

October 1994

The News Letter of the *Manned Space Center Radio Control Club*

President's Corner

Ed Copeland

Well, that last meeting was a Deusie. We had a full agenda and, as far as I can tell, got it done. We have a little more lead time, this year, to prepare for the auction. I was happy to have David Dale offer his services, again, as auctioneer. The fliers have now been corrected and, by the time this gets published, should be in distribution. Now, all I have to do is assemble all my old and wonderful junk that I no longer have room for, so that I can bring home some new, old and wonderful junk, that I have no room for.

The Christmas party will be in the style of most recent years past. We will meet at the usual place, on the second Thursday in December, at 7:30, and let the fellowship begin. Dave Hoffman has kindly offered to do his traditional magic in supplying the basic tray. We are asked that each person, couple, or family should bring enough desert, horsd'oeuvres, or finger food, for 4 people. This usually produces more than enough food.

We will have two more fun fly events this season, in October. One will be gliders, and the other, another engine event. The dates are: Fun fly - Oct 15; Glider event - Oct 22. Good Luck! I hope to have my new glider ready for the 22nd. I am anxious to see how the Eppler 205 will fare in a
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Words From The VP

Ray Randolph

Going's On - At the August club meeting David Dale announced that the "Bayport Aero Club" was having a fun fly on the following weekend. So, Resha and I gathered up our planes and gear and headed over to their field on Saturday morning. The field is on Pasadena Blvd. just west of Underwood. It's a nice flying site with a covered "staging area", grass pit area and protected (cyclone barriers) flying stations. These are grass runways (two directions) and it would have been better if our planes had larger wheels! But, we managed to get off the ground and had some really great flying time. The weather was super and all the club members were cordial and helpful. If you get a chance, give them a visit -- and take a plane. AMA membership is all that's required (well - you should also be a RC pilot!).

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**Next Meeting
This Thursday
October 13th
7:30 PM
Clear Lake Park Building**

Minutes from the September 1994 Meeting

Resha Hill - Secretary



Ed Copeland called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Old Business:

-Club Youth Program - Mike Laible plans to include a write up in the October newsletter on progress status.

New Business:

-Youth Program - Mike Laible has offered club members another opportunity to get involved. Volunteers are needed to donate some of their time at community schools, applications will be made available through the newsletter and at our club meeting.

-Power Plane Fun Fly - (Don Fisher will coordinate event) Scheduled for October 15th to start at 9:00a.m. Contest events planned: Donut Drop, Pylon Alarm Clock, and Ribbon Cutting

-Glider Plane Fun Fly - (Dave Hoffman will coordinate event) Scheduled for October 22nd to start at 12:00 noon.

-Field Maintenance - To help improve the condition of our flying site, volunteers agreed to take care of the following tasks: getting the runway swept, killing the weeds, mowing, spray painting the canopy box, and fixing the broken frequency pins.

-Nominating Committee - Don Fisher, Mike Goza, Mike Laible, and Dave Tadlock volunteered to work as the nominating committee for recommendation of the 1995 club officers. Elections to be held at the October club meeting.

-Club Auction - Preparation for the auction is underway. Auction scheduled to start at 7:30pm on November 10th. Volunteers to work at the auction are: Auctioneer, David Dale; Auctioneer assistant, Resha Hill; Item handlers, Ed Copeland, Don Fisher, Ray Randolph; Registration desk, Jim Brock, Dave Hoffman; and Exit custodians, Jim Brock, Dave Hoffman, and Bud Taylor.

-Christmas Party - Discussion was held for this years Christmas gathering. Club members decided to have the "pot-luck pig out" as we had last year. Social gathering will be at our regularly scheduled club meeting, same time and place.

The R/C Flyer

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timed event. It should have good penetration, the question is: will it keep me aloft long enough? Or is it, can I keep it aloft?

The nominating committee was selected and consists of: Mike Laible, Don Fisher, Mike Goza, and Dave Tadlock. A recommendation will be forthcoming at the next meeting, in the form of nominations for each of the offices. As usual, additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. And, of course, it is all much more meaningful if there is a good turnout. Please attend, if possible. With that, I must apologize. I will be on vacation. Ray Randolph will chair the meeting. I do promise, however, that I will try to find an RC flying field in New England. There must be one somewhere among Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New York, Massachusetts, or Maine. Imagine: all of this area would fit between Houston and Dallas.

Don Fisher, Paul Ellis and John Campo all volunteered to help with field duty. I think there were others as well but I seem not to have written down their names. I will certainly give credit when I find out. Anyhow, the weed killer and paint are in the box at the field and we should be able to do something about the weeds and should be able to protect the goodies box.

Thanks, again, to everyone for all the help that I have gotten over the past year. The officers, in particular have made the presents job easy, as well as fun. And all the volunteers, Don Fisher for the fun fly planning, Mike Laible, who is just getting his youth program together, and all the others who have helped. Thanks to Tas for all his help. Hope you have enjoyed the year, I have.

—See you at the field—

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The Galveston Air Races were written up in the October issue of "Model Airplane News". Since this was a first time event the article had some good news and bad news, but was essentially accurate in the coverage. Apparently some of our members spotted Resha in the group portrait.

JSC hosted the 2nd(3rd?) Ballunar Festival in August and it looks like this event is growing in participation. I think there were approximately 50 balloon teams and a large number of concession booths were filled. It was fun to see the balloons lift-off and fly -- but probably one of the more spectacular events was the "balloon glow". In the evenings at dusk, a large number of balloons are inflated on the ground and as it gets dark they are all illuminated by their "burners". This is really an impressive sight since the balloons are inherently colorful. I think this festival will continue to grow in popularity - (even though it does put a crimp in our flying time).

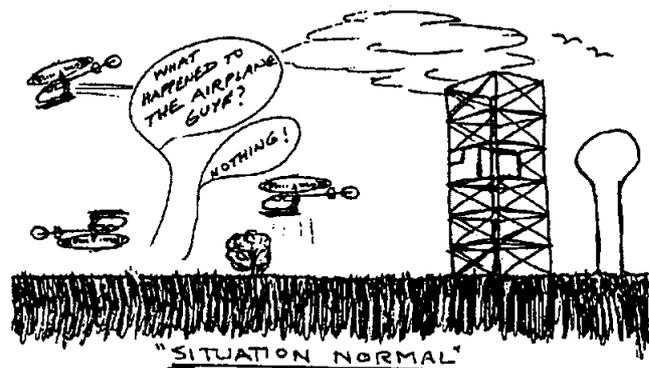
Mini-Product Review - The kit for Resha's "Lazy Bee" arrived and it looks like it's going to be a fun airplane. The construction is ultra-light and the fuselage design is probably not able to withstand an engine over about .09 c.i.s without some added structural strength. The kit comes with rolled plans which are well drawn and an instruction manual that is very complete. As you might guess, in this type of kit (kinda cheap) there is not a great deal of hardware or accessories. There are additional items offered for sale at so-so prices (i.e. balloon tire sets, extra light covering, etc.) The balsa included is good grade and the wing ribs and station formers are nicely pre-cut. I think the folks at "Clancy Aviation" will probably sell quite a few "Lazy Bees". They have also just introduced an electric version with a larger wing.

Projects In-work - Well, the "Lazy Bee" is almost "in work". The wing tips, elevators and rudder have laminated balsa to make the curvatures. So far, I have cut the templates for these items out of "foam core" board and that has worked very well. A sharp exacto knife really slices through the board in short order - also makes a very clean cut. The laminated balsa needs to be soaked in water and ammonia to make the

bends and this is the next order of business. After that, we can start framing this guy. I've been thinking of using "shrink wrap" to hold the laminated balsa against the templates, instead of the usual collection of pins stuck in a building board. I'll let you know how (or if) this turns out.

Entertainment - Well - the video tape company failed to make their schedule - so you didn't get to see the Galveston Race highlights at the September meeting. Sorry, Dean (and I) was sure the tape would have been released by that time. We'll try again in October, if we can conclude the club business in a reasonable amount of time.

Cartoon - Shades of the present!



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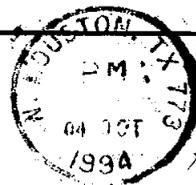
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