

DATE: Thurs. Nov. 10

TIME: 7:30 - 10:00 P.M.

PLACE: Clear Lake Park

Bldg. (see map)

....we now have Club Officers for

1978!! For those who didn't know,

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elections were held at the October MSC/RCC meeting. Jay Smith began by calling for nominations for Treasurer, Dave Hoffman was immediately nominated, and Dave Hoffman was then immediately elected (surprise!) for his 6th or 8th or maybe 12th term! (We don't believe in getting rid of a good thing!) Then, in rapid-fire order, John Campo accepted the position of Secretary, Harvey Duck became the new Vice-Prez, and finally Tom McPherson took over as President! So now we are ready to proceed onward and upward to greater heights....which is generally better than spiralling-in. After the elections were completed, the club gave thanks to the retiring 1977 officers: Jay Smith, Hal Rosenberg, Tim

Brown, and Dave Hoffman.

(By Saverio Gaudiano): here is another quiz to check how much aircraft history you know!

- 1. The P-38 Lightning wing was so efficient that it was enlarged for use on one of the best post-WWII airliners. Which one?
- 2. The 1st commercial passenger jet was designed and built by British Overseas Aircraft Corp. Name that ill-fated aircraft.
- 3. The Germans built the 1st liquid-fueled rocket aircraft in WWII. It had a nasty habit of exploding on take-off, but flew at 596 mph. What was its name??
- 4. What famous WWII fighter aircraft used counter-rotating engines? (Hint: the Japanese called it the Forked-Tail Devil).
- 5. What famous WWII aircraft was designed and built for the British in 117 days by a U.S. company? It used a laminar flow wing.
- 6. North American Aviation engineers noted that a captured German ME-262 jet aircraft employed leading edge slats to minimize stall effects. These were modified and added to the first U.S. operational swept-wing jet fighter to improve low speed handling. Name it.
- 7. What fighter design of WWII was responsible for downing the greatest number of other types of aircraft?

(Answers on other side)

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words to describe all thos

bargins that will be offer

BIG EVENT OF THE SEASON!

ed! So, DON'T MISS THE

THE TEXAS CITY FUN-FLY (by Dottie Smith)

When my "Ace" pilot is not out flying,
he is in that other world working on
new bigger, better, and more expensive planes that keep him oblivious
to the world around him. I have
the only completely color-coordinated family room in all of the
neighborhood - everything is the
color of balsa wood shavings!
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The above statement was made to give the reader some idea of my feelings on the subject of RC's, so you can imagine my surprise when I agreed to take the controls

for the Husband-Wife Team contest in the Texas City
Fun Fly! Our "Super Heros" marched bravely up to the starting

line with the meek, frightened little wives walking beside them.

The climb and acceleration of every plane was spectacular. Even the pilots had surprised looks on their faces. Never had they reached such altitides in such a short time. As soon as the planes were almost out of sight, a frozen grin appeared on their faces as they handed the controls to the little woman. THEN IT HAPPENED - THE FEELING OF POWER! It turned their frightened looks to looks of defiance. The fact that my plane didn't crash immediately upon being handed the controls encouraged me to keep it on it's very straight path toward Galveston. I was even calm enough to ask Jay where the accelerator

was. He mumbled something in a very gruff voice but I never did understand what he said, so I couldn't go faster. I've always been thrilled with the cool composure of the men who turn to the crowds, hold their transmitters up in the air, and yell, "I DON'T HAVE IT!" moments before the crash! When my plane was no longer visible, I decided it was time to yell those four little words. You can imagine my surprise when I held up an empty hand. I never knew when Jay took the transmitter out of my hands to bring the plane back to Texas City. After what seemed like hours, the plane suddenly reappeared on the horizon and was landed safely. When Jay was finally able to speak, in a very weak voice he said, "that was fine, honey"....so why hasn't he offered the controls to me since? Do you suppose my flying career is over before I've experienced the thrill of being able to yell, "I DON'T HAVE IT"?????

EDITOR'S CORNER: Issue #1, Vol. II, of this _____ (fill in blank)
seems to be an appropriate place to thank all of the people who assist
in its birth and delivery. Right now we are stuffing, sealing, and
labelling over 100 envelopes per month! This is a big and tedious

job to do alone, but fortunately there are several regular "volunteers" who meet to take care of it. Bunny Brown usually starts things off by taking the masters to Kwik-Kopy, picking up the order, and getting the envelopes. Then, Gil Symons, Jay Smith, Tom McPherson, and John Kiker perform the folding and loading operations. In addition, several

folding and loading operations. In addition, several members have contributed articles and news items for everyone to enjoy - Mike Gaudiano, Charlie Palermo, Don White, Jay Smith and others. This "reporting" activity is very important since it provides the

type of material we really like to read. All of you -- please consider turning-in any ideas or experiences you have had in building, flying, repairs, etc. For example, there are a lot of things happening at the field (some are probably embarrassing!) that don't seem important but which really might help someone else. This goes for novice pilots, too, who might simply be asking for help. If you don't like to write, then jot down the basic details and I can work from there...(Tim Brown)



ANSWERS TO AIRCRAFT HISTORY QUIZ:

Komet; 4.Lockheed P-38 Lightning; 5.North American P-51 Mustang; 6.F-86A Saberjet; 7.Messer-schmitt ME-163
schmitt ME-109E