



The R/C Flyer

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Next Meeting – February 13, 2003 at 7:00pm - Clear Lake Park Bldg.

President's Corner

By: John Boyle, JSCRCC President

I expect that our upcoming February meeting will be "interesting" to say the least. Part of the discussion will revolve around the layout for the flying field that we touched on at the January meeting. The newly sealed pavement has completely covered any remnants of our old markings. We also have a need to finalize the location of a pavilion.

A committee was formed to finalize the field layout and to contact NASA and ensure that the pavilion is placed in an acceptable location. There is a sense of urgency to finalize the layout & communicate it to NASA because the long awaited field improvements seem to be underway and the club never finalized the previous proposed layout.

A committee was created and empowered to make layout decisions on behalf of the club by a 19-5 vote.

The committee will consider the following:

- 1) Review AMA rules and guidelines. The point was raised that if our layout doesn't comply, then we may not have AMA insurance coverage.
- 2) Cars should drive behind the flyers. Currently the rocket folks drive right down the paved area across from the main runway in front of the flyers.
- 3) The layout should be as flexible as possible for both fixed wing & helicopter members.
- 4) Safety for both fliers & spectators.

I have called and talked to some of the committee members. I have not seen their final layout, however it is apparent to me that they are really making an effort to come up with a layout that is both safe & practical. I would also like to add that while it is easy to point out the negatives of any layout, it is much more difficult to prepare and present a

layout knowing that it won't make everyone happy. I tip my hat to those that volunteered to be on the committee.

As we all know, the layout directly impacts how we use our field. We all don't share the same viewpoints and parts of the layout will likely upset some of our members. I'd like to think that this is a natural part of progress and we are going through some of the growing pains that are associated with making our flying field a safer and better place for all of us to enjoy our hobby.

As we move forward lets stay positive and keep in mind that no matter what the outcome, we're still better off now than we were before these field improvements began.

HAPPY FLYING!!
John

January 2003 Meeting Minutes

By: Mike Goza, JSCRCC Secretary

The Meeting started at 7:15pm 1/9/2003

Old Business:

Preston Hunt got our web site up and running again. There are some new features to check out so go to www.jscrcc.com. He needs photos for content.

The asphalt has now been placed on the runway and it looks great!

New Business:

The new asphalt needs to have the runway striped and the areas around the yellow boxes need to be dealt with. We also need to determine a location for the new overhead shade.

The club needs to review the AMA insurance requirements and check the field layout for compliance before building the shelter. Key points are to get the cars driving behind the pit area for safety reasons. A committee was formed of Preston Hunt, Dave Hoffman, and Mike Goza. The committee was empowered to decide on the field layout by a 19 – 5 vote.

The storage box needs a slight redesign to drain water and seal against water. The first aid kit needs replacing. Charlie Teixeira and Don Fisher will take care of it.

Fuel spillage and exhaust overflow has now become a potential problem with the new asphalt. Club members are encouraged to run overflow lines from their aircraft back to the fuel jugs to minimize the damage. Any other suggestions are welcome.

Model of the Month (MOM)

Don Fisher brought in an auction purchased float trainer plane. It has water rudders on it for steering.



Ray Randolph brought an ARF Magic fun fly plane for show and tell. A Thunder Tiger .36 is used for power.



James Hornsby won Model of the Month with a Limit Q-500 racer. It flies about 160-175 mph. A Jett Quickie motor powers it.



James with his MOM Q-500

Entertainment:

Lynn Wright of All American Discount Hobbies came by to tell us about his shop which all members are invited to stop by and see. They carry Power Master fuel and all veterans get a 5% discount.

Meeting adjourned 8:24 pm

New Club Officers

By: Editor

In case you haven't been to the last couple of meetings, below is a photo of the club officers for 2003. From left to right are Mike Goza, Secretary; John Boyle, President; James Hornsby, Vice President; and David Hoffman, Treasurer.



Club Shirts and Hats For Sale

By: Holly Boyle

The club still has some club hats and shirts for sale so get one before they run out. Hats are \$10, T-shirts are \$15, blue golf shirt \$26 and with a pocket \$31. All items are available at the club meetings.

Newsletter Inputs needed

By: Editor

It's that time of year for me to go begging for any news articles, how-to's, product reviews etc. Anybody building anything new, got a new engine you would like to write about? Submit the article, don't worry about it being "ruff", we'll fix it up. But due share your experiences and knowledge with fellow club members. ***That is what the club is all about!***

For Sale

Futaba Skysport-6A, 6-channel radio including Tx, Rx, harness/switch, Rx battery (no servos), \$70. Radio is in excellent condition, has brand new Tx battery and is on channel 51 (crystals for channel 23 available if preferred). Call Charlie at 281-488-4412 or e-mail ctei@sbcglobal.net

Reinforcing Fiberglass Cowls

By: Editor

I am currently building an airplane made by the Wing Mfg. Company. The kit included a suggestion for reinforcing plastic cowls that I was not familiar with so I gave it a try. The method supposedly has been around for some years, has proven to be effective and will dramatically increase the strength of a plastic cowl with very little additional weight.

The basic ingredient is PVC cement that can be found at any hardware store. Get the thick kind, paste if you can find it. Then cut some 6 oz fiberglass cloth into about 3 inch wide strips. Lay these inside the cowl overlapping the strips by 1/4 inch. Apply the PVC cement with the supplied applicator directly onto the positioned cloth. Wait about ten minutes and do an adjoining piece. The cloth will absorb the cement and bond to the plastic providing a much stronger cowl. The cement should be applied until the cloth is saturated, but not too much that it forms puddles or runs as too much cement may soften the cowl and distort its shape. (I did not find this to be a problem). The cement will set rather quickly but an overnight curing is recommended before sanding, cutting etc.

This method really worked great, was inexpensive and quick. But apply cement in a well-ventilated area, and with all new materials and adhesives, experiment on some scrap pieces first. Give it a try, you'll like it.

The Year's Best [actual] Headlines of 2002

By: H. Davis

- Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says
- Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
- Iraqi Head Seeks Arms
- Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over
- Teacher Strikes Idle Kids
- Miners Refuse to Work after Death
- Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
- War Dims Hope for Peace

- If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile
- Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures
- Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect - Homicide
- Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges
- Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead
- Man Struck By Lightning Faces Battery Charge
- New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group
- Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft
- Chef Throws His Heart into Helping Feed Needy
- Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half
- Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors



Lets not forget

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