



# *The R/C Flyer*

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Next Meeting – Swap Meet, November 10, 2005, Clear Lake Park Building – 7:30 PM

## **October 2005 Meeting Minutes**

By: Mike Goza, JSCRCC Secretary

The Meeting started at 7:00pm 10/13/2005

### **Old Business:**

Randy Stone is having a meeting with JSC to discover the status of our field improvements.

Preston Hunt was present and we discussed the newsletter distribution. They will work any problems offline.

Fun fly is this weekend. It is Sat at 9:00am. Hopefully everyone will attend.

Damage to the overhead shade canopy has been reported to JSC. We have not heard anything back from JSC. We are willing to fix it, but we need permission since it is their property

### **New Business:**

Election Results! All 2005 officers were reelected to serve again in 2006.

Herman Burton - President  
James Lemon – Vice President  
Mike Goza - Secretary  
Dave Hoffman – Treasurer



2006 Club officers, left to right, Mike Goza, James Lemon, Herman Burton, and David Hoffman

The November meeting will be our annual Swap Meet. See flyer on last page.

Be on the lookout in your mailbox for your invitation to the Club's Christmas Party on Dec. 8th. You, your family and special friends are INVITED!

### **Model of the Month (MOM)**

Bill Schwander won with his Lavec French Flying Boat. It is powered by a small electric motor and has traveled across his pool a number of times. It has not flown yet. It was covered in tissue paper and Balsarite. The model uses rudder, elevator,

and throttle for control.



Bill Schwander with his MOM Lavec

### **Entertainment:**

No entertainment this month.

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm. This was the shortest meeting in history. There was some mention of baseball playoffs. Go Astros!

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## **A RITA MESSAGE**

*By: Herman Burton, JSCRCC President*

Recent events in the greater Houston area were unprecedented in many avenues. Hurricane Rita was forecast to come ashore in the vicinity of Matagorda Bay, some 75 miles down the coast from here. As a category 5 hurricane, the storm surge near the eye was forecast to exceed 20 feet. Living in Seabrook, adjacent to Galveston Bay, I could visualize a 10 foot storm surge here, putting much of the city and the surrounding communities under water. Not wishing to be rescued through a hole in my roof by a helicopter, the wife and I decided to evacuate.

My wife and I considered that if the eye moved eastward, and hit the City of Galveston pretty much head on, that 20-foot storm surge would essentially destroy the Galveston Bay area, and all homes within it, much like what was shown for

the town of Biloxi, Mississippi, which was destroyed by the wind and water of Katrina. As we began packing up for what could easily have been for the last time from our home, the decisions about what to take came relatively easy. If either of us teared up, and started crying, we packed it to go with us. The only other criteria was if money could replace it, we did not need to take it.

Then, as the storm was forecast to move east, it appeared for a short time that, indeed, Galveston or High Island was going to get hit dead center. Which meant we were not only on the “dirty side”, but in the eye wall as it came ashore. As we were driving north, nausea overcame me several times, thinking about the utter destruction and devastation of the area, and of course, our home and the contents plus memories of a lifetime. A sad time.

We finally made our way to my nephews’ house in Montgomery, just west of Conroe, late on Thursday afternoon. We got out of the car after a day of sitting in our own parking lot on the highways of Texas. By now, the eye was drifting east, and appeared that it might miss Galveston, after all. And Friday, as the storm moved inexorably closer to the coast, it continued to drift east, finally making landfall far enough to the east of the Houston area to only cause minimal damage here.

We decided to come home around noon on Saturday, and there was no traffic to speak of. As we made our way around the deserted freeways and farm roads, most of the electricity for the traffic signals was not operable. But we observed the same thing we had seen even in the worst of the traffic jams - everyone was nice, everyone stopped at the inoperative traffic signals, and courtesy was the rule, not the exception. And that was the facet of the exodus that remains with me today. Everyone was scared, tense, frustrated, hot, exhausted, and tired. But, civility was uppermost in their minds, and they chose to be nice.

I had seen television coverage of the looting in New Orleans after Katrina, and the utter helplessness of the police authorities. But here in Texas, after a close miss, and before even knowing where the eye would make landfall, our people were still thoughtful, considerate, helpful, and willing to take that extra step to be a good neighbor.

I have always been proud of being a Texan. But never more proud of my fellow Texans than both during, and after, Hurricane Rita. The hours, and days, of the exodus and aftermath were unprecedented in their uncertainty of the future. But even so, our good neighbors and fellow Texans were willing to take that extra step to be nice, helpful, considerate, and thoughtful. Made me glad to be from Texas!

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### **New Houston RC web site**

*By: Editor*

*The club was contacted by a Mr. Shawn Bates concerning a new web site in the Houston area dedicated to RC. Below is his message to give you a better idea what the web site is all about. A link has added a link of our web site and notice of our upcoming swap meet. A flyer is attached for more information.*

“Hi, my name is Shawn Bates and I am putting together a website [www.houstonrc.com](http://www.houstonrc.com) designed to be a one stop information source for radio control enthusiasts in the Houston and surrounding areas. The website is far from completion but we have a good start. The website itself is designed to be a static information source, such as articles for the beginners, RC Airfield, Race track, and local hobby shop listings. My hope is to get people to join the forum and post the events as they become aware of them as well as communicate with other RC folks in this area.

Some facts about Houston RC

- Houston RC supports and promotes the RC hobby in the Houston area
- Houston RC is not a Club nor is it affiliated with any club
- Houston RC is non-profit entity and is not affiliated with any profit making venture
- Houston RC's primary goal is to be an information source and online collaboration forum for RC enthusiasts in the Houston area
- There is never a fee to list and promote any Houston area RC related event
- There is never a fee to join the Houston RC forum
- Houston RC never sells email address or any other information to anyone for any reason.

When you take a look at the website and the forum, please keep in mind that we just started; the folks on the forum are just the guys I fly with. The membership will grow and more information will be available as we get the word out.

I am sending this to you to ask you to help me get this off the ground. I can send you a flyer that you can post at your flying field. You could also forward this email to your members and you can put a link on your website to [www.houstonrc.com](http://www.houstonrc.com) Please go head and join the forum to add your events now. Also if you see any missing, incomplete or inaccurate information on the site and/or forum please let me know and I will correct it.

Thank you very much for your help

Shawn Bates  
Houston RC”

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### **October Fun Fly Results**

*By: Editor*

Number of entrants – 3  
Number of events - 0

Due to the low turnout, the October Fun Fly was cancelled. VERY DISAPPOINTING. What is

going on folks???? Let us know if we are falling down on the job of letting you know about club events. Is E-mail distribution working for you?

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Steve Rhodes: 409-948-2881

## **November 11<sup>th</sup>**

Don't forget that November 11<sup>th</sup>, (Friday after the next club meeting) is Veterans Day, a Federal holiday and flying is permitted all day at the club's field. Honor our veterans first and then go flying!

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## **Swap Meet**

Get ready for the club's second annual swap meet (in place of the regular club meeting) on November 10<sup>th</sup>. See attached flyer for more information.

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## **Club Officers**

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### **Club Homepage**

<http://www.jsccrcc.com>

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**SWAP MEET**

**NOVEMBER 10, 2005, 7:30 pm**

Once again, it is time to pick up some bargains on planes, engines and accessories. Go through your old stuff bin and turn it into cash or more useful equipment. This is year two of our swap meet and is a time to be enjoyed by all.



Cost is \$1 per person, buyers and sellers alike. Come early, set up your stuff on a table, and get ready to swap, trade, sell, bargain, for a fun evening for all!

***To find us:***

From I-45 S, go east on NASA RD 1, cross Hwy 3, continue on NASA RD 1 and after passing the Hilton Hotel, take a right at first traffic light into parking area of Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Rd 1.

From Hwy 146, go west on NASA RD 1 and take a left at light into Clear Lake Park.

Sponsored by the JSC Radio Control Club  
Herman Burton, President : 281-474-7133  
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<http://www.jsrcc.com>



If you missed Bomber Field this year you missed a great show

Classic airplanes, excellent workmanship



JSCRCC was well represented by (amongst others), Mike Laible and Herman Burton & their planes



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