

THE RADIO CONTROL FLIER

THE MSC-RCC NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING: SEP 11, 1986 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: CLEAR LAKE PARK BLDG

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Member.

We had our August meeting on Thursday 14th which was attended by 38 persons and looking at the meeting register I see it is the same few faithful. However, on the bright side we had quite a few visitors to the club once more this month and some joined the club swelling our ranks. Club membership seems to be growing slowly but surely. This meeting was another busy meeting with the business part over running and we forwent our entertainment again.

At this meeting we reviewed the work to date of the Safety and Steering Committees. These committees met during the previous month and reviewed the club's constitution, bylaws, procedure rules, and safety rules in depth. In general it is the opinion of both committees that the people who wrote the originals did a very good job and, apart from certain items, only word changes were needed to bring them into line with the current club operation.

The Safety Committee chaired by Henry Lee reviewed the club safety rules and found that no changes were needed, the original rules were more than adequate and all they needed was to be enforced. It was noted that the standard of safety had improved at the field over the last few weeks and this had been helped by the excellent new frequency tree made by Denis Smerz and the astro turf transmitter in-pound area (the original piece of astro turf mysteriously disappeared). However on the down side it was noted that people were still flying too close to Building #14. and the static rocket display. I can not repeat too often that these areas are no go areas and it is not necessary to fly at this end of the field at all.

Henry Lee told the meeting that the probationary period was over and the committee was, as of the meeting, going to log safety violations and consistent offenders would be taken to task by the safety committee.

At this stage I would like, on behalf of all the club members, like to thank Dennis Smerz for the excellent new frequency tree he has built for the flying field. It's a work of art and very impressive. It has one big change over our previous frequency trees, in so much as the frequencies are grouped in order of "3M" modulation and not numerically. In Dennis' absence Dave Thomasson explained to the members present at the meeting how to use the frequency tree groupings to avoid falling victim to "3M" modulation interference.

The Steering Committee had two busy meetings during the month and went over the existing club constitution, by-laws and procedure rules. It was found that for the most part these were word changes only. However, the by-laws Article 2 section 3 concerning membership dues would need to be rewritten to bring them into line with the current fee structure in force. Also, Article 3 section 2 concerning the election of club officers would need to be changed to to meet the new election process we will use this year. This will be discussed at greater length at the end of this letter and represents the only major change to date made by the committee.

The reasoning behind these reviews of the club's working documents is to produce an update version of all of them prior to the renewal of the membership at the end of the year. With every members renewal a full set of the rules will be issued, and this goes with out saying to all new members joining, in order that every one concerned is using the same rules, which is not the case now.

Henry Lee gave a very interesting report on the Nats at Lake Charles, with congratulations to our silent flight members who did really well.

Those who competed were Durward Ermiger, Jim Farris, Chris Lee, Dick Roddy, Julian Tamez and Gary Ward, and out of the above, four were placed in their various events which is an excellent record. Congratulation once more to all those involved.

It is with great regret that I have had to accept Robby Owens resignation as club secretary as he is bound for college at the University of Texas, Arlinton. I know that the rest of the members join me in congratulating you and wishing you all the best at college Robby and also thanking you for the work you have done for the club and being an active member. I have no doubt that we will see your smiling face around at vacations and the christmas party. The position of club secretary will not be filled as we are so near to the election of new officers.

This brings us to the last business matter discussed at the meeting and that was the election of new club officers. The constitution states the officers shall be elected by secret ballot and this will be done by mail this year. The election will take place at the October meeting as usual and the results announced then. The basic procedure will be as follows:

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1. Nominations. The closing date for these is the intermission at the September meeting. All nominations must be in the hands of the officers of the club or steering committee members by then. You can mail in your nomination, telephone it to any of the aforementioned people, or from the floor of the meeting at the September meeting. Before you nominate anyone make sure you have out of courtesy consulted them.
2. Ballots. These will be made up and forwarded to you with next months newsletter which will be issued as soon as possible after next months meeting. There will be a ballot for every member. They will list all the candidates for each of the positions, plus a blank space for a write in candidate of your choice.
3. Voting. You will be allowed one vote only for each position. The ballot form then can be either mailed to the chairman of the steering committee, Dave Thomasson, or handed in at October's meeting. No votes will be accepted after the intermission of October's meeting, the new officers will be announced before the end of that meeting, and published in the newsletter following the meeting.

The reason for this change is to endeavor to end the practice of electing officers by default, and give the total membership a greater say in the election process.

A final word on the election. The position of club treasurer has been filled over the last few years by David Hoffman. David has done a great deal of work on the sidelines besides this function, as a professional accountant his services have been a very stable influence over the years and the club has prospered. David has already indicated that he would like to continue as treasurer for the next year and even though it will be open to the vote I feel we would be very foolish not to accept David's services for another year.

Thats my round up for this month, enjoy your flying, but do it safely.

The club will hold its annual auction at our November meeting. Craig York will be auctioneer again. Craig needs all the help he can get, so please contact Craig if you can help. Start saving your model items to sell, and your money to buy with. Remember, November 13, at 7:00 p.m., for our auction.

FOR SALE: Concept Models Barnstormer Biplane, with H.B. 40 pdp, 6 channel Futaba radio (channel 46), ready to fly, excellent condition, will sell for \$175.00.

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Contest Report

Nationals Soaring Event

Although it was very hot in Lake Charles, the four day soaring event at the AMA Nationals went well. With over 1000 flights each day Jeff Troy put on a great contest with fine equipment and an excellent crew.

When the dust settled three of our own members were awarded trophies at a fantastic awards banquet. All for 2-meter class.

Julian Tamez - 3rd, Jim Ferris - 6th, and Gary Ward - 8th. Well done!

A fellow Texan from the Southwest Soaring League (Dallas) Jack Hamilton won Standard Class and the Scale event. Best overall performance (the Lee Renaud Trophy) was awarded to Paul Carlson flying his own design Prodigy™ 2-meter in all three classes. Paul runs "Off the Ground Models" which kits the Prodigy™.

AMA Nationals Soaring Results:

2-meter

1. Paul Carlson
2. Brian Agnew
3. Julian Tamez*
4. Terry Edmonds
5. Tom Britbell
6. Jim Ferris*
7. David Stone
8. Gary Ward*
9. Bob Willcoates
10. Tom Kalaun

Standard

- Jack Hamilton
Paul Carlson
Brian Agnew
Al Sidmore
Terry Edmonds
John Agnew
Jim Thomas
John Fueque
Jim Kelly
Ed Bertan

Unlimited

- Leon Kincaid
Tom Britebell
Paul Carlson
Bob Wilcoats
Malcom Smith
David Johnson
Roy Lynchie
Dan Fink
Scott Christianson
Terry Edmonds

Me and my R/C,

Gary Ward



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