



# NEWSLETTER

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DATE: THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER, 1981  
TIME: 6:30-10:00 P.M.  
PLACE: CLEAR LAKE PARK BUILDING

PROGRAM: ACTION AUCTION!!!

## REZ'S COLUMN:

will not go into a long oratory this month--  
ust hit the high spots:

1. Club BBQ - Last Tuesday in September.  
\$2.75 each - Each Club member can  
purchase 2 discount tickets - additional  
tickets \$5.50 each.
2. Lunar Rendezvous Fun-Fly a success,  
asked back for next year. Good show!  
Thank you active participants & helpers!
3. Club Auction instead of Sept. meeting.  
Complete story within.

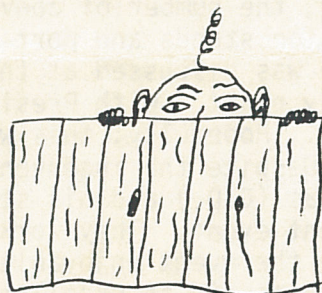
aking his debut (with able assistance from  
is distaff side) is Mike (Big Mike) Moore.  
EST WISHES, MIKE, AS OUR NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR!

RING MONEY TO THE AUCTION (& BE READY TO  
ART WITH IT!!!!)

## STEPS TO AN ACTION AUCTION

MSC R/C Club gets 10% of each sale. Sale  
starts at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 9:45 p.m.  
Items will be sold in the order they are  
brought in. Consecutive "lot" numbers will be  
assigned at the door. This number becomes the  
seller's number. The seller must fill out  
enclosed form listing item(s) and required  
selling price of each item. Buyers will sign  
up for buyer number at the door. Immediately  
after the sale of a person's lot he must go  
to the kitchen area to meet his buyer, where  
the buyer pays the seller for the item, and  
the seller pays the club (one dollar charge  
on seller buy-back items). See you at the  
ACTION AUCTION!!

**TYPO-BLOOPERS:**  
Hilarious MistEAKs in Print



## NOTICE



EDITOR'S CALLOUS-  
COMPLIMENTS OF  
"MA BELL"

There is a new Editor of the MSC RCC News-  
letter: Michael M. Moore (the one with the  
beard)(also, the one who will be pounding  
on YOUR door for YOUR contributions to  
keep YOUR Newsletter of the same quality  
as YOUR Model). Any help will be greatly  
appreciated, whether it is cartoons, pro-  
duct critiques, contests, events, or latest  
attempts (whatever: RC Roaches?!) written  
in long hand (or, if unintelligible, printed  
please).

I would like to personally thank Tim Brown  
for all the help, advice, and material (yes--  
you have not heard the last of Tim!!). This  
is in addition to my thanks for and admir-  
ation of the dedication it took to do the  
MSC RCC Newsletter for the last 5+ years.

Now that I have your attention, September  
is a VERY busy month! First of all, there  
is the election, in October, of the new  
Club Officers. So start thanking and talking  
about it. PLEASE: No "suprise" nominations;  
make sure you have the individual's permission!

Second is the Bar-B-Que on September 29th.  
These are the people you can call to get  
your tickets:

Dick Centnar-----488-5489  
Reggie Lewis-----481-4530  
Pat Thomasson-----471-0642  
Henry Lee-----481-9062

WARNING: Ticket sales will stop 5 DAYS  
prior to the Bar-B-Que!!!

Third, this month's meeting is the annual  
AUCTION, so RCers, this is your chance to  
clear your attics for the paraphernalia  
you'll buy. Come one, come all!!! This  
event is open to everyone, so spread the  
word to friends and contacts in other clubs.  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Sales start at  
7:00 p.m. There will be no club meeting,  
just the auction. Dave Hoffman will accept  
the 10% Club share of sold items.

For those of us who couldn't make it to the  
NATS, the results are attached and we have  
some member write-ups. I hear we missed a  
fantastic event in a very friendly town: Many  
thanks to the people of Seguin, Texas!



## The Administration's Energy Program

The 1981 NATS has come and gone in Seguin and New Braunfels, Texas. I wish that all you soaring enthusiasts had joined us there!

Open, standard and modified standard classes were flown on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday with approximately 75 contestants competing. Things got off to a slow start (when is the last time you've been to a contest that didn't?!) because the AMA's batteries arrived at the flying site 2½ hours late. But - meanwhile - there were many people to visit with, and many planes to see and to talk about. Each contestant flew three flights a day for three days. The conditions were 8-10 mph winds with a definite lift cycle (big ups and big downs). We had good weather all four days - HOT - but good!

The first place winners were: Open - Tom Jones, the Woodlands, Tx, flying a modified Megan; Standard - John Brown, Ca, flying a two meter Icarus; Modified Standard - Matt Sheldon, Co, flying a Sagitta 900 with rudder and elevator only.

Tom Jones' final flight was sensational! In a desperate search for a 10 minute flight, he flew almost out of sight down and cross wind. He continued that heading in spite of the fact that he didn't have enough altitude to come back. A few minutes into the flight, and about 100' off the ground, he hit a small bump. He managed to climb out and max. That was the most impressive 10 minutes of knee-knocking flying that I've ever seen!

The NASA club was represented by Dick Roddy and myself. Dick, flying his 100" home brew, opted to fly Class A standard without spoilers - since he usually lands short with them. He placed 3rd, missing only one landing because his airplane flipped over. (His body English flipped him over, too!) One landing was a 100 pointer - good show, Dick!!

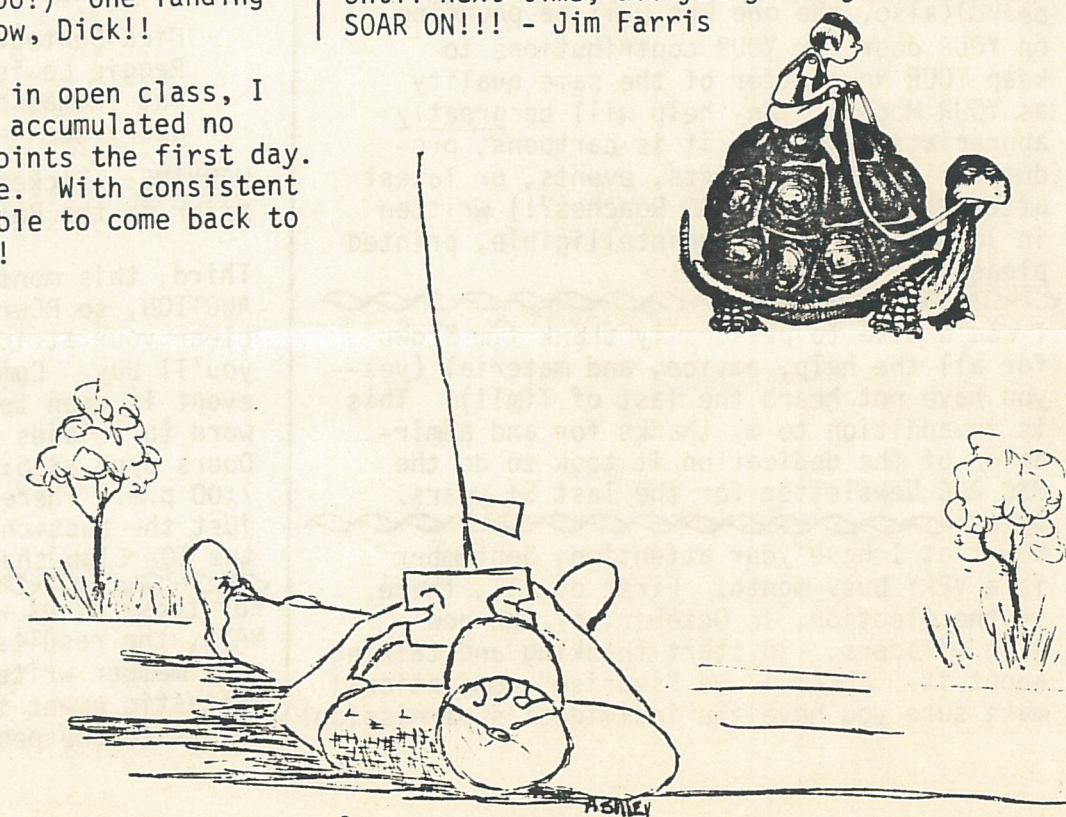
Flying my Spirit 150 T-tail in open class, I got off to a poor start. I accumulated no maxes and only 34 landing points the first day. Things were bound to improve. With consistent flying and landing, I was able to come back to 5th place. I was thrilled!!

Thursday's 2 meter drew about 45 contestants with Tom Williams of Dallas winning 1st place. He flew a chopped down Windrifter with a thermal sniffer. Scale had 6 entries. Ron Stanfield of Little Rock, Arkansas, won 1st place, flying a Schweizer TG2. It's interesting to note that Ron has a unique launching technique - he launches his TG2 with both hands, and then picks up his transmitter!

Thursday evening there was a banquet and an awards presentation. Official standings will soon be published for all who are interested to read, but a couple of special awards are worthy of note. The first annual Hi Johnson trophy was awarded to John Brown, Ca, for overall performance. Hi was recently killed in a full-size glider accident. Ironically, John Brown was one of his apprentice fliers in RC. Despite the great showing by Texans, the Texas-Florida trophy was carried home by the Floridians again! Cecil Haga of Dallas, who made the presentation, swears that there is something "strange" about the way the scoring is done in that interstate battle!

With the soaring ending on Thursday, we had an opportunity to go to Seguin on Friday and Saturday to witness some of the other events. The AMA showed a great preference for the non-soaring events - evidenced by: the quality of the flying site, the number of AMA officials on hand to help out, the use of computers for scoring, the number of conveniences, like concession stands and port-o-cans. This preference was discussed at the awards banquet Thursday night - with President John Grigg present. Hopefully, this will be remedied by 1982. Despite the inconveniences, Don Chancey of Dallas (C.D.) and his staff put on an excellent event. They worked hard and long to make the event enjoyable for all, and the contestants did an excellent job by pitching in and helping when called upon.

Until next time, all you gliding enthusiasts,  
SOAR ON!!! - Jim Farris



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Hey Gene Ross is a sail plane flight  
of 11 min 42 sec really that tireing?