

July 1995

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

President's Corner

Ray Randolph

Goings On - The Fun Fly Committee has come up with three events for the competition to be held on June 24th. The events are:

- 1) *Balloon Burst (HO HO)*
- 2) *Alarm Clock "Circuit Event" (Always Fun)*
- 3) *Climb & Glide (Old Standard)*

Not much plane danger with these events. Thanks to the committee for their efforts.

The club canopy (poles, fittings and tarp) seems to be missing from the field storage box. I hope someone has "borrowed" the stuff and it will be returned. However, at the June meeting everyone familiar with the use of the canopy said it was at the site the previous weekend. Anyone that knows anything different, please give me a call at 488-3993.

For you folks that missed the Eugene Kranz presentation at the June meeting -- too bad. It was great to hear and see how "Gene" is doing on the building of his "Murphy Renegade Biplane". The "lessons learned" on this project are invaluable for anyone considering building a kit airplane. Thanx Mr. Kranz.

I have checked with the "Lone Star Flight Museum" and they have provided the details for "renting" the museum for a club event. This could be an
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Words From The VP

Bill Langdoc

Gene Kranz gave a great program at the June meeting on his construction of a home built Murphy Renegade Spirit biplane. Gene was very enthusiastic about his full scale project, and had several points to make that were common with modeling. One of Gene's comments I thought was particularly appropriate for model builders also. He said that rather than trying to understand sketchy, confusing instructions learn what are good construction practices and then just follow those.

**Next Meeting
This Thursday
July 13th
7:30 PM
Clear Lake Park Building**

JSC Sanction - At the time of this writing in mid-June, JSC is still reviewing the club's request to formally re-approve our use of the site as a flying field. The club has provided our charter, proof of insurance, roster, safety rules, badging plan, and usage schedule to JSC as requested. This package is under review by the center's safety, security, facilities, and legal offices. So far the only feedback is that they thought the package was very complete and appreciated that our insurance documentation was all
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Minutes from the June 1995 Meeting

Resha Hill - Secretary



Ray Randolph 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* - Don Fisher has volunteered to talk with parents of a boy scout troop regarding R/C hobby. Mike Laible continues to look for new youth involvement opportunities for the club.
- *Trainer Planes and Radios* - Dick Centre donated a Royal Air 40L kit to the club.
- *Joint Club Events* - Members thought the joint fun fly with the Bayport Aero Club turned out great.
- *Pop-carts* - Dave Hoffman has received the carts, if you ordered a cart please get in touch with Dave to pick yours up. There are four or five extras for sell.
- *JSC Club Application Package* - The application has been submitted to NASA and is currently being reviewed by Safety, Security, and Facilities.

New Business:

- *Club Canopy* - Our shade is missing!! If you borrowed the canopy, could you please return it to the field storage box.
- *Lone Star Museum* - Ray Randolph talked with folks regarding an evening at the Lone Star Museum (maybe in September or October) as an alternative to a regular club meeting. He will contact other clubs to see if they would be interested in a joint outing to help cut costs and will report back to club members at the next meeting.

Entertainment:

Gene Kranz gave an excellent presentation on the building progress of his Murphy Renegade Biplane.

Refreshments: Ray Randolph volunteered to bring the refreshments for the July meeting.

Calendar of Events: June 24 - MSCRCC fun-fly beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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alternative to a regular club meeting and could also have social activities along with viewing the restored fleet of beautiful airplanes. Any arrangements for snacks, buffet, tables & chairs, etc. must be made by the club and each has its own cost. So -- we would have to sell tickets to make this activity financially viable. Also, to have enough attendance, I will be contacting the other RC clubs in the area to see if they would be interested in participating and help "spread-the-debt". To help me determine our own club interest, please give me a call at 488-3993 if you have an opinion and interest in having this kind of an event. The time frame would be in the Fall and the basic ticket would be approximately \$6.00 for just the museum and \$10 - \$12 if we have food and sit-down accommodation. (We could arrange for some tables and chairs and have pot-luck for food like the Christmas party).

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Mini-product Review - I decided to put some finish trim on the "Lazy Bee" to make it look more like a "Bee". Rather than use a heating iron to attach the trim, I decided to use some "No Heat Trim Solvent" from LDM Industries. You cut the trim pieces to shape and put some trim solvent on the surface where they are attached. Then press out the surplus solvent with a "squeegee" type piece of rubber. This "sort-of" works. The trim solvent essentially dissolves a little of the surfaces of the basic film and the trim pieces. This also dissolves the color pigment, and when you "squeegee" out the solvent, you also get some color. If the trim and the basic film colors contrast -- watch out. It can get messy. But, as a bonding agent -- it works. Enough said.

Projects In Work - I ordered some covering film for the "ACE 120-BIPE" which looks like the next project. I just ordered -- I haven't seriously opened the kit box yet! (Oh - I also got an Enya 120 four-cycle just in case this plane eventually needs an engine -)

Cartoon - No one has said anything about whether there is a cartoon or not -- so, if it doesn't matter, I won't bother --!

Good luck to our guys at the NATS!!!

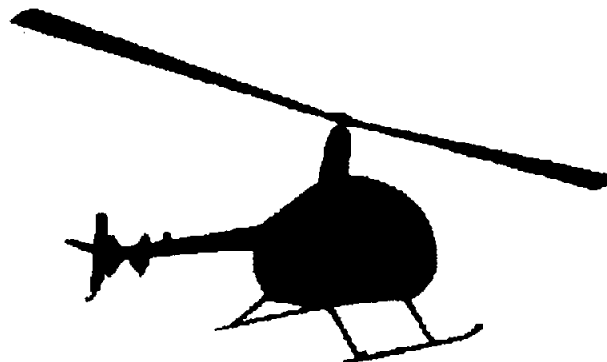
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up to date. As soon as we have re-secured our official center sanction, then we will continue negotiations with the Rocket Club to resolve our differences over use of the antenna range. In the mean time, continue to be careful on the first and third Saturday mornings of each month, in case members of the Rocket Club show up and press their claim for usage of the field.

Bayport Fun Fly - The club had a very good turn out for the joint fun fly June 3 at the Bayport Club's field. There were probably 20 club members who turned out for a very enjoyable day of flying. It certainly was a different (and needed) experience for some of us to fly from a grass strip. The Bayport Club has done a lot of work to improve the drainage of their field. We all had a good time, and will have to reciprocate when we get our NASA sanction approved.

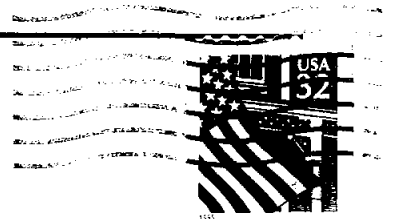
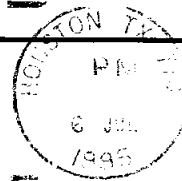
Club Trainer - The club continues to try to re-cycle planes to young people to get them started in the hobby. A big thanks to Richard Centnar who has donated a Royal 40L ARF kit to be assembled and used as a club trainer. This is a good start to having some fully usable planes to loan and/or sell to get more youth involved. If you have an old, but serviceable, trainer, radio system, or engine that you would be willing to donate or sell at a cheap price, bring it to the club meeting or contact me at 482-2369.

Fly often, and fly SAFE.



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