

December 1994

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

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## President's Corner

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Ray Randolph

**Going's On** - Our annual club auction turned out to be quite an event and I think we had a "full house" for the Clear Lake Park meeting hall. There was a real variety of items put "on-the-block" with planes, boats, kits, radios, etc. going to the highest bidder.

Our thanks to David Dale for performing auctioneer duties in fine fashion and in record time. Thanks also to Ed Copeland for getting the auction notices to all the right places. All the helpers at the auction did a great job of moving the items and recording the results. Thanks to all.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas "finger food", "snack tray", desert and favorite food buffet! In the past we have had a great selection of treats to choose from and I'm confident this year will be equally pleasing for everyone. Make sure to come to the event and "Eat and Be Merry".

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## Words From The VP

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Bill Langdoc

If you didn't make it to the annual auction you missed an excellent opportunity to both sell some of your treasures that were no longer so dear, and the chance to pickup some really good stuff from someone else. My observation was that this year's auction had more planes and participants than last year, but took less time to complete. Let me add my thanks for the great job that David Dale did as auctioneer, and to all club members who helped make the event a big success.

**Christmas Party  
This Thursday  
December 8th  
7:30 PM  
Clear Lake Park Building**

I told you in the last RC Flyer that I wanted to do a questionnaire to get your inputs on what program topics and activities would be  
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# Minutes from the November 1994 Meeting

Resha Hill - Secretary



Ray Randolph called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter.

*PARTY NOTICE!*

**No  
Minutes  
were  
taken  
due  
to  
the  
Auction**

CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

Bring a finger food or favorite desert to serve four. The club will furnish punch, soft drinks, meat and party trays, plates, cups and the necessary trimmings! Looking forward to seeing you'all there!

## The R/C Flyer

EDITOR

**Need A New One Please** (contact Jerry Hajek)

ASSEMBLY AND POSTING

**Kimberly Evans**

Articles and want ads can be submitted to Jerry Hajek, 486-4722 or on 5.25" or 3.5" floppies in ASCII(DOS text), Word Perfect, PFS, MS Word, or Modem Xfer formats sent to: 1035 Bellgreen, Houston 77062.  
"Support Your R/C Flyer"

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It's time to start thinking about things the club might like to do in 1995. Our Fun Fly's were fun for the participants although there were not a lot of contestants. We could consider planning some joint events with some of our neighboring clubs (i.e., Texas City or Bayport possibly). Anyway, at the January meeting if you have some ideas we might pursue, let us know and let's discuss what the membership thinks overall.

**Mini-Product Review** - I think I have run out of mini-products for the time being. I did receive a new catalog from "Hobby Lobby International" and they are featuring some new planes. One plane of interest is a 79" wingspan "Telemaster 2000" with tricycle gear and can be fitted with flaps. This kit comes ready-built, but uncovered. Engines sizes are .40 - .60 2-stroke and .60 - .90 4-stroke. Looks nice too, more streamlined.

**Projects In-work** - Work on the "Lazy Bee" wing continues. Putting ailerons on the "Bee" has caused a lot of "beefing-up" of the trailing edge structure. I did use foam core board to make the wing shear webs and that works very well -- lots of strength with very little  
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## MSC R/C CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Which of the following meeting program topics are of interest to you? (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Engine maintenance and tuning        | <input type="checkbox"/> Basic acrobatics              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fiberglass techniques                | <input type="checkbox"/> Galveston air races           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundamentals of R/C helicopters      | <input type="checkbox"/> How to improve your flying    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Giant scale construction and flying  | <input type="checkbox"/> Covering techniques           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sail planes and soaring              | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 cycle engine basics         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airplane set up and trim             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ducted fan engines & planes   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scratch building techniques          | <input type="checkbox"/> Model painting                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundamentals of radios and batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Glues and adhesives           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retractable systems and problems     | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundamentals of aerodynamics  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scale master techniques              | <input type="checkbox"/> Flight line and flying safety |

2. What other topics would you suggest that would be of interest?

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3. Do you have a recommendation for a particular speaker and topic?

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4. In which of the following activities would you be interested? (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fun flies (check which type: airplane _____, or glider _____, or helicopter _____) |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contests (Which ones or types _____)   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club trip to Lone Star Museum  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross country flight           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting an area fun fly  | <input type="checkbox"/> Long duration flight           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Model airplane building class for youth  | <input type="checkbox"/> Flying demonstration for youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building a club trainer for beginners  | <input type="checkbox"/> Basic acrobatic flight class   |

5. What other club activities would be of interest?

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6. Any suggestions for flying site improvements or changes?

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7. What is the best thing about the club meeting? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. What is the worst thing about the club meeting? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Why do you think that more people do not bring models to show at the meeting?  
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10. How many meetings a year do you generally attend? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What change would increase your attendance? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Please fold, staple, add a stamp, and mail. Thanks for taking the time to respond.**

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weight. It is now time to install the servo mounts in the wing, do the final sanding and finishing (Balsarite) and then start covering with light weight "Oracover". With winter upon us there should be more time to get this project done.

Don't forget the club Christmas buffet and I hope to see you there. I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cartoon - Just kidding!



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of most interest to you. Plus solicit any comments and ideas that you have on how the club can serve the membership better and get more folks involved. Please take the time to complete the enclosed questionnaire and either mail it back to me (just fold it over and add a stamp) or bring it to the December meeting. This is your chance to influence what the club does, so spend a few minutes and complete the questionnaire. The only way Ray and I can know what your thoughts are is if you tell us.

Some of you may have noticed that there has been a stock pile of pipe along the pavement of the flying field. (And by the time you read this there may be heavy equipment and piles of dirt.) I talked to the NASA center construction folks and learned that they are in the process of running a new sewer line from the back of the JSC site to Space Center Houston. The plan is to bore under the roadway to our flying area so you shouldn't be blocked when you go to fly. Also, they will not be working weekends, so hopefully at this time of year the construction will have no impact on our ability to fly.

Incidentally, I'm also told that Building 14 expansion that has blocked the normal entrance to the flying site since last summer will be completed by the end of January or early February. Then we will be able to drive to the back of the building and park from the north side just like we use to. So, by spring when the weather and daylight make extended flying possible, everything at the field should be back to normal.

Hope to see all of you and your families at the club Christmas party.



## ***The R/C Flyer***

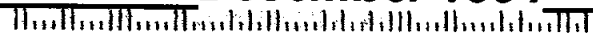
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