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Next Meeting – October 9, 2003 at 7:00pm - Clear Lake Park Bldg.

September 2003 Meeting Minutes

By: *Mike Goza, JSCRCC Secretary*

The Meeting started at 7:11pm 9/11/2003

Old Business:

All tables are up and being used. They look great. A big thanks go to Herman Burton, Don Fisher and Charlie Teixeira for getting the tables. There are still some small items that need to be moved before the area is complete.

Charlie Teixeira made suggestions for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new tables and canopy.

As a reminder, the ribbon cutting / fun fly will begin at 9:00am at the field on Oct 11. Bring what you want to fly and have fun. There will be door prizes and informal fun fly competition prizes. Hot dogs will be provided or bring what you want to eat. Rain out date will be the following weekend. If bringing a guest to the event, please contact Dave Hoffman and add them to the guest list or they may not be let in by security. Give Dave plenty of time to submit the names.

New Business:

There is a hole at the approach to the field that needs to be filled. Clay is donating some concrete to the cause.

It was mentioned again that it would be nice to remove the screens on the field. It will be checked into.

Election committee reported that most positions have nominations. The final ballot will be in the October newsletter. Write in nominations will be allowed, but the person writing in the name is responsible for making sure that the nominee is willing to take the job.

Members voted on \$150 certificate give away at the ribbon cutting. It was voted down via a tie vote.

Model of the Month (MOM):

Terry Dunn brought a Buzzard Bombshell that was converted to electric. He saved it from an attic of almost certain death.

Tony Zinn brought a Wattage Tangent. This is a miniature electric F3A style pattern ship.

Herman Burton won MOM with his Albatros D3 that was also part of the entertainment.



Entertainment:

Herman Burton gave an excellent presentation on his latest WWII Albatros D3 biplane. It was kit bashed. Herman added many details that were custom made for the biplane. Some details included machine guns, flare guns with shells, pilot step, and tail skid. It was covered with Solartex fabric covering. Herman did a super job covering this model and has a very steady hand painting. All markings were painted by hand.

Meeting adjourned 8:43pm

Don't forget to vote at the October meeting! A ballot is attached to this newsletter so if you can't make the meeting see that the ballot gets turned in by the start of the October meeting.

October Meeting Program

We are going to have Ray Randolph talk about his recent activities and how his hobby has evolved into a business. He said that he will be going to the show in Dallas/Arlington this weekend so he will bring his displays.

Major Injury Could Have Been Avoided

(The following e-mail came from Joe Krebs, President of the Coast Air Modelers Society in Ocean Springs and was forwarded by George Nixon)

Last Monday afternoon, one of our members (Charlie Hartford) was at the field to fly. While awaiting his buddies to arrive, he decided to warm up his engine. His airplane is a 41-44% 3W CAP, with a 3W150 engine, 30" carbon fiber

prop. He was there by himself. He started the engine in idle, without any restraint device.

While reaching for the transmitter, his neck strap caught on the throttle stick and advanced it to high throttle. The prop hit him in the right butt, inflicting major damage to that part of his body. The convicts that work the landfill came to his aid, but they were not allowed to drive, so they ran to the office to get help. Charlie took off his shirt and packed it in to try and stop the blood, got in his truck and drove to the office and collapsed.

Other club members arrived at this time, along with the ambulance, and he was taken to Ocean Springs Hospital. He was in surgery for almost three hours. He had a dislocated broken hip, chipped hip and loss of the right cheek of his butt. It nicked the main artery, but didn't cut it. Missed the sciatic nerve by 1/2".

Charlie Hartford is in the Ocean Springs Hospital and lucky to be alive.

(Editor: Folks, there is an important message here. People are starting their engines all the time without the aid of a fellow modeler or a restraint system, which we don't currently have. It's time we got one! Any ideas on how?)

I also propose that we adopt a safety rule that states:

All model aircraft shall be started with someone other than the pilot holding the plane, or with the use of a passive restraint. The restraining device shall be sturdy enough to restrain the aircraft at full throttle.

These are just my thoughts and suggestions are encouraged for discussion at the next meeting).

Stories from Brian Morris

In his book, "Sled Driver," SR-71/Blackbird pilot Brian Shul writes:

I'll always remember a certain radio exchange that occurred one day as Walt (my back-seater) and I were screaming across Southern California 13 miles high. We were monitoring various radio transmissions from other aircraft as we entered Los Angeles airspace.

Though they didn't really control us, they did monitor our movement across their scope. I heard a Cessna ask for a read out of its ground speed.

"90 knots" Center replied. Moments later, a Twin Beech required the same.

120 knots" Center answered.

We weren't the only ones proud of our ground speed that day...as almost instantly an F-18 smugly transmitted, "Ah, Center, Dusty 52 requests ground speed readout."

There was a slight pause, then the response, "525 knots on the ground, Dusty."

Another silent pause. As I was thinking to myself how ripe a situation this was, I heard a familiar click of a radio transmission coming from my back-seater.

It was at that precise moment I realized Walt and I had become a real crew for we were both thinking in unison.

"Center, Aspen 20, you got a ground speed readout for us?"

There was a longer than normal pause ... "Aspen, I show 1,742 knots."

No further inquiries were heard on that frequency.

In another famous SR-71 story, Los Angeles Center reported receiving a request for clearance to FL 60 (60,000 ft). The incredulous controller, with some disdain in his voice, asked, "How do you plan to get up to 60,000 feet?"

The pilot (obviously a sled driver), responded, "We don't plan to go up to it, we plan to go down to it." He was cleared.

There's a story about the military pilot calling for a priority landing, because his single-engine jet fighter was running "a bit peaked." Air Traffic Control told the fighter jock that he was number two, behind a B-52 that had one engine shut down.

"Ah," the fighter pilot remarked, "The dreaded Seven-Engine Approach."

A student became lost, during a solo cross-country flight. While attempting to locate the aircraft on radar, ATC asked, "What was your last known position?" Student: "When I was number one for takeoff."

November Auction Coming Up!

Time to start rummaging through all those boxes of "stuff" no longer being used or needed. Or, how about a wish list of things you would like to get? Either way, be thinking about the club auction only a month away.

Upcoming Events

By: Editor

10/10-12/03 : Houston Combat Classic for 328, 330 (JSO) at Scobee Field. Contact Richard Stubblefield CD, at 281-358-3522. Sponsored by Proptwisters of Houston.

10/18/2003 : Fall Fly-In sponsored by A.R.F. RC Club, Livingston TX. Contact Mike Muehr, CD, at 936-967-4404 for more info.

11/01/03 : UFO's Over Texas Night Fly-In at Huffman TX. CD is John Forestioni, 281-353-8124. Sponsor is JETERO RC.

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Ballots must be turned in at the October meeting. If you are not able to attend the meeting, ballot may be mailed to Charles Teixeira at 1711 Bowline Rd, Houston TX, 77062 so as to arrive no later than October 8, 2003. Ballots will also be available at the club meeting.

Note: If writing in a candidate, sponsor must check with candidate to insure he/she is willing to accept the position if he/she wins.

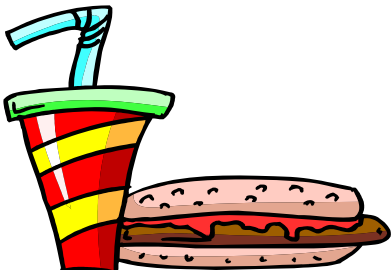
JSCRCC Field Improvement Celebration October 11, 2003



- Registration at 9:30 am
- Food served at 11:30
- Prize drawings at 12:30 pm (prizes include Tru-Turn products)
- Wrap-up at 1:00 pm (flying continues)



Bring and fly your favorite airplane/heli and have some fun.



Free hot dogs and soft drinks for club members and their guests (get guest names into Dave Hoffman ASAP for field access if not already “badged”)