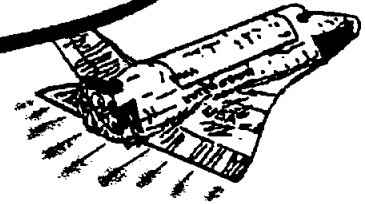


# The **R** **C** Flyer



December 1996

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

## President's Corner

Mike Laible

I am excited about the year ahead for the MSC RC Club. It seems that the field has really picked up activity and I continually receive email and calls about joining the club. The club homepage continues to grow in popularity and even has been nominated page of the month from Phoenix Data Systems (OK I'll say it, nice job Laible). It must have been Kikers history pictures. Anyway, the homepage has really produced numerous inquiries about our club. It will be interesting to see if membership and meeting attendance grows accordingly.

Speaking of field activity, I have noticed a continual rise in field usage since the drive out policy. With this in mind everyone should take special care and also notify anyone of their wrong doings. Remember an accident effects everyone !!!!! Several rules should be remembered:

- 1.) Hand taxi airplane past the field boxes (I know, me included). If you see someone not doing this remind them. I sometimes forget and appreciate the reminder.
- 2.) Always start your engines in a clear direction, away from the pits. In fact we need to start moving the pits farther out to get more room in between the

cars and pit area. I will be working on a new layout and submit recommendations at the Christmas Party.

3.) Never, I mean never, fly over the parking area.

4.) Always call out take-offs and landings

Well, enough of the safety stuff. Just remember the field is really picking up in activity. The drive out rule is working. Now lets not do something stupid. I have talked with several members and will be proposing some field enhancements to help with the drive out rule, shade accommodations, and an overall enhancement to the field. This will take a commitment from the club membership.



I feel I must repeat myself of earlier request. I need articles. I feel like the Maytag repairman waiting for an article. I know we have some interesting projects that everyone can share. So please submit the articles. Don't worry about your writing skills, look at mine (Hee, Hee).

The MSC RC Auction was held on November 14th and from what I could tell it was a huge success. At last count their was over 50 buyers and 30 sellers. I hope everyone had fun. My thanks goes to David Dale for being Auctioneer and everyone else that helped. Very few items went un-sold.

BRING A FAVORITE FINGER FOOD OR  
 DESERT FOR FOUR. WE'LL HAVE PUNCH, PLATES  
 MEAT TRAY, ETC. SEE YOU THERE!

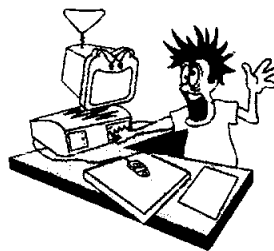
## Christmas Party



The next time I see everyone it will be at the festive Christmas Party. We will have some Videos from the past year and just good old stories. Remember to bring your favorite dish. Meat tray and drinks will be supplied by the club. best attendance prize will be presented.

## On The Drawing Board

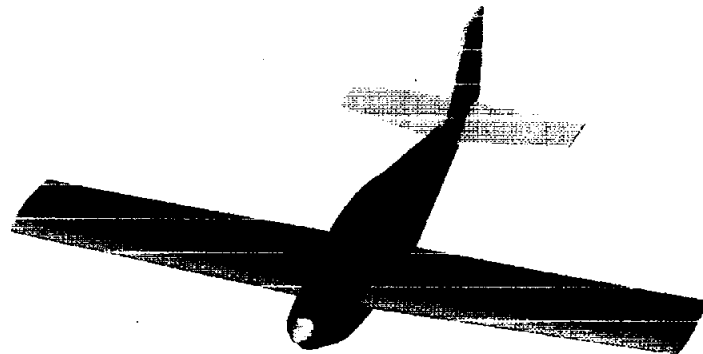
Michael Laible



What is on the drawing board? I am currently working on several very interesting projects. One happens to be a three view of a Vultee VIA. I know, everyone is saying WHAT is a VIA. I will explain more in my next column about the Vultee.

This current article I will talk about my latest model aircraft which I am calling "Sorta Fun". This model will use the same airfoil as the pattern planes and utilize some quick build techniques. It will be classified as a sport pattern.

One of the new things I did this time around is produce a solid model of the aircraft prior to even cutting a piece of wood. You can view this in the picture shown below.

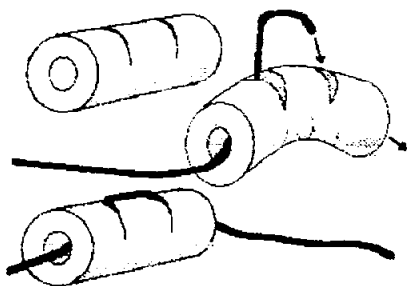


It is actually modeled off of a home built called the Europa. I received factory drawings and modified them slightly to get better model characteristics. Should be a fun model and can't wait to see it fly. As usual the plans will be sent up North to the Senior Laible manufacturing facility (AKA Pop). Hope to be performing test flights in January. This will bring my fleet of designs up to five. One hundred more and I may sell a few. (Hee, Hee).

Till next time.

## Tip of the Month: Antenna Keeper

Clay Ramskill, 7 Towers RCC, Arlington, Tx.



A 1/2 inch piece of fuel tube does the job nicely - cut two slots in it about 1/2 way through. Squeeze the tubing to open up the slots, and thread the antenna

through the slots as shown. The tubing can then be slid up the antenna as desired.

The tubing will not beat your aircraft to death as the antenna whips around in flight, will hold the antenna securely, and yet in case of (ugh!) a crash, the tubing will slide right off instead of breaking the antenna.

## A Modeler Wife's Lament

Once upon a time, many years ago,  
I didn't know the difference Between TopFlite  
and Dubro.

I thought MidWest referred to A region of the  
land,  
And RC was my initials Before I got a wedding  
band.

Great Planes were fields that stretched, As far as  
the eyes could see.  
Models were something little boys built While  
they sat and watched TV.

One day my husband told me, I want to learn to  
fly,  
and I have found an airplane That I would like  
to buy."

I was thinking Cessnas. Not an airplane kit.  
I told him, No way! Before you've even started.  
You've already quit"

When I found out the airplane He wanted was  
not real.  
I was so relieved. I thought A model's not big  
deal.

Little did I know, The changes to my life,  
That little kit would make When I became a  
modeler's wife.

A model room's required At houses we live in.  
If there is no workshop Then the model room's  
the den.

Everything about our life Revolves around the  
planes.  
And all our plans are based on If it's windy or it  
rains.

He's had Trainers, Hots and Elders, Big and  
Little Stiks,

Chipmunks, Cubs and Gliders, He's flexible on  
getting his kicks.

He's had Four Stars, Stingers, Aerostars,  
Spacewalkers, Sportsters and Extras. He's also  
had helicopters and a few RC cars.

He had a 1/3 scale Fly Baby That lasted for  
three flights.  
And for about 15 minutes, He had a Christian  
Eagle Bipe.

Sometimes I kinda feel like I'm stuck in the  
middle.  
And me and the kids, well We play second  
fiddle.

I know that's not the way it is, He loves us more  
than them.  
And I can go up to his shop, If I really need to  
see him.

Being a modeler's widow, Could drive a girl  
insane.  
But instead of going crazy, I think I'll get my  
OWN plane!

## November Fun Fly

Michael R. Laible

The November Fun Fly went off without a hitch.  
The weather was great. The only problem seemed  
to be the two planes decked out with Foxes.  
Anyway, a big thanks to the folks on the fun fly  
committee. They really did a great job. I really like  
the nice sheets made up for scoring the events. In  
all we had five participants. I really don't want to  
complain about the turnout, we all won prizes!!!!!!!  
(Hint, Hint)

This time we had three events, timed pylon, loops  
and rolls, and climb and glide with spot landing. I  
personally had a blast. The loops and rolls was my  
favorite and I would like to see it in the next fun fly.

The object was to perform take off, three loops, three rolls and land. You could perform the maneuvers in any order (of course take-off before landing). Ray Randolph won this event with a time of 53.96 seconds. The timed pylon yours truly won. The final event was the climb and glide with spot landing. This event is slightly different than the normal climb and glide. The closest landing to a designated spot earned you 10 seconds. I hate to admit this but I won with a landing 94 feet from the spot. In fact I believe I was the only one to hit the pavement. Sorry guys!!!

To close, I must say everyone missed a super event and personally I can't wait for the next one. By the way, the prizes were fantastic and I need to thank Texas Models Trends for the lower than catalog prizes. See Ya

The annual club auction was held November 14, 1996. There were 26 registered "sellers", and 53 "buyers". The auction began at 7:30 and was concluded at 9:15. Once again David Dale did a superb job as auctioneer. David was assisted by Mike Laible, Don Fisher, and Ed Copeland who helped show the items to be auctioned. David Hoffman and Frank Jensen worked the sign in desk.

This year's auction was very successful, and certainly far better than last year. There was a wide variety of planes, motors, radios, and "stuff". Every item which was sold was a "good deal", and in fact so were most of those that didn't sell. Also there were far fewer "no bids" than in previous years. >From conversations after the auction, nearly all buyers, sellers, and observers seemed well satisfied. The club should be commended for the effort to support this year's auction.

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"Support Your R/C Flyer"

**Christmas Party December 12th**  
**Next Regular Meeting on Thursday**  
**January 9th, 1997, 7:30 PM**  
**Clear Lake Park Building**

**Minutes from the**  
**November 1996 Meeting**



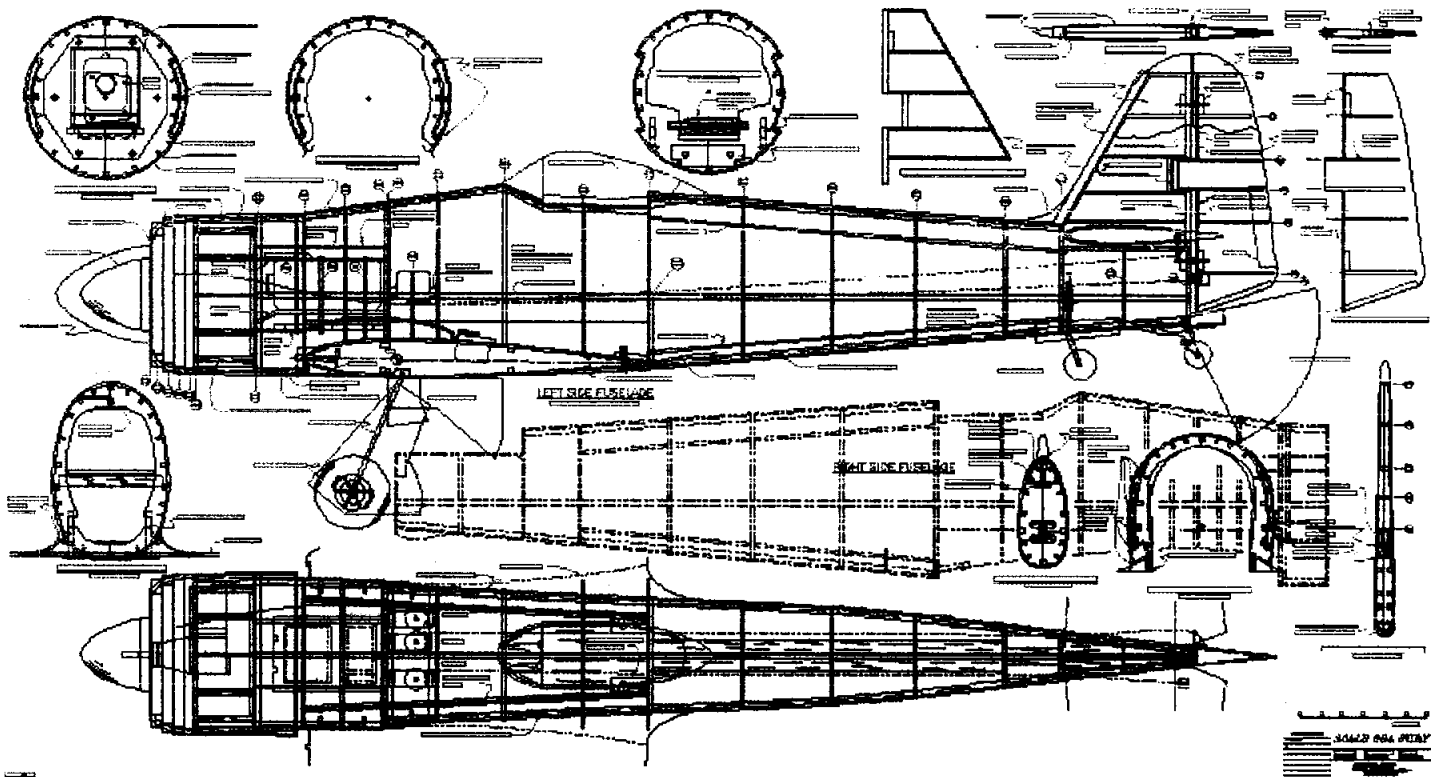
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## 1997 MSC/RCC Calendar

Date	Event	Date	Event
Dec 12-96	Club Meeting, Christmas Party	July 10	Club Meeting
Jan 9	Club Meeting	Aug 14	Club Meeting
Feb 13	Club Meeting	Sept 11	Club Meeting
Mar 13	Club Meeting	Oct 9	Club Meeting, Elections
Apr 10	Club Meeting	Nov 13	Club Meeting, Auction
May 8	Club Meeting	Dec 11	Club Meeting, Christmas Party
June 12	Club Meeting		



A SAMPLE OF THE SCALE SEA FURY PLANS

**Fuel for Sale**

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Jerry Hajek	486-4722(H)	246-4312(W)
David Hoffman	476-5206(H)	479-1945(W)
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