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

President's Corner

Ray Randolph

Goings' On - The October meeting has come and gone and the new slate of officers for the MSCRCC has been installed. We are:

President - Yours Truly
Vice Pres - Bill Langdoc
Treasurer - Dave Hoffman (Surprise!)
Secretary - Resha Hill (Thank you once more)

Our thanks to the Nominating Committee for their efforts in perpetuating the governing body of the club.

Special thanks too, to Ed Copeland for fulfilling the President role for the '93-'94 term. We missed you at the meeting Ed, but we can understand that vacationing in the northeast during the fall could be a preferable activity.

At this meeting we selected Bryan Morris and Kirby Henson as joint "Model-of-the-Month" recipients -- Congratulations Guys!

It looks like things are set for the November auction with notices distributed and support assignments made. Bring your "Treasures"!

The Airplane Fun-Fly was rained out on Oct. 15 and was rescheduled to take place on the 22nd in the morning before the Glider Fun-Fly (which was scheduled at noon). And while on the subject, an additional word of thanks to the Fun-Fly Committees and the respective Chairpersons,
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Words From The VP

Bill Langdoc

I'm most honored and somewhat overwhelmed at having been elected club vice president. I'm still not sure that I fully understand what all the job entails. I knew the part about being backup to Ray to conduct a meeting, and arranging the meeting programs for the year. But I'd forgotten about having to write an article for the R/C Flyer and suspect that there are other things that need to be done to help out. Any way, I'm going to give it my best shot.

AUCTION
This Thursday
November 10th
7:30 PM
Clear Lake Park Building

One of the things that I do want to do in planning for the meeting programs for next year is to ask each of you what you'd like to see at the monthly meetings. I'm putting together a questionnaire that I'll have for the next newsletter and at the December meeting to solicit your inputs and comments on what program topics would be of interest, or who you think would give a good demonstration or talk. I'd also like to gather ideas on how the club can better serve the membership, plus ways to get more folks involved in both our meeting and events.

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Minutes from the October 1994 Meeting

Resha Hill - Secretary



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

Old Business:

Youth Involvement Program - To volunteer for the school program, fill out the application that you received in your September newsletter. If you choose to volunteer, it will require at least one hour of your time during the week at a school to do a "Show and Tell".

Field Maintenance - Some of the work was accomplished at the field: painting of the box, re-gluing broken frequency pins, and the purchase of weed killer. We still need to spray the weeds and mow.

Pop-carts - Dave Hoffman reported that the pop-carts are on back order.

October Fun Fly(s) - An Airplane Fun Fly has been scheduled for 10/15/94 at 9:00am and a Glider Plane Fun Fly has been scheduled for 10/22/94 at 12:00 noon.

November Auction - Appears like everything is in order.

New Business:

New MSCRCC officers were elected for the '94-'95 year.

Patches/Stickers - The MSCRCC club patch is available for \$3.00. You may purchase these at the club meeting. There was some discussion held on the possibility of having club t-shirts, new patches and stickers made.

Calendars - Dave Hoffman has found a deal on 1995 EAA calendars. They can be purchase at \$9.95 each or if we get a dozen orders at \$5.99 each.

Model of the Month:

Kirby Henson and Brian Morris both received the "Model-of-the-Month" trophies. Kirby brought his "Culprit II", the first one flew away somewhere, and Brian presented his white and yellow "Ugly Stick".

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For The New Year**

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Don Fisher and Dave Hoffman. It hasn't worked out for the Chopper guys to have a MSCRCC event yet, but maybe we'll get a chance to see them "Do Their Stuff" later on.

I've carried over about the same news letter format that I used for the VP column. Hope this will be OK -- but I'm certainly open to suggestions from our members if there are specific areas of interest that you'd like to see included -- let me know.

Mini-Product Review - I decided to try some "foam core board" to make the lamination templates for the curved wing tips and tail surfaces for the "Lazy Bee". This was a good decision and this is a really nice material to work with. The template patterns were stuck to the board with "glue stick" adhesive and the templates cut with an X-acto knife. The board cuts cleanly and easily and the edges can be light sanded. The material is light and strong (I used 1/4-inch stock for the templates) and looks like a good building material for formers, bulkheads, and doublers for fuselages. I think I'm going to replace some of the "Lazy Bee" balsa formers with foam core board for better strength with no increase in weight. I will probably use white glue or foam compatible CA for adhesive because regular CA will attack the foam. It also seems that 1/8-inch foam board would make good shear webs for planes needing added strength between the upper and lower wing spars. This sounds like another application for the "Lazy Bee" as that's how the wing is designed.

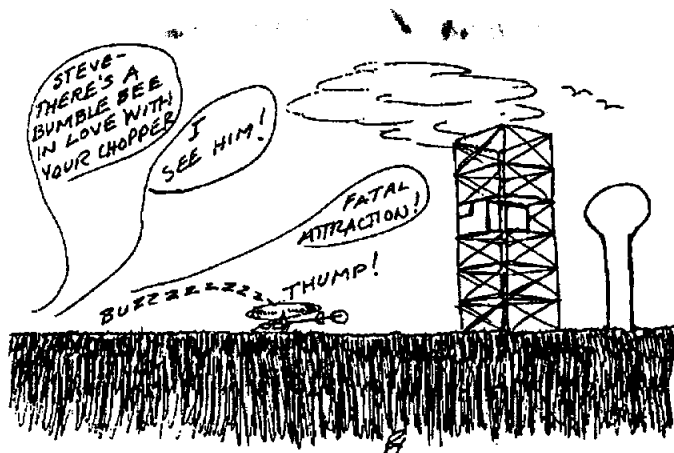
Possible Helpful Hint - If anyone has an engine that they think may be leaking air into the carburetor through the needle threads, I've used a couple of wraps of Teflon plumbers tape on the needle threads to seal the possible leakage but still be able to adjust the needles. (This may be more those folks with F__ engines).

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Projects In work - The "Lazy Bee" airplane is starting to take shape. The curved laminated wing tips and control surfaces were constructed using shrink wrap to hold the laminations to the templates and this worked fine. Two straight pins were used at the ends of the laminations to hold the assembly to the templates. The shrink wrap was cut in strips and placed around the edge over the laminations. Once the shrink wrap was placed around the edge and overlapped sufficiently, it was "hit" with a heat gun and the assembly left to dry. The wing is about framed and ready to cover. I will probably do the tail surfaces next and the fuselage last. It's the fuselage that is going to require some "major mods" in order to support the massive .21 C.I. four cycle engine. More next time.

Cartoon - This really happened according to the chopper folks!



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In the mean time, give it some though and be prepared to give me lots of input.

I had the chance to visit the new AMA museum in Muncie, Indiana early in September, and it is definitely worth spending an hour or two if you are in that part of the country. The longer you have been in model aviation the more you will probably enjoy the displays. But even if you are relatively new, you can appreciate the history and quality models that are exhibited. It's all there -- different sizes and classes of planes, engines, radios, etc. They have placed so much so closely together that is very easy to have sensory overload and not notice what all is displayed. There also is a 1950's era hobby store set up that will bring back lots of memories for those, like me, who spent more time than money looking and wishing back then. Throughout the museum there are display

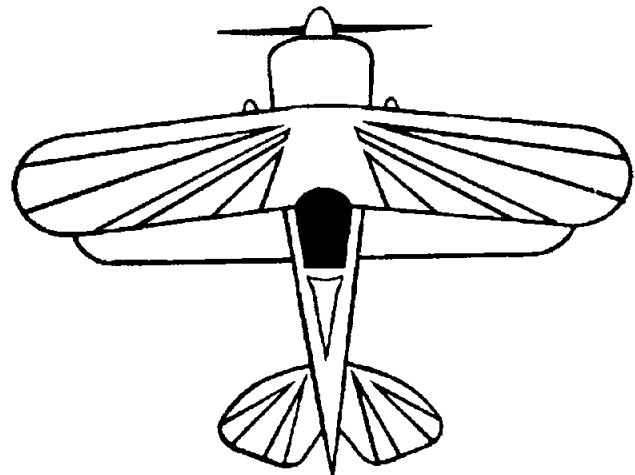
boards with club patches from all over the country. As a follow-up to a discussion at the September meeting I've gotten a patch for our club and sent it with a letter asking the AMA to add it to the museum's displays. Our patch is unique and our club certainly needs to be represented along with the many others.

The days are getting short so the flying is going to be confined to weekends, but now is a good time to pick a winter building project. I have a Waco bi-plane that I want to get finished by spring. Let's all get some project's going so that we will have lots to show at the meetings after the first of the year.

Report on the Airplane Fun Fly

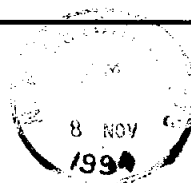
by Resha Hill

The Airplane Fun Fly was rescheduled from October 15 to October 22 due to bad weather. I was beginning to wonder if pilots were going to get their planes off the ground. It had been quite awhile since most had even started their planes due to weather conditions. But everyone got going around 10:00am which left a couple of hours to have FUN since the Glider Fun Fly was scheduled to begin a noon. Two events were held, the "Pylon Alarm Clock" and the "Donut Drop". There were a couple of pilots who learned that you "DON'T WATCH THE DONUT DROP". Overall I think everyone enjoyed themselves, even though we had a couple of crashes. In the Pylon Alarm Clock, Mike Laible took first place and Tim Evans got second place. The second event, Donut Drop, Mike Laible and Brian Morris tied for first place.



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