

The March meeting of the MSC/RCC was held at the Clear Lake Park Building. President J.W. Smith called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

1. Minutes of the Feb. Meeting were read by the Secretary and accepted by the members.
2. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.
3. OLD BUSINESS: None
4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Lennie Magill said that he has some foam wings, fuselage molds for Formula I aircraft, plans, balsa which he must sell or give away. Anyone wanting this material (or part of it) should call him.

B. Lars Giertz spoke about the speed trials to be held at EAFB on March 26-27:

--- All arrangements are completed to use EAFB. John Kiker handled this.

--- There will be some minor changes to the last trials. Same course layout, but time will be closer to flight line. No helicopters, due to heavy entry load.

--- If allowed by EAFB, the club will try to set the course up on Friday afternoon so that flying can commence early Sat.

--- At least 10 entries known. Maynard Hill is coming back from D.C. Also Art Arro, Harvey Duck, Del Klotz, Tommy Giertz, Paul Claeys, Conway Roberts, Barry Kennedy, Mel Brewer, Lars, and Charles Danley. A New Orleans club will make a club entry using Lars' fuselage.

--- Need much help. Will probably practice for an hour, then time for an hour. Someone needs to be a "traffic cop" to schedule flights, control the frequency tree, etc.

--- Everyone will go in together at 8 a.m. on Sat. morning. Gate guard will tell late arrivals how to get to the flying area.

--- (J. W. Smith): trials are for prop-driven aircraft only. Don't bring sport ships.

--- (J. Kiker): feels responsible for EAFB. Last time there was too much debris left lying around. Must keep area clean. Don't let kids run around uncontrolled. Don't argue with guards. Wait for escorts if these are required by EAFB.

--- (O. Morris): the sanction arrived, so the speed trials are "legal".

5. MDTM: There were several entries for Model of the Month:

--- Hugh Bittner: Hughes 500 helicopter, scratch built. Not quite finished. Aided by drawings and marking information from the Houston Police Dept.

--- Charlie Palermo:  $\frac{1}{4}$  scale Reed conversion clipped-wing J-3 Cub. Copied from Hazel Sig's Cub. Data from Sig. Permagloss Coverite, Aerogloss trim, K&B.61 pumper. Full interior.

--- John Campo: Das Box Fly. Ply fuse., O.S.20, 3#7oz.

--- Owen Morris: ACE Shrike Commander. Two TD.051's modified for throttle, better fuel draw. Foam wing covered with Solarfilm.

--- John Kiker: Sterling WACO SRE. Field & Bench project with no modifications to kit. Cut-outs in cowl to allow cooling. K&B.40 standard. Many pieces, much time to build. Also, a SAFARI almost-ready-to-fly. Everything in kit. Foam wing and fuselage with ply reinforcement. If it flies well and can be obtained cheaper, it might be a good plane for a demonstration team.

--- Harvey Duck: Slo-poke built by Del Klotz. K&B with pipe. Flew perfectly.

The judging team of James Breazele, Ed Dupaquier, and Gil Symons picked Palermo's Cub.

6. REFRESHMENTS were provided by J.W. Smith.

7. PROGRAM: Charles Danley gave a talk on flight trimming a pattern aircraft. He made it very clear that this is a long and methodical process to achieve the performance necessary for pattern competition.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Brown, Secretary