

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

### **President's Corner**

Dear Members,

I find myself back in the hot seat again this month after a month off vacationing with my family in England. We are still trying to catch up at work, so I hope you will forgive me for being a bit out of touch with Club affairs.

For those of you who missed the last Club meeting on the 13th of August, you missed an excellent talk/film/slide show by Hoot Gibson on his last Shuttle mission, which was the one just prior to 51L (Challenger accident). We had standing room only, and it was an excellent show and my thanks to Hoot for giving us his valuable time. We hope to see you out on the field again soon Hoot when you are not so busy.

At the next scheduled meeting on the 10th of September, we plan to have a spectrum analyzer to test members transmitters. There is no limit to the number of transmitters each member can bring, so come one and all and see how good your most treasured possession really is. This could be very educational after all the recent talk of radio interference. It could be we are shooting ourselves in the foot more often than we think. I think this will be a very appropriate exercise as at the end of the year we have several frequency changes, to be followed by much larger changes in 1991. It should help members to decide whether they want to update their present equipment or by new. Do be sure and charge your transmitters fully before the meeting.

The next event of importance to the Club will be

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**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday,**  
**September 10th, 1987**  
**at 7:30**  
**in the Clear Lake Park**  
**Building**

### **From the Pen of Dr. Doom**

The wife and I are back in the area again after a forshortened trip. We did manage to visit a couple of R/C clubs in the midwest however. The Springfield MO R/C Club, and the Bloomington Ill. R/C Club. Both clubs had nice facilities with grass fields. In contrast to our field these clubs were amid vast fields of corn, or soybeans. Good flying sites with friendly members. In fact the Blomington Club members asked if I had a plane with me. I said no, so they supplied one and said lets fly. Must be a trusting group. The plane they supplied me with was a Byron F-15 Twin ducted fan! Great plane, Thanks Fellows! In fact, in all of our travels over the last few years, I have yet to meet a bum group of R/C pilots. Makes it a pleasure to visit various clubs through the U.S. and Canada.

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the return "fly-in" with the "Prop-Nuts". This is now fixed for SUNDAY the 20th of September, 1987. Their field gates will be unlocked at 9:00 AM. Let's have a good turn out this time. You don't have to fly or bring a plane, just show up and support the Club and eat . . . the foods free.

At the last meeting the membership decided that the meeting schedule for the remainder of the year would return to its regular format. Last year we adjusted it because of the sad and untimely death of Mel Brewer. The schedule will be as follows:

- September - Transmitter testing and nominations for Club officers.
- October - Annual Club Auction
- November - Election of Club Officers

The election for club officers will be carried out by Mail Ballot as we did last year. Initial nominations will be accepted from the floor at the September meeting. These will close on the completion of the auction on the 8th of October, and must be given to Dave Thomasson as Chairman of the Steering Committee. The ballot papers will be mailed as soon as possible after the auction. mail you ballot paper or hand them in no later than the refreshment break at the November meeting. Now is your chance to get in on the act - talk is cheap. I will not running again because I believe that the Presidents job should be rotated in order that the club not stagnate.

On the personal side and as a word of warning to all members who keep their labors of love in their garage as I used to do, I will recount my recent experience.

Two days before I was to leave the country for my vacation, my garage was broken into and my sons D. H. Vampire stolen. The persons involved forced the locked side door late in the evening and removed this plane despite the fact they had the choice of some dozen R. C. planes and power boats. They left the

transmitter, obviously attracted to the silver jet. This was reported to the police immediately who watched the house while I was away. While I was vacationing they caught a young %&#@\* individual very late at night trying the doors and looking into the house windows with a flashlight. Because of his age, he was taken home where his parents were in bed. They had no knowledge of their beloved son being out on the streets that night and refused

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### Notes of Interest

5th annual Ducted Fan contest will be held September 11, 12, 13th north of Fort Worth.

Make sure your transmitter is **fully charged** before you bring it to the meeting for testing at the September meeting. You will need only bring your transmitter.

Believe it or not, next month's newsletter marks one year (12 issues) since I took over as editor. Do you guys want me to continue? You better start sending in material.....Thanks to those who send in stuff already.



Don White has 5, 10 and 15%. Call 488-1024 before 10PM.

Hal Rosenberg has 5 and 10%. He can be reached at 333-3866.

Dennis Smerz has 5, 10, 15% (mostly 5 and 10), and limited four stroke fuel available. Call him at 482-9431.



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the police request to inspect his room. On my return home the police and myself inspected the house and found that someone had attempted forcible entry at no fewer than ten different places on the house. Fly screens had been removed and doors damaged. They visited this young individual's house to talk with his parents again with no apparent success. Two days later at 10 PM the father and offspring showed up on my doorstep and the plane was returned to me slightly damaged. No apology was given but the father did advise me that as the property was returned there was no need to press charges.

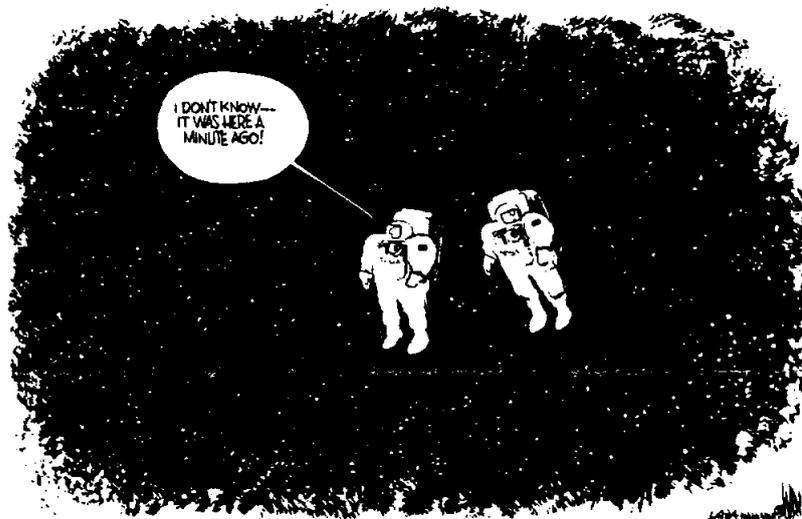
The facts concerning garage and house break-ins that the police gave me are very impressive and frightening. If you have to keep your modeling equipment in your garage, make sure it is locked and cannot be forced with simple tools. Don't leave the doors open so that a passing juvenile can see the contents of your garage. If your garage or house is broken into by a juvenile he most probably knows you or a member of your family and has phoned your house to ascertain that you are out. This sort of crime has exploded in our area and the police have a hard time controlling it, because the individuals involved know the punishment is light to nonexistent. I was very lucky but please be careful.

That's all for this month, enjoy your flying, and do it safely.

*Jon Vincent*

### Dr. Doom (Continued)

Back to more mundane matters, it was proven recently the old adage about turning into a dead engine on a twin engine aircraft, with super sensitive controls. It did about three violent



snap rolls and went in almost vertically. The pilot says he will repair if the autopsy on the wing damage is not too severe.

We had a Club Fun-Fly on August 15, somewhat typical of our club turnout, 7 entrants. Not very good for about 160 members. The events were roll dice until match first roll. Won by Glen Beaty in 35 seconds. Next was your guess at what 2 minutes was without reference to any timing device. Time starts at wheels off, stops at wheels touch. This was won by John Campo with a time of 120 seconds. That's 2 minutes by my clock! Third event was an egg timer pylon race, against an unknown time. First plane across after time goes off wins. Dennis Smerz won heat 1, John Campo heat 2, no fly between because of frequency conflict.

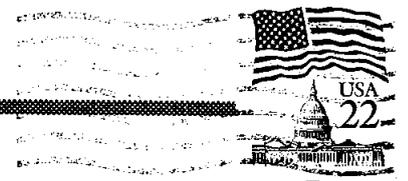
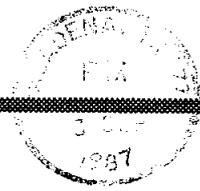
I am very encouraged by the new young members we now have at the field, several have built nice planes and are progressing rapidly in their flying skills. Don't lose interest fellows, we need you young people to carry on this great sport.

Don't forget we have a return fun-fly with the Baytown Prop-Nuts in September. Food will be supplied by the MSCRCC, you all come, fly and eat.

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