

August 1998

The Newsletter of the *Manned Spacecraft Center Radio Control Club*

President's Corner

Mike Laible

Well I am back from the scale NATS. It was a great time for everyone. Pop was good old Pop and Kellan seemed to be in awe and was trying to figure out his next project. The weather was great and I will have lots to show and talk about at the August meeting (**NOTE: SEE AUGUST MEETING NOTICE BELOW, the August meeting will be at the Clear Lake Building**). Oh yah, highs were 82 Deg and lows around 60 deg.

I haven't been flying much do to family obligations and just darn right being busy. Things seem to be slowing down so I should see everyone at the flying field in the near future. Let's see, if I fly two planes at once and win first and second place I still can beat Joe in the Fun Fly standings. HUMMMMMM!

Well, just as soon as I got the fiber glassing downpat on the Bearcat, now I need to learn how to paint. This is starting to get complicated. However, I think I have it figured out. My first mistake was not getting a water trap and using my air tank and spray gun. See I thought I could save money by not buying a \$50-\$70 water trap and just buy spray cans. Well, after three wrong colors and five cans of the right color (~\$32), I have color on the plane. I have color but not a consistent sheen. OK, now what, CLEAR COAT. Ok, get a couple

cans of Acrylic Lacquer, ~\$5 a can (total \$42). Well, high humidity and acrylic lacquer do not mix. It seems it causes the spray paint to fog.

I was just about ready to give up. Then I decided to buy the old cheapo clear cote Rustoleum. It worked perfect. So 3 cans at \$3 = \$9 + \$42 = \$51. Could have bought the water trap!!!!!!! Ohh well.

Really not much more to say. Remember the August meeting will not be at building 220 (sign in at 100), **it will be at the regular meeting place, the Clear Lake Park Building**. I guess all the folks that show up at building 100 are the ones not reading the NEWSLETTER, Ah Hah!

Till next month, safe landings. 

P.S. Thanks for everyone that cleaned up the field box.

Some Local Events

JUL 24-25-26--Rosenberg, TX (AA) South Texas Scale Championship & US Scale Masters Regional Qualifier for 511, 512, 513, and 520(JSO). Site: Club Field. Earl Haury CD, 22818 Whitewater Creek Katy, TX 77450 PH:281-392-9714. For info contact CD or Ed Clayman PH:800-356-7530 (8-4) or 281-530-5823(6-9). Sponsor: FORT BEND RC

AUG 1-2--Huffman, TX (A) Jetero RC Annual

Scale Combat for 704(JSO). Site: Club Field. H.D. Cain CD,. PH: 281-446-1077. SASE for 704 exceptions. .25 cu in. max single .30multi. Profile fuse OK 5% L/SP. No max WT. Sponsor: JETERO RC CLUB, INC

AUG 15-16--Deer Park, TX (Cr) BPAC 8th Annual Summer Fly-In Site: Club Field, Deer Park, TX David Tanner CD, Phone:713-557-2481(day), 281-476-0160(eve) Sponsor: Bay Port Aero Club. Come visit our 8th Annual Big Bird Event. 80" span Monoplane, 60" span Bi-plane.

AUG 15-16--Houston, TX (AA) District VIII Pylon Race. Site: Scobee Field, Houston, TX Events: 421,422,424,428 JSO Mike Crotts CD, Phone:713-418-3951(day), 281-578-6183(eve)

SEPT 11-13--La Grange, TX (C) Greater Southwest Fan Fly, 16th Year. Site: County Airport, La Grange, TX Rick Schafer CD, 5321 Industrial Oaks, Austin, TX 78735 Phone:512-892-6908(day), 512-283-4251(eve) Sponsor: Austin Radio Control Association.

August Meeting

At the time of this newsletter mailing I wrote Frank Jenson to **DELAY THE BUILDING 220 FIELD TRIP**. I have not received confirmation from Frank if September would be acceptable or not. It should be a great meeting and I look forward to the tour in September or a later month. I hope this did not inconvenience anyone.

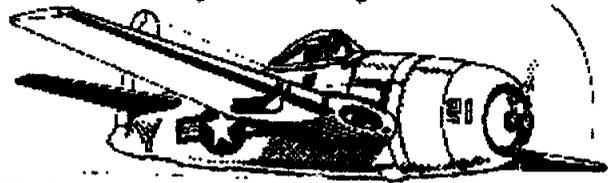
The reason for the delay is that I felt a lot of ground needs to be covered in the August meeting. Items of interest are the Fun Fly, Ballunar Festival, and yes, officer nominations (or should I say arm twisting). So see you in August.

For Sale

Dremel Table Saw, lots of extras, blades, vacuum attachment, fence, Instructions. Perfect for Model Work. Excellent Condition \$75.00. Don White 281 488-1024.

New, never flown RC plane for sale. 60" high wing trainer with a .60 engine and a bag of various propellers. No radios or servos. Asking \$175 or maybe trade for RC boat parts. DAVID MUECKE Work phone 483-2607 (shop) or 483-8777 (office) 281- 527-4205 beeper

Fun Fly - July 11th '98



By Resha Hill

And for the fun-fly on 11 July,

We started out with six participants. Unfortunately, we only wound up with 4 flyers. Jeff Longmore had a crash while warming up, it is repairable. George Nixon had an accident while trying to get his plane ready, he cut his finger on the prop. *(Editor: George, hope you'r alright, gotta watch those props)*

I want to say thanks to everyone that helped out -- especially to Bryan Morris, Bill Langdoc and Jeff Longmore. Bill was the photographer this month -- hope to see some really good pictures in the next issue.

We did not do the Limbo (I have the crepe paper if it is decided that it will be an event at the next fun fly), instead went with the alternate event Climb & Glide.



Old Business:

The club will be participating in the Ballunar Festival on August 29-30th. James Osborne and Mike Goza will be demonstration pilots. Mike Laible is also going to talk to Jim and Randy Hammond about a two aircraft show. Al Sailor from the Ballunar Festival has indicated that there are at least two and maybe more flying slots per day. The club will also having a booth again. We need helpers for both the booth and for the flight demonstrations. Sign-up will be held at the next meeting. Ken White has arranged for four radios to help coordinate the flight demos. Aircraft will be needed for a static display at the booth. It was suggested that a trainer, helicopter, sport, and scale all be represented. People wishing to display their aircraft will also sign-up at the August meeting.

The August 13 meeting will be held at JSC in Building 220 and will include a tour of the prototype X-38 vehicle. Club members without JSC access badges will meet at 6:45PM at the front gate, Building 110, to get an access badge. In addition to the X-38, Frank Jenson will demonstrate the laser tracking system used to provide accurate measurements for building the vehicle. Pictures may be taken, if you desire. (NOTE: This meeting has been rescheduled to September 10.)

Bill Langdoc reported that the antenna range manager turned down the club's request for a field shelter. Even with a structure that could be lowered there was concern about potential impact to the range's usage. There was discussion about getting another canopy like the one we already have. A motion to that effect was made, seconded, and approved. It was noted that another PVC container will also be required.



New Business:

It was suggested that the club should get T-shirts for the Ballunar Festival. After some discussion, it was suggested that we see if computer generated iron-on transfers would be satisfactory. Tas Croson

volunteered to make a sample if someone would get him a copy of the club logo and report back at the next meeting. Joe Parlanti indicated he had the art work and the iron-on transfer and would make a sample before the next meeting.

The June fun-fly ,which was rescheduled for July 11th ,will have the same four scheduled events--- climb and glide, luck and go, alarm clock pylon, and limbo.

It was announced that the Prop Nuts will have their Big Bird Fly-In on July 11-12th.



Model of the Month:

Owen Morris showed two Society of Antique Modelers' SAM aircraft which he had built. The first was a Rear Wing Speedster based upon a 1938 design. The plane is of balsa and silk construction. It is powered by an electric motor and weighs just eighteen ounces. It will be entered in a SAM event that requires aflight of fifteen minute. The plane has not yet been flown, but Owen has flown a smaller version.

Owen's second aircraft was a scale Foker D-VIII. It too is electric powered, but with a larger moder and battery pack, and of balsa and silk construction. This plane weighs twenty-seven ounces and will be entered in an event that requires a fifteen minute flight, plus a flight of max duration.

Both of these aircraft are superior, but the Foker was voted Model of the Month.

Ken White was presented his MOM plaque for the June model.



Program:

The program was a video by Monokote on the secrets of great covering. It showed all of the basics, plus a number of handy tricks.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10

Climb & Glide:

4 participants

Joe Parlanti: 1st place, time 1.57, points 3

Rick Searfoss: 2nd place, time 1.12, points 2

Disqualified Ray Randolph and Dave Mahanch
(engines restarted after the 5 sec)

Luck-n-Go:

4 participants

Joe Parlanti: 1st place, time 23 sec, points 3

Ray Randolph: 2nd place, time 27 sec, points 2

Dave Mahan: 3rd place, time 30 sec, points 1

Rick Searfoss: no score

Pylon:

4 participants

Joe Parlanti: 1st place, points 3

Ray Randolph: 2nd place, points 2

Dave Mahan: 3rd place, points 1

Rick Searfoss: disqualified for cutting (*Editor: Rick, tisk, tisk, cutting??*)

Total Points for July:

Joe Parlanti: 9 points

Ray Randolph: 4 points

Dave Mahan: 2 points

Rick Searfoss: 2 points

Next CD for the August fun fly is Preston Hunt.

It was hot, but fun.

Total Scores after two fun fly's

Joe Parlanti	13
Jeff Longmore	7
Rob Bartel	6
Ray Randolph	4
Dave Mahan	2
Rick Searfoss	2
Boyce Sterling	1

Next Meeting
August 13th, 1998, 7:00 PM
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Minutes from the July
1998 Meeting



Minutes by Bill, the
Secretary



General:

The July 9, 1998 meeting of the MSC R/C Club was convened at 7:06 by Vice-President Charles Boehl. Eventually there were 22 members and visitors in attendance.

It was announced that Don Fisher's wife was seriously ill. The club agreed to send an arrangement of flowers.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved with change to note that Don Fisher was acting secretary. There was no treasurer's report.

Fuel for Sale

John Campo	488-7748
Tas Crowson	474-9531
Don Fisher	474-4942(H) 483-2157(W)
Wayne Green	484-3151

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Wayne Green	484-3151
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