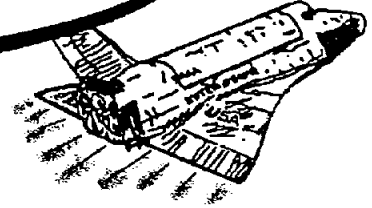


The **R** **C** Flyer



December 1995

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

President's Corner

Bill Landoc

The October 28th club fun fly was a big success. The weather was great (even if a little windy). More than 20 members turned out, and I think that everyone had a really good time. The hamburgers were delicious, thanks to Jeff Longmore and his wife, Christine. Also, a special thanks to Texas Model Trends for furnishing several very nice prizes which made the event even better. I know that Boyce Sterling appreciates the new electric starter he won. Come spring, we'll try to do this again and see if we can't get an even bigger turn out.

A really big thanks to David Dale for serving as the auctioneer for our annual November auction. He did a superb job, as usual. This year's auction was a little strange though. We had a room full of buyers, but not much to sell. Certainly nothing like the number of items we've had the past few years. Apparently too many of us, and I have to include myself, came to the auction to buy; but didn't bother to bring anything to sell. Obviously we need both. Next year the club will have to make a special effort to encourage everyone to clean out their inventory and bring the excess so that there is plenty to sell.

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Words From The VP

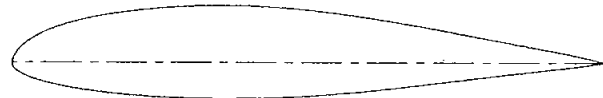
Michael Laible

I want to start this months column by emphasizing safety. I am reminded of this because of an incident that took place at the field. I was attempting to start a .90 ST. What happened next I am sure everyone has experienced. The prop and spinner came loose and flew forward without the aircraft. Luckily no one was hurt. That's a helpless feeling seeing a big 14 inch prop flying forward with a mind of its own. Some thoughts on prevention:

- 1) Periodically check the prop nut
- 2) When starting your engine always stand clear of prop, preferable behind the prop
- 3) If possible use a lock nut i.e. a second nut.

What else is going on. I heard so much about the new Selig airfoil for the Great Planes P-47, I just had to surf the net to find it. Well look below, there it is.

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I downloaded the coordinates and used Aerodraw to produce the drawing. Took a total of ten minutes. The wonderful world of computers. The airfoil
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The safety rule addendum for sharing the antenna range when the Rocket Club is present has been modified slightly from the draft presented in last month's news letter. The Rocket Club suggested that the preamble be change to indicate that these are the rules whenever both clubs are present, not just between 9 and 2 on the first and third Saturday. At the November meeting the club voted to approve the rules as modified. I have signed the addendum for our club and sent it to the Rocket Club President for his signature. Once he signs, the agreement will be submitted to JSC and that will hopefully lead to the center formally re-sanctioning the club's use of the site.

One of the new dual use safety rules says that both clubs will attempt to sound an audible alarm if there is an out of control situation. To fulfill this requirement I plan to get a portable boat air horn which we can keep in the field box. Whenever the Rocket Club is also using the field (the first and third Saturday mornings are still their primary times), get the horn out and have a spotter use it if necessary.

Don't forget that the meeting on Dec. 14 will be the annual Christmas Party for all club members and their families. Each family should bring a desert or a plate of their favorite finger food. The club will furnish meat and party trays, soft drinks, plates, and utensils. This is an excellent opportunity to get to visit everyone, so plan to come for good food and a good time.

One of our members recently crashed his plane because he forgot to raise his transmitter antenna. He took off just fine, turned and made a close in pass, but then flew farther out in the pattern. The next thing I heard was him hollering that he'd lost control. Right after the plane crashed, he realized that his transmitter antenna was still down. Most of us have probably forgotten to raise our antenna at one time or another, but this is a particularly

insidious failing. There is nearly always enough range to take off, but seldom enough to maintain control throughout a flight. A couple of years ago after I'd forgotten a couple of times (but caught my error in time) I got a short "rubber ducky" antenna. This 13 inch flexible antenna works really well, and with a BCN quick disconnect mount can be moved among several radios. If you don't ALWAYS remember to raise your transmitter antenna, maybe you should consider getting one of these tuned rubber ducky antennas.

Merry Christmas to all, and good flying in 1996.

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itself has 16 % t/c that occurs around 35%. Should have good stall characteristics, but not the best. From the scale drawings of the P-47, the Selig airfoils looks scale with slight modifications.

It was a rather strange auction for November. It seemed like we had around 50-60 buyer cards out but only 6-8 sellers. I think we had the event advertised correctly, we just didn't get the merchandise. We will have to try harder. I know one person that was happy. It seemed that several people wanted John Campos' Helicopter

I had a great time at the fun fly. It was a great turn out and the food was great. It was a lot of effort from everyone and the club thanks you.

**Christmas Party on Thursday
December 14th, 7:30 PM
Clear Lake Park Building**

**Next Meeting on Thursday
January 11th 7:30 PM
Clear Lake Park Building**

Newsletter Editor

Hey guys, I can only write about aircraft. My knowledge of Heli's are minimal. I need the articles for the chopper group -- E-mail: mlaible@phoenix.net

Tips from the Field

Michael Laible

Here's a tip I found from a fellow club member. When mixing epoxy, use an old coffee can lid. Once the epoxy dries, flex the coffee can lid, and it pops right off. Works really well, and seems to keep the mess and waste to a minimum. I used different lids for different types of epoxy (5, 15, and 30 minute).



Happy Holidays

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"Support Your R/C Flyer"

Minutes from the October 1995 Meeting

Don Fisher - Secretary



No minutes for the month of November. Don forgot to bring the pencil and paper.

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Fuel for Sale

Jim Brock		334-1715
John Campo		488-7748
Tas Crowson		474-9531
Don Fisher	474-4942(H)	483-2157(W)
Wayne Green		484-3151
Don White		488-1024

Instructors

John Campo		488-7748
Charles Copeland		474-1195
Paul Ellis	480-3839(H)	488-9878(W)
Don Fisher	474-4942(H)	483-2157(W)
Mike Goza		
(Heli and Airplane)	554-4016(H)	483-4696(W)
Wayne Green (Heli)		484-3151
Jerry Hajek	486-4722(H)	246-4312(W)
David Hoffman	476-5206(H)	479-1945(W)
David Tadlock (Glider)		481-5227