

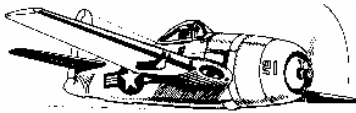


The R/C Flyer

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Next Meeting – Swap Shop-November 8, 2007, Clear Lake Park Building– 7:00 PM



In The Pits

By Michael Laible, President

Well, here we are in the last two months of the year. The next two months are taken up with the Swap Shop and Christmas party. Remember to come on out to the Swap Shop with your arms full and hopefully leaving with your arms full (of course with new stuff and not what you came in with). So write it down, Thursday, November 8, 2007, 7-9:30 PM.

Also, remember the Christmas Party in December. This is scheduled for December 13th. Bring a favorite side dish or desert. The club provides the punch and surf & turf tray (Now guys, don't spike the punch). We will have door prizes and the famous Model of the Year Award. So see you at the Christmas Party. If I remember, I'll try to find my song sheets of about 100 Christmas Carols to sing along with. I'll bring my ear plugs!!!!

Now for some new happenings at the club. We found a new editor. His name is Randy Collier. He happens to be a new pilot and father to be. So welcome him to his new volunteer position. He said he really is

looking forward to the extra pay of newsletter editor to help out with the new child coming.

In addition, Rene Saenz will be organizing a new webpage that will be launched on www.jscrcc.org in the near future. Ron Madsen will be back up and will now take charge of the small bullitins at the field. Has anyone noticed the bullitins!!! Great job Ron!!

So see you at the Swap Shop, Christmas Party, and be ready to have fun for 2008. Who knows, maybe we will turn dirt over for a grass runway, remove the radar screens, and maybe, just maybe, a port-a-can.

Until next month,
Safe Landings,
Mike



Kingsbury Fly-In

By Michael Laible, President

On Saturday, October 27th, I decided to travel west to the Kingsbury – Tri-city Flyers Giant Scale Warbird event. The day was picture perfect except for the crosswind. I got four good flights in with the Bearcat and nailed my cross wind landings. Let me tell you, the simulators work.

Some pics of the event are shown below:

Some of the planes on the flight line.



The full crew at Kingsbury.



One reason I went to this fly-in is that I knew the aerodrome is home to the Vintage Historical Aviation Foundation. Let me tell you, this was the highlight of my trip. I have seen and written about the airplanes before. Also, Don White wrote an article some time ago. So I knew I would see the Fokker DR1. This plane is shown below:



A few other aircraft were also on display, along with some vintage cars.



However, being the shy person I am, I poked my nose into the volunteers work day. I didn't leave the Kingsbury Aerodrome until 9 PM that night. It seems they were trying to start the La Rhone Rotary engine for the first time, getting it ready for the fly-day on November 17th (see web site for details <http://www.vintageaviation.org/>)

Well, needless to say after about three hours of taking mags apart, brushes, priming, changing switches, and just about everything you can think of, the engine sputtered to life. I have about 15 minutes on video and will show it at a future meeting.

What a treat that was and a once in a life time experience. The owner is Roger Freeman and is about the nicest guy you would want to

meet. The picture below is the hand prop prior to the sputter. Roger is in the cockpit – somewhere.



This hobby leads you in places you would never expect. As Roger said, Aviation, either models or full scale, is all about solving problems. This is so true.

Grab yourself a cup of coffee and travel to the Fly-day on November 17th.

Till next time
Mike

October Meeting “Notes”

Old Business

- Members were asked to double check Mike's order sheet to make sure orders for shirts, hats, and possibly cups, are right. Payment is not required until the merchandise comes in.
- Club is still looking for a newsletter editor. Anyone interested please contact Mike, club president. (COMPLETED)
- The field canopy is not holding up well and will need to be replaced by next spring.
- Discussion on the Fun-Fly planned for October 16 (a Tuesday evening) concluded that it was getting too dark already and would only allow for probably one event. As a result

the Fun-Fly was rescheduled for the Saturday morning on the second weekend in November. Starting time is 9:30 and refreshments will be provided.

-The election of club officers for 2008 was by acclamation.

New Business

-As in the past, the November meeting will consist of a Swap Shop (see attached flyer) starting at 7:00. Sellers are urged to get setup in time to start at 7:00.

-December meeting will be the annual Christmas party and selection of Model of the Year. Members and their families are cordially invited; price of admission is a side dish.

-Mike has been in discussion with JSC in regards to getting the field re-sealed. JSC appears to be willing do so. Mike is also pursuing the addition of a parallel grass strip.

Model of the Month

-Model of the month was won by Ryan Mueller with his HDX 450 helicopter.



ARTICLES AND PHOTOS NEEDED

The Johnson Space Center Radio Control Club has about 125 members. These members have a variety of interests, ranging from fixed wing, to helicopters, to electric models, to scale models, to tiny miniature models, and just about everything in between. You are encouraged to share your favorite part of the hobby with the rest of the club members, by submitting an article, with or without photos, for publication in our newsletter.

Many times in the past club members have brought interesting subjects to our club meetings for discussion at "Show and Tell", prior to the Model of the Month competition. These topics are perfect venues for an article for the newsletter, and you are requested to write an article about your favorite part of radio control modeling.

And don't be afraid that you are not a professional journalist! Your article, and accompanying photos if you have some, will be printed and enjoyed by all our members.

So, get that article started, and send it in to the editor!

(Editor: The next two articles are from the AMA's National Newsletter)

Potential New Members?

By Dave Brown

The increase in availability of inexpensive model airplanes has helped expand the number of Park Flyer hobbyists. Families are purchasing models for their children and using the local park for time together away from the television.

There should be a place for these Park Flyer pilots to go where they can receive support and camaraderie with fellow pilots. Park fliers should be able to share their common interests as well as experience the other sides of model aviation.

Can we be where these pilots feel welcome?

If your definition of *we* in this instance is narrowed to those who fly larger models, jets, helicopters, or whatever it is that you fly, then I think you need to consider an expansion of your definition. *We* are all in this wonderful hobby together, and that needs to include *all* types of model airplane activity.

Only by inviting those new modelers into our “house” can we enjoy the advantages that their numbers bring to our activity.

While aeromodeling may seem to be an activity which is enjoyable by oneself, it quickly becomes as much a social activity as a technical one. Aeromodeling is so much more pleasurable when it involves flying with others. Those modelers who are loners simply do not last. The secret is to make the park flyer pilots feel welcome to join your club. Even those “Wal-Mart” models are being purchased by potential members; all we need to do is seek them out.

How do we find these potential members?

Most clubs are looking for programs to run in the winter and spring. How about giving this a try? Sometime after Christmas, run an ad in the local paper inviting anyone who has an new RC model aircraft to attend a club meeting, where he or she will receive some help in getting ready to fly it successfully.

How about setting up a day in the spring where your club members will help kids with their new models? If you restricted it to youth members and sanctioned events with a CD, you could sign up kids as AMA members for \$1 apiece and be fully insured.

Given proper execution, this could become an event that serves a number of purposes. It could raise the positive visibility of your club in the community and it could grow the club. Inviting Park Flyer pilots to be a part of the *we* exposes members to a new part of the aeromodeling hobby. It can expand our membership. Making more friends and learning a little bit along way—*isn't that what AMA's all about?*

Windy Days: Good Rudder Practice Days

From the Ocean County Modelers, Inc., Lakehurst, New Jersey. By Salvatore Piu

One of my friends asked me for some flight training, but canceled a few times because of windy conditions. For student pilots—since student pilots usually are flying on a buddy-box system anyway—take advantage of this: get some buddy-box stick time on a windy day.

There are several benefits for students to do this while still using the buddy-box system. First, in order to keep the airplane under desired and controlled conditions, wind generally forces student pilots to be more active to maintain control during the flight, which equates to a faster learning curve. Second, we always have some amount of wind at the field; therefore pilots should not be afraid of it. Better yet, pilots should learn how to deal with windy conditions, provided the model is capable of flying in that condition. An electric foamy airplane weighing less than 10 ounces, for instance, should not be flown on windy days, especially by a student pilot or one having recently soloed. An underpowered or marginally powered model will also be more sensitive to even light wind. The general rule of thumb I use for not flying because it's too windy depends on how hard it is to assemble the model in the wind. If the wind places my model at high risk for

damage during assembly, then it's too windy to fly.

I have flown in excessively windy conditions a few times over the years. However, in each case, the flight was no longer enjoyable because I was constantly correcting for wind-related issues, with the landing being the most intensive and nerve-racking part of the flight. If the wind is a little annoyance during assembly, I will fly knowing the wind will be a little annoyance to contend with in the flight also. I call windy days "good rudder practice days" because rudder typically needs to be used more often on windy flights.

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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, or bargain for a fun evening.

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