



# NEWSLETTER

## MEETING NOTICE

Date: Thursday, Sept. 9, 1971  
Time: 8:00-10:00 P.M.  
Place: Clear Lake Park Bldg (see map)  
Program: Talk by John E. Beck of K&B Aurora



Excellent flying weather has prevailed during the last month and many of us took advantage of it. Several beginner pilots have soloed and many more have crashed to do so. I can recall more than one spot landing atop the large white tower which was by the same individual on successive flights. As long as the determination remains one can learn the fine art of guiding these miniature aircraft through the sky.

The field litter situation has improved but I recently picked up the remnants of a complete McDonalds dinner which someone left in the pit area. Comon guys if you trekked it out to the field make sure you cart it back. Also many fliers have not been wearing the club card/identification badge while out on the antenna range. It seems that the card is shown only to gain access at the gate and left in the car during flying activities. The card also serves as your pass on the antenna range itself and even as guests we're not above JSC/NASA identification requirements. One last point, please remember to wear your badge while flying. Any member who has lost his badge please contact Dave Hoffman (941-8485) for a replacement.

Another shipment of club fuel has been ordered and should be here by the meeting. This is the same fuel as the last batch and it seems everyone is pleased with it, from the Quickie racers to the chopper pilots. The prices will be held although the cost of nitromethane has skyrocketed. This is another service which the MSCRCC provides for its members.

On the subject of the 27 MHZ frequencies it appears that the current R/C channels will remain as is. This was largely due to the tremendous response to the FCC from all factions of the hobby. The AMA has done a herculean effort in this area and is still working towards obtaining dedicated frequencies for R/C use. To further do our part we can all apply for individual FCC licenses so that R/C fraternity will be seen. The club license provides for a quick and easy method of getting in the air but if your serious about the hobby obtain your own license. The cost of one, \$ 4.00 for 5 years, is less than a gallon of fuel and generally lasts much longer too. Dave Hoffman will have some applications at the meeting and will assist you in completing them.

There are quite a few contests coming up now that the summer heat is over with. Several of these are fun-fly types and like our own July meet, no special aircraft or skills are required in these events. The upcoming meets are listed in the following:

- Sept. 4-5. Pasadena, Tex. Gulf Coast R/C club Fun Fly & Sport Scale. Contact J. McCoy, 11822 Kirkway, Houston 77089.
- Sept. 4-6. Mesquite, TX. SW R/C Championships. Events are Pattern, Sport Scale, Biplane, and Pylon Racing (QM, F-1, Q-500)
- Sept. 19. Houston, TX. Houston R/C club Fun Fly. Contact Bert Streigler, 729-5652.
- Sept. 26, Texas City, TX CTY Summer FunFly. Contact Alan Johncock 948-3224 or Kent Ross 948-8798.



SWAP LIST. Fox 60, NEW, \$35, OS 60 Gold, NEW \$55, Used \$35. Top Flite P-39 kit \$40, P-47, \$50, Platt Spitfire kit \$50, Aeromaster Kit, \$50, Sig Skybolt, \$30, Lanier Rebel Bipe \$60, W.E. Blue Max w/ 5 S-5 servos \$165, Krat 6 Channel (Series 72) w/5 KP10 servos, \$200.00 CG Retracts Trike (New) \$15. Contact Don White @ 488-1024.

Any gauge or age model trains Wanted. Contact Ed @ 481-6970.

Pylon Corner: MSCRCC District-8 Representatives-

- #1. Art ARRO, 2003 Mermaid Lane, Houston, TX 77062 (713)488-5758.  
#2. Paul M. CLAEYS, 2120 Williamsburg Court. League City, TX 77573.  
(713) 332-2397.

There were two pylon races during August which MSCRCC Members attended. The first was the Nationals in Dayton, Ohio where Art Arro flew Quarter Midget and Formula 1. Ben Ezra Issac also attended as a mechanic/caller. It was the biggest racing Nats ever with 81 entries in QM and 83 in Formula 1. Art finished 24th in QM and "way Down" in F-1 due to tank and engine problems. The winner in both events was Dave Pearse from N. Carolina who really had it all together for the week. Local District-8 fliers who did well include; George Parks, 2nd in QM, and Gale Helms, 3rd in QM also. Both are familiar faces in the Dist.8 racing circuit.

Locally, the Houston Area Pylon Racing Association and the Alvin R/C Club hosted a District-8 500 Class (Quickie) Race on August 22, 1976. Sixteen entries showed up to fly six rounds on a beautiful, windless but hot, Sunday afternoon. Seven of these were from the MSCRCC and the included Art Arro, Mel Brewer, Paul Claeys, Dennis Drysdale, Harvey Duck James Raines and J.W. Smith. The first three (3) places along with the Fast Time were captured by MSCRCC members and the box score is listed below:

Place	NAME	Plane/Engine	Best Time	Score
1st	Paul Claeys	borrowed Skooter II/K&B 40	1:42.9	22 Poi
2nd	Art ARRO	Slo-Poke/ K&B40	1:41.	21
3rd	Harvey Duck	Quickie 500/ K&B 40	1:45.	21
4th	Harry Polk	Slo-Poke/ K&B 40	1:38	20
5th	Mike Johncock	Quickie 500/K&B 40	1:39.8	19
Fast Time Dennis Drysdale		Slo-Poke/K&B 40	1:35.	18

There were very many close and exciting heats throughout the day and many fliers were knocking 10-20 seconds off their times as the race progressed. Competition leads to improvement. Also note the various design which flew and no single plane was faster than another in the hands of a competent pilot. Prime example was Paul Claeys who beat all comers including the controversial HAF-Fast design with a Skooter II. This particular plane even has wing dowels and rubber bands for hold downs and is rated as one of the slower designs in the District-8 rules. Consistency and piloting skill is the major factor in Quickie racing.

The workers came from the ranks of the Alvin club, the Texas City club and the MSCRCC. All did a outstanding job in the heat of that Sunday afternoon and MSCRCC members to be commended are Robert Besch and Lenny Magill & sons. Thanks to you all again.

That's all for now and the next Houston area race will be the Championships on October 10th at a site to be determined.

Good flying,

*Arthur Arro*