

MSC/RCC MEETING MINUTES - May 12, 1977

The May meeting of the MSC/RCC was held in the Clear Lake Park Building. President J. W. Smith called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM.

1. Minutes of the April meeting were read by the Secretary and accepted by the members.
2. The Treasurer's report for April and May was presented and accepted by the membership.
3. OLD BUSINESS:

The president read a letter to him from John Kiker representing the Johnson Space Center. This letter stated a new operating procedure for the flying field to be implemented immediately: all racing aircraft will be flown between the towers on the field and essentially perpendicular to the concrete strip. Several statements and questions followed this presentation which J. W. Smith attempted to answer. Gil Symons then proposed that copies of the letter together with a clarification of the definition of a racing airplane should be mailed to each club member. The officers agreed that this would be implemented immediately.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Hal Rosenberg discussed the May 21st glider contest. Some of the prizes donated by manufacturers and retail outlets will be raffled at the contest. He also clarified some of the rules.

B. An announcement was made about the Houston R/C contest on June 11-12.

C. Owen Morris discussed our upcoming contests on June 25-26.

D. Dave Hoffman announced that Club Charter stickers were available to put on individual AMA membership cards.

5. MOTM: There were four airplanes for the Model-of-the-Month contest:

\* Ed Dupaquier showed a VECO Cherokee Babe started  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years ago and finished 6 weeks ago. Also he had a Pilot Cessna 150 ARF which took about 1 hour to assemble with engine but without radio. Even the pushrods were already fabricated.

\* Tom McPherson showed a Taurus, or rather the 3d reincarnation of a Taurus. Parts of it came from a 1965 Taurus built for reed equipment. It crashed. J. Kiker combined some of the parts with others he had left over. Then later, McPherson rebuilt it again and painted it. Engine is a 1965 Merco 49.

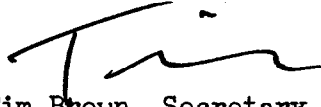
\* J.W. Smith brought a JETCO Eastwind glider which was designed for a small engine which retracted into the fuselage. He had put a hook on it for the upcoming contest and had no engine.

Judges Jim Blick, Mike Gaudiano, and Charlie Palermo awarded the just-returned trophy to McPherson for the Taurus.

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

7. The program was a movie titled "Universe" which was very spectacular. Hal Rosenberg announced that next month, a Conoco movie on the History of Aviation will be shown. This is the film that is used at the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum to provide orientation to visitors.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Tim Brown, Secretary