will have a good time sharing the hobby with fellow club members. The Sport Biplane and Sport Scale will be run to AMA rules so if you have a plane that qualifies bring it out. We are expecting a large turnout in all events so plan now to attend. There's enough time to get something in the air by the 17th so let's do it!!!

Several MSCRCC members including myself are busy building and preparing for the Nationals which will be held during the first week of August. This event is a real modeling extravaganza and is always quite an experience, for me, anyway. Those members which are going include Charles Danley, Lars & Tommy Giertz, David Layman and yours truly. We'll all have our experiences to relate and I plan on taking a lot of slides in between flying around those pylons in Quarter Midget and Formula 1.

The third MSCRCC Pylon Race of the season was held on June 19 and 20 with the results listed in the Pylon Corner of this Newsletter. In general the turnout was less than anticipated with 15 in the "500 Class" (Quickie) and 8 in Formula 1. The bad weather in the preceding week and the fact that the contest fell on Father's Day weekend probably held many racers away. However, it ran very smoothly with the help of many MSCRCC members who pitched in counting laps, dropping flags, and a host of other duties required to hold a successful race. All of this was done under the able direction of Paul Claeys, the Contest Director. The workers were rewarded with over \$600.00 in merchandise and gift certificates donated by the hobby industry and various individuals. The workers by name include: Lars & Tommy Giertz, Ben Ezra Issac, Kerry Powell, Owen Morris, Lenny Magill and sons, Dennis Drysdale, Robert Besch, Mel Brewer, James Rains, Charlie Palermo, Bill Williams, and last but not least Nita Myers who announced the heats and posted scores. These people and those that I hope I haven't forgotten really put it together for this contest.



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That is about all the news for the last month and be sure to attend the meeting this Thursday in the Clear Lake Park Building and definately be at the Bicentennial Rally on July 17th and 18th.

### Pylon Corner:

There were three "Racing Weekends" in AMA District 8 in June with the MSCRCC hosting a "500 Class" and Formula 1 race on June 19th and 20th. Fifteen enties flew in the "500 Class" event on Saturday with out-of-town contestants from Dallas, Fort Worth and Corpus Christi. A rather large turnout on a single frequency (almost half the entries) dictated two plane heats to be flown for seven rounds in both events. The weather was threatening with thundershowers on Saturday but all the storm cells skirted around the NASA flying site. Guess the rain god didn't want to mix it up with 15 Quickie pilots so he stayed away. The outcome of the Quickie race found young Stevie (Wonder) Barrett in first place with 27 points. Both Alan and Michael Johncock (Father & son team) were tied for 2nd Place with Alan winning it due to a faster time. Both Joncocks fly the same airplane so a flyoff was not possible. As a result Michael took third and Paul Claeys Placed fourth in addition to the Fast Time trophy with a 1:54.4 on a Formula 1 course. Barry Leininger of Corpus Christi took fifth place along the First Timer trophy also. Steve Barrett also won the Best Achievement Trophy in the Jr category which was also included in the kitty. Other MSCRCC members who flew included: Art Arro, Mel Brewer, Dennis Drysdale, James Rains and J.W. Smith. This race was counted in the seasonal point championships and the standings changed order in favor of those who attended and flew for the entire 7 rounds.

The Formula 1 event began early Sunday morning but racing didn't get away till almost noon. A shift in wind direction necessitated a complete reversal of the course layout including the communications system. I'd like to add that the MSCRCC in conjunction with the HAPRA (Houston Area Pylon Racing Association) has one of the best race courses and procedures in the country. Pylons, lap counter stands, barriers and now with the addition of a total communication network put us up with the very best. So if any of you out-of-town racers are thinking about coming to Houston co'mon overfor some good racing and we welcome everyone. Getting back to the original subject, eight entries were in Formula 1. Two plane heats were run here also and after the smoke cleared the results are listed below:

Place	Name	Home Town	Plane/Engine
1 st	Gale Helms	Ft. Worth	Lil Toni/ X-40
2nd	Steve Barrett	Ft. Worth	Lil Toni/ X-40
3rd	Craig Knopp	Dallas	LR-1A7 K&B 6.5
4th <sup>Fast</sup> Time	Moncrief/Clay Team	Ft. Worth	Lil Toni/ X-40
5th	Art Arro	Houston	Lil Toni/ K&B 6.5

Also entered but did not finish was Paul Claeys, Dennis Drysdale, and Mel Brewer. A lot of problems plagued the fliers and many zeroes were received by practically everyone.

At the conclusion of the Formula 1 race several runs were made over a simulated FAI Speed Record course and times were taken. Both Art Arro and Steve Barrett flew and the calculated speeds were in the region of 125 MPH. This was done to gather some data which would be helpful in the R/C World Record Trials to be hosted by the MSCRCC in October 1976.

Well, that concludes this month's Newsletter and will see you all at the meeting. Remember, a free gallon of fuel to the lucky attendee.

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