



THE R/C FLYER

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Next Meeting – August 10, 2000 at 7:00pm - Clear Lake Park Bldg.

The President's Corner

By: Preston Hunt.

Texas Model Trends has offered a fuel discount to the members of the JSCRCC. This is an un-written non-exclusive agreement and will be valid as long as the club does not enter into any exclusive agreements with any other hobby shop. This means that we can have an agreement with Texas Model Trends, Hobby Center, and whomever as long as none of them bind the club to one shop. Terms of the Agreement are: All fuel sales must be with cash only (no checks or credit cards) and you must show your JSC badge at least until they know you are with the club. When making cash purchases, show your club badge and receive 10% off most other items. This does not include Motors, Kits, Monocote and items already on sale.

Fuel Prices:

-Omega 5%	\$10.00
-Omega 10%	\$12.00
-Omega 15%	\$13.00
-Cool Power 15% Heli/Air	\$13.00
-Cool Power 30% Heli	\$19.00
-Rich's Brew 10%	\$9.00
-Rich's Brew 15%	\$10.00

If you order fuel by the case in advance you will get a better price. Texas Model Trends orders fuel about every two weeks.

Since the club voted to terminate the exclusive fuel agreement with the Hobby Center, a letter is being sent to the Hobby Center to that effect.

July 13, 2000 Meeting Minutes

By: Kellan Goertemiller

Meeting started at 7:15p.m.

Three new people attended the July meeting. Jim Akkerman, Yuhan Hoff, and Guss Agular. Welcome, and I hope I got Your names spelled correctly.

Our treasurer Dave Hoffman provided the entertainment for the night. His presentation discussed some of the first ever radio control equipment for model airplanes. He even brought a few to show. Excellent presentation Dave!

Three members entered for model of the month. The first to show was Randy Korenek. The plane he brought for show was a Sig Phaser powered by a Thunder Tiger .46. It's controlled with a 4-channel radio and uses 5 servos. Nice model Randy!

The next to show was Dave Hoffman. He showed his Sig Four Star .60. An O.S. .91 four-stroke powers the big plane. It's a perfect match for the plane. The model is controlled with an Airtronics RD 6000 and uses 5 servos. Another nice model, good job Dave!

And the last to show was a young student by the name of Jonathan Stenvall. He seems to be well on his way with already three flights under his belt. He showed his Great Planes .40 ARF. The model is powered by a Supertigre .40. and is controlled with a 4 channel radio. And of course this model looked great as well. Nice job Jonathan, hope to see you at the field!

And Dave wins with his Four Star .60! Congratulations!



Dave Hoffman with his winning Model of the Month

Old Business

Texas Model Trends is offering a non-exclusive deal on fuel and other model products to all JSCRCC members. You must show your badge to get a discount on those products.

New Business

There is buddy box available at the field in a plastic radio case. It is located in the big white box below the frequency pins. It's a Futaba 4-channel radio, however there is no trainer cord with it at the current time.

There was a proposed 2 flight line arrangement. More details coming at the next meeting.

The Hoffman Report

By Dave Hoffman, JSCRCC Treasurer

The club now has \$4451 as of the July 13, 2000 JSCRCC meeting. Thanks for the report Dave!

X-PRIZE Contestant

Mr. Jim Akkerman gave a short presentation on a novel launch vehicle concept, which he and his team are developing in competition for the X-PRIZE. The X-PRIZE was founded in 1996 for the specific purpose of stimulating the creation of a new generation of launch vehicles designed to carry passengers into space. Taking a lesson from the history books, the X-PRIZE was modeled after the early aviation prizes. Between 1905 and 1935, hundreds of aviation prizes stimulated the create of very different aircraft designs, each of which explored different regions of flight

and different mechanisms for optimizing speed, safety and low cost travel. Today the X-PRIZE is doing the same. Sixteen teams have registered for the competition and over \$5M have been raised towards the prize with a goal of \$10M. For more information on the X-PRIZE competition go to www.xprize.com. The Akkerman team approach is to develop a fully reusable, water launch and landing vehicle with airline type operations, environmentally compatible exhaust products and high reliability. For more details on the concept go to <http://www.ghg.net/jimakkerman>. The test vehicles would be radio controlled and Jim is seeking any help club members can offer.

The Johnson Space Center Radio Control Club Meeting ended at 9:00p.m.

Grass Fire Alert

By Michael Laible

This e-mail was received 7/20/00:

Due to the extremely dry conditions at JSC and the surrounding area, the grass at the rocket and RC flying areas has a high potential of catching fire with the smallest of ignition sources. The grass is short due to a recent mowing and lack of moisture, and even though the live grass is still green, the thatch layer underneath is dry. I am not recommending at this time that flying operations be prohibited, but the time may be near when this will be necessary. Please advise all your members utilizing this area for flying to be extremely careful and vigilant for any fire conditions. As you know, Harris County has issued a fire alert and several local cities are curtailing water use. I do recommend the following:

1. The five water jugs located at the RC club facility need to be replaced. The sun has made the plastic very brittle and has caused them to crack and leak.
2. There must be at least one operating cell phone in each group using the area. The RC club has posted the JSC emergency telephone number on their equipment cabinet. The rocket group needs to keep this number handy during their activities.
3. All activities should end by noon. The temperature is lower and the humidity is higher in the morning. Both conditions will minimize the fire risk.
4. Conduct all operations from the hard surface area. Do not allow any fuel, batteries, igniters, or other ignition sources to be in the grass.
5. A minimum of two persons must be in attendance at all times when flying is being conducted. I will be checking the conditions regularly and will advise of any changes in the restrictions.

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July Fun Fly

By Walter J. Lueke

Below is a photo taken at the Johnson Space Center Radio Control Club Fun Fly held on Saturday, July 15th, 2000. Shown are the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. The Temperature that day was about 95 degree F! On the far right, Preston Hunt, JSC RCC President is shown congratulating the first place winner, James Lemon, who flew his "Fun Hawk." In the middle is the second place winner, Ray Randolph with his Balsa USA STIK, and on the left is Walt Lueke, third place winner, flying his HOBIBICO SKYVISTA. All three winners are shown holding their prize certificates, good for redemption at the Texas Model Trends Hobby Shop in Houston. Three events were held that day starting with the Climb, Glide, with Spot Landing, second event was the Takeoff and Land within one minute, and the third event was the Dice Roll.



Photo by Eric Warren

Raptor doing things like rolls, loops, flips, 540 stall turns and some inverted hovering. It turns out that I am having more fun now than I ever had flying anything else. Learning to hover was fun and so were all the steps up to the level I've worked myself up to and I continue to have more fun with each new thing I try and since there is an unlimited number of things you can do with a helicopter, I should have enough new things to learn that it will keep me busy the rest of my flying life. I've been labeled a helicopter fanatic and I must honestly admit that I am. I am actively promoting this side of the hobby. The camaraderie within the helicopter flyers is unlike anything I've seen before. Our club has one of the largest number of heli pilots of any club around and it is still growing. We currently have 14 very active pilots. We all help each other with tips, parts, group buys and more. We also offer moral support when one of our ships ends up doing the wounded chicken. So am I a fanatic? You bet. Every day I fly my helicopters reinforces my decision to fly them. 😊



Tim White's "Weed Whacker"

BoomStrike's World

A monthly rotory rambling By Preston Hunt

I was trying to think of just what I was going to write about this month. I've had a limited amount of time to write so to tell the truth, I'm just going to wing it (whops, "Rotor it"). I've been spending what time I have available outside my regular job doing what my wife calls my second job, and that's flying my helicopters. I've been trying some new things. I've started dabbling in some acrobatics with my

Closing

Hope to see more of you at the next club meeting which will be held on the second Thursday, August 10, 2000.

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Hey folks!

How about some "for sale" or "want to buy" items for the newsletter??? Surely someone out there has something they would like to sell or buy. It's your newsletter so use it to your advantage.

Editor