

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

← President's Corner

Ray Randolph

Going's On

The "Bomber Field" folks had their annual B-17 Fly-in and, as usual, it attracted a fabulous array of planes. Resha and I went out on Saturday and ran into quite a few of our co-workers from the Galveston Air Races. The weather was a little rough with some wind gusts and showers, but fortunately, no planes suffered and the pilots did a really good job. I think my favorite plane was a F-7-F Tigercat twin painted midnight blue with white lettering. A really fine plane. It was a day well spent and an event worth attending.

On the weekend of Sept. 23 and 24 the "Texas City RC Club" had a "Warbird and Big Bird" Fly-in. This was the fabulous weekend with the clear skies and cool temperatures. There was a good turnout and some really fine planes were flown. They had a drawing for an OS 1.08 engine, a seven channel radio, and a "Top Flite" Gold series Mustang kit. I really wanted to win the engine -- but, no such luck. One of the most favorable experiences was the great barbecue sandwiches that were offered at the concession stand. We went back for "seconds". Nice event and well managed.

There was an announcement in one of the airline magazines that the "Experimental Aircraft
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← Words From The VP

Bill Langdoc

The September meeting had the return of several old members, which was really nice to see; but not one airplane. Surely someone must be building or refurbishing something that could be shared with the whole club. Even if you don't have a plane for model of the month, bring something interesting for show and tell.

JSC Sanction and the Rocket Club

Ray Randolph and I meet with JSC officials and Rocket Club officers to discuss the use of the antenna range. It was agreed by all parties that safe operations by both clubs is the primary concern. We explored the feasibility of providing physical separation between the two club activities by relocating the rocket launch area; but both JSC and the Rocket Club want to keep the launch area at the end of the antenna range strip. After some discussion about time sharing access, it was agreed that it should be feasible to coexist safely at the same time with procedure to have Rocket Club members stop, be recognized, and then proceed before crossing the airplane flight line. Ray and I, along with two people from the Rocket Club, took an action to draft a set of safety rules to implement this approach. We plan to have this accomplished in time to presented to the club membership for discussion and a vote at the October meeting. If we
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Association " (EAA) is having a fly-in at Kerville on Oct. 21. This sounds like fun and we are planning on attending.

The October meeting will be our annual election of new officers for the club so be sure to attend.

October 28 is targeted for our final "Fun Fly" of the year and this event is going to feature a barbecue lunch and drinks. Should be a nice wrap-up for the flying events of our year.

**Next Meeting Thursday
October 12th
7:30 PM
Clear Lake Park Building**

Mini-Product Review

I saw in the recent model magazines that the "VK Cherokee" model has been returned to the retail market. The more I fly my "Cherokee", the more I enjoy having this model. This model flies well enough to be used as a trainer or an advance performer. It takes about "average" building skills to assemble and a few "innovations" need to be made to adapt to modern equipment. I put my receiver and battery pack into a "strong box" container and that really worked out well. The only change I would make would be to use wing bolts instead of rubber bands for wing attachment. I put in separate aileron servos and this worked great and lets me have "flapperon" control with my programmable radio. These modifications turned out to be only minor changes to the original 1965 design. This is a time tested plane and I'm glad to see it back.

Projects In Work

I was thinking about modifying my "ACE 4-120 Bipe" to look like a "Fleet Bipe". Well - after considering the "design changes" involved - I

decided to order a quarter scale "Concept Fleet Bipe" kit. It hasn't arrived yet so I haven't done anything but look at pictures. This will be a built up model with 84 inch wings and lots of structure and wing ribs. Hopefully, there will be enough time this winter to make some progress on this guy.

See Ya!!

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can do this in a way that maintains safe operations and thereby doesn't compromise our insurance, then the Center will formally approve our continued use of the site. So, continue to be extra careful on the first and third Saturday mornings of each month when the Rocket Club will also be using the range, and keep flying safely.

Club e-mail

Over the Labor Day weekend and for the following week the antenna range was shut down to flying because of some around the clock GPS flight hardware testing that was move to that location at the last minute. While signs were posted at the field and the word was passed to some club members, who were asked to pass it on to others, this incident demonstrated how difficult it is to quickly communicate with the membership. To help club communication should a similar need arise, I'd like to assemble an e-mail address list. If you have access to e-mail, send me your address and I will added it to a club e-mail list. My address is bill.langdoc@spmail.jsc.nasa.gov Hope to hear from many of you so we can establish a quick easy way to pass messages..

Fun Fly

Mark your calendars. Saturday Oct. 28 is going to be the club's fall fun fly. We will begin at 9:00 in the morning and go until every one is tired. This event is for all club members and anything that flies - airplanes, gliders, and helicopters. There will be times set aside for both general flying, and some

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specific contest events suitable for pilots of all skill levels. The organizing committee is still working on the specific events, but says that they will be announced at the Oct. 12 meeting. The club will also provide barbecue, hot dogs, chips and cold drinks for lunch. Let's see how large a turn out we can get. This should be a good time for all, plus "free food."

October Club Meeting

The October meeting will be election of officers for the coming year. That plus some of the other items discussed earlier make this a particularly important meeting to attend. The program also should be of interest. Randy Ritch, from whom we get our fuel, will be at the meeting to talk about fuels, lubrications, and general engine care. If you have any questions in this area, be sure to make the meeting and ask Randy.

Hajek for all his work on the newsletter over the years.

My first goal as being new editor is to run a how to column. Please help me out and write me a few words of your favorite tip. No excuse, I can except all media, i.e. FAX (474-1255, call first), E-mail (mlaible@phoenix.net) or just a plain old disk.

I have mentioned several times that it would be helpful to have a MSC Handbook. After some investigation into other clubs it was noted that the purpose of the Handbook should be as follows.

The handbook should be prepared to provide all necessary information concerning the club in one document. It should include the Constitution, by-laws, Flying Site Rules, General Information, Schedule of Events and time sharing (BLAH!), and current roster of members. The document should be updated once a year in the January time frame. I am a true believer in that the less restrictions the better off we will be, however, I feel we do need to organize our thoughts for the future officers.


Let me know what you think!

Tips from the Field

Michael R. Laible

Ever had trouble peeling the backing from mylar covering material? I certainly have, especially with the lower temp coverings. The easiest way to prevent a nervous breakdown trying to peel this stuff is to use two pieces of masking tape. At a corner of the mylar, stick a piece of masking tape on the front and back of the covering, with about half hanging over the edge so that the pieces of tape stick together past the edge of the covering material. Then peel the two pieces of tape apart, and presto! the backing peels right off. Happy covering!

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"Support Your R/C Flyer"

New Editor

Michael R. Laible

The newsletter has acquired a new editor. Please have patience with the next few issues of the R/C Flyer. All the thanks and appreciation goes to Jerry

Minutes from the September 1995 Meeting

Resha Hill - Secretary



Ray Randolph called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Old Business

- JSC Sanction - a meeting with NASA and Rocket club representatives has been scheduled for Tuesday, 9/21/95.
- Club Youth Activity - Mike Laible had no new activity to report, but did mention Wayne Green's involvement with his son's cub scout den and that Wayne would like to bring the troop out one afternoon with a "buddy box". The club members stated that AMA insurance does cover such activity as long as it is limited to one flight per person on the buddy box.
- Joint Club Activity - Status was provided by Bill Langdoc. To date the Texas City and Bayport Clubs have been contacted regarding the possibility of having a joint meeting at the Lone Star Museum. Both club presidents seemed favorable and have said that they will open discussion up at their next club meetings to see if members would be interested.

New Business

- Newsletter Editor - Jerry Hajeck will be turning over the Editor role for the club newsletter to Mike Laible if a test conducted goes well. If all goes smoothly, Mike will begin publishing the newsletter.
- Nominating Committee - Members for the

Nominating committee this year are Mike Laible, Ed Copeland, and Don Fisher.

- Fun Fly - Don Fisher is heading up another fun fly. No details were provided regarding contests, but mention was made that refreshments will be available and a schedule date of October 28.
- E-mail Addresses - Bill Langdoc would like to develop an e-mail address roster for club members. Members with e-mail addresses should submit their address to Bill Langdoc or at the next meeting. Hopefully this will be a quicker way to get messages distributed on short notice, such as flight sight closings, etc.
- Club Package - Mike Laible has volunteered to pull together a package (rules & regulations, roster, agenda, etc.) which can be presented to new members who join the club and distributed to current members.
- Balloon Festival - Bill Langdoc investigated the possibility of our club participating in 1996 festival activities and received an open invitation. Those interested in demonstrating Helicopter and Airplanes should contact Bill.
- Club Auction - The flyer was reviewed and requires only a date change. This should be updated and ready to distribute by the next meeting. Volunteers to work the auction in November will be solicited at the next October club meeting.



Model of the Month

No models were shown this month. Bill has asked members to bring those new models or for members who have to dust off their models and bring them in to show off.

Refreshments

Jeff Longmore volunteered to bring refreshments to the October meeting.

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OCTOBER 28, 1995

FOOD AND DRINKS FOR EVERYONE--ALL KINDS OF PLANES,
GLIDERS, HELICOPTERS. WE'RE SETTING ASIDE TIME FOR
GENERAL FLYING AND SOME EASY FUN FLY CONTESTS.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH STARTING AT 9:00 A.M. AND
GO UNTIL EVERYONE IS TIRED!

THE CLUB WILL FURNISH BARBECUE, HOT DOGS, CHIPS AND
DRINKS FOR LUNCH. FREE!! THE PRICE IS RIGHT!!


BRING SOME FOLDING CHAIRS AND A FAMILY MEMBER. WE'LL
HAVE THE CANOPY SET UP. BRING YOUR PLANES AND TALL
TALES FOR SWAPPING WHILE BETWEEN FLYING SESSIONS.

INSTRUCTORS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST ANY STUDENT WHO
WANTS TO COME AND PARTICIPATE.

Y'ALL PLEASE COME!!

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