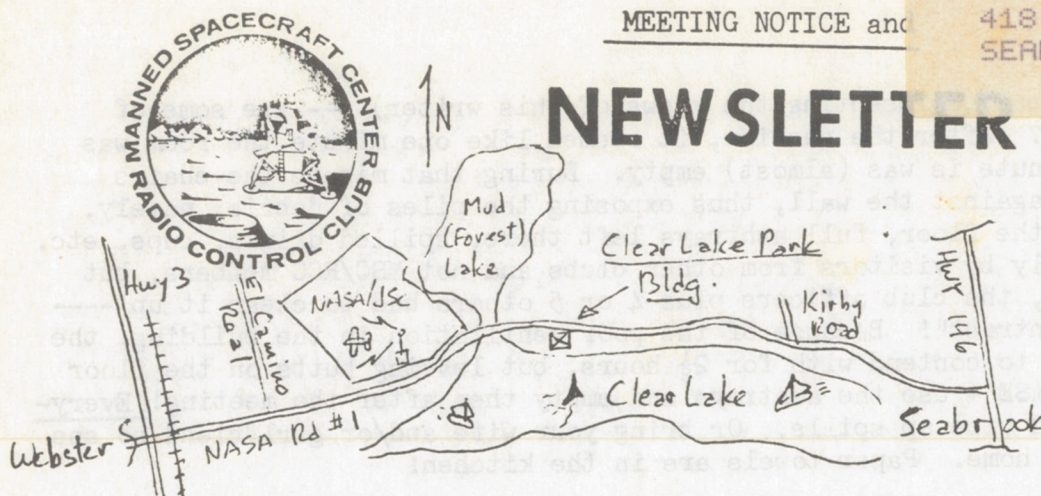


NEWSLETTER

DATE: Thursday, Dec. 9, 1976

TIME: 8:00 - 10:00 P.M.

PLACE: Clear Lake Park Bldg.
(see map)PROGRAM: WHO KNOWS??? (We'll
think of something!)

LAST CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP!!! - If you have not yet sent your club and AMA forms and dues to Dave Hoffman, please do it NOW! We will put together a new mailing list before January, so this is your last Newsletter if you are not a 1977 member. Anyone who needs information, forms, etc., can call either Dave Hoffman at 941-8485 or Tim Brown at 483-4771 (work) or 333-3103 (home). Also, there are quite a few people on the current mailing list who are not members but apparently represent other clubs, etc. It is requested that if you wish to continue receiving it for your club, please send a request to Tim Brown, 18599 Martinique Dr., Houston 77058. (This does not apply to AMA Hq. and the District V-P).

THE AUCTION - The weather was nasty on Nov. 11 but that didn't seem to cut down on the size of the auction! Fortunately the powers-that-be who close up the building at 10 p.m. were persuaded to allow us to remain late.....provided that we clean up, lock up, etc. (but more about that later). Don White and Paul Claeys kept things moving very well as auctioneers, assisted by Jeffery White. The system of logging-in the transactions rather than paying on the spot certainly expedited things: for this we can thank Dave Hoffman, Hal Rosenberg, and Mike Gaudiano who handled the paperwork. When the smoke (more about that later) had cleared, sales totalled over \$950 with about \$95 going to the club treasury! Don White noted that compared with previous auctions, there was very little junk for sale and very few recalls....stuff that the owner decides not to sell because the final bid is too low. There were obviously some real bargains available, especially among already-built frames and completed aircraft. So, thanks again to those who "ran the show" and everyone who brought in the merchandise!!!

As a sidelight to the auction, Lars, Susan, and Tommy Giertz had set up a "balsa store" in the back of the room. What a luxury to be able to pick through all that lightweight gold! Even C. Palermo was digging through it (probably in search of matched fuselage sides for a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " = 1' Sikorsky "Russki Vitiaz"). The Giertz tribe also supplied drinks and cookies for the event which were much appreciated by all (more about that later).

TECHNICAL INFORMATION (Mike Gaudiano) - Club members are reminded that we have a collection of the RCM Anthology publications which cover engines, foam cutting, scale and flight training. The books represent a wealth of information and can help solve a multitude of problems. Contact Mike Gaudiano (334-2186 home or 483-4061 work), our club librarian, about a loan of the collection.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS - Suggestions (and volunteers) are solicited on the subject matter for "Programs" for next year's meetings. Please submit your ideas or requests in writing to Hal Rosenberg, 1434 San Sebastian Lane, Houston 77058 or call him at 333-3866. Right now we probably have enough members who could provide excellent programs for the club to enjoy for many months. Certainly our group is diversified enough in its interests to provide information on a wide variety of subjects. So please, MSC/RCC'ers --- don't be shy (...about programs, Clyde, not girls!!) --- contact Hal and tell him what you will do.

LATER IS NOW!! (Editorial Comment representing the views of this writer) --- are some of us really thoughtless slob??? After the auction, it seemed like one minute the room was full of people and the next minute it was (almost) empty. During that minute the chairs miraculously appeared stacked against the wall, thus exposing the piles of debris; namely, cigarette butts ground out on the floor, full ashtrays left there, spilled drinks, cups, etc. Maybe this garbage was left only by visitors from other clubs and not MSC/RCC members, but that is doubtful. In any case, the club officers plus 4 or 5 others had to clean it up ---- and that just "ain't in the contract"! Because of the poor ventilation in the building, the high smoke level is bad enough to contend with for 2½ hours, but leaving butts on the floor is inexcusable. Smokers - PLEASE - use the ashtrays and empty them after the meeting! Everyone - PLEASE - pick up cups and wipe up spills. Or bring your wife and/or girlfriend so she can clean up after you like at home. Paper towels are in the kitchen!

If any of you have good solutions to these problems, please send them in for the Newsletter or bring them up at a meeting. This sort of thing is just not fair to the members who have to close-up the building. It is as thoughtless as test-running an engine in the pit area for 5 minutes or more.

MODEL OF THE MONTH - Since we did not have this event at the November meeting because of the auction, there should be literally dozens of new creations awaiting roll-out! Bring anything that you have completed so that we all can enjoy it, be it an R/C OHLG or a 1.374"= 1' scale Dornier Do-X flying boat with 12 Cox .02's.....



J.W.

MSC/RCC MEETING MINUTES - December 9, 1976

The December meeting of the MSC/RCC was held at the Clear Lake Park building. President J.W. Smith called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m.

1. The new club officers were introduced by the Pres.
2. Minutes of the November meeting were read by the Secretary and accepted by the members.
3. The Treasurer's report was given and accepted.
4. Old Business: none
5. New Business:

A. Contests - Paul Claeys asked when motions to hold contests could be made. The Pres. stated that we were trying to get volunteers and Event Directors lined-up before scheduling contests. Owen Morris said that it was necessary to put requests for sanctions in to AMA by January or Feb. at the latest in order to have a choice of dates. The club should get an integrated schedule together by the next meeting.

Claeys then stated that it is the responsibility of people wanting to hold contests to get workers lined-up. Kiker concurred - it is enough to have an ED or a CD.

The Pres. then asked if anyone had definite dates for events in mind. Lars Giertz proposed another speed trial at EAFB at the end of March, 26-27th. By April 1, EAFB will be under new management and things may be different. Giertz volunteered to be the ED again for the speed trials.

A motion was made from the floor to consider another helicopter contest. The Pres. stated that Mike Gaudiano, absent from the meeting, should be consulted since he ran the last one held here.

B. New members learning to fly - Kiker proposed that a list of names of flyers willing to come out and help beginners should be published in the newsletter. In this way, beginners would fly their own airplanes and hopefully receive pre-flight instructions, etc. Claeys volunteered immediately, followed by Kiker, Harvey Duck, Owen Morris, Charles Danley.

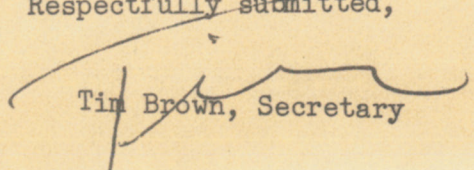
6. Model of the Month - three members entered this month:
Charles Danley - Southern R/C Atlas pattern aircraft
Walter Laich - RCM Trainer
Tim Brown - Honker Bipe
The trophy was awarded to Danley for his beautiful ship.

7. Refreshments for the break were provided by J.W. Smith.

8. Program - Hal Rosenberg had obtained a NASA film which covered various R&D areas relating to aircraft. These included noise control, STOL and VTOL, large-aircraft vortex problems, and instrumentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Tim Brown, Secretary

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