

The Newsletter of the *Manned Space Center Radio Control Club*

President's Corner

This month's newsletter is going to press a little earlier this month to keep you abreast of the latest developments since the last club meeting on March 12th.

Some forty-eight (48) people attended the last meeting which was a very good turn-out. We also had a visiting delegation from the Highlands Prop-Nuts headed by Mr. "Charlie" Stevens. If you have been reading your copy of the Newsletter you will be aware that we have been talking to the Highlands Prop-Nuts for some time about developing closer ties between the two clubs. This started with the idea of the members having flying rights at each others flying fields. This was a good idea in principle, but when our Steering Committee sat down and went through the pros and cons of such an arrangement, it was found that we have one insurmountable problem. This concerns our pass system that allows us to gain access through base security to the flying site. The issuing of passes to non club members was found to be unacceptable. However, we do have sufficient club rules covering visitors flying at our site. Should one of their members wish to fly at the JSC site, they could do so in the company of and as the personal guest of one of our members, for whom he would be responsible.

At the time we were reaching our deliberations, the Committee of the Highlands club was going through the same discussion process. They have a similar problem as ours, in so much as they have a locked gate to their field to which each of their members have a key. This would mean the issuing of keys to non-members which was unacceptable to them. However they also have a similar set of visitor

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Next Meeting
Thursday,
April 9, 1987 at 7:30
PM
in the Clear Lake Park
Building

PICNIC & FLY-IN

Come one and all to the first (and hopefully not the last) joint fly-in by both our club and the **Highlands Prop-Nuts**. You bring your own drinks, and Highlands will supply the food. This is not a contest, so come out and fly! See the *President's Corner* for more details.

DATE: Sunday April 5th, 1987
WHERE: Highlands club field (see map).
TIME: Starting about 9:00 AM



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rules which would allow our members to fly at their site as the personal guest of one of their members.

Yes folks, if you have followed the above you are saying "great idea, but doesn't this guy realize that we don't know anyone at the Highlands Club". The Highlands Club delegation at the last club meeting stood up and presented an excellent solution to this very problem. Their proposal was that they host a joint club "Fly-in and Picnic" at their field so that the membership of both clubs could meet and become acquainted with each other. This proposal was put to our meeting and was passed/accepted by a unanimous show of hands in favor. It was also passed that we return the complement in the Autumn.

The date for this "Picnic and Fly-in" is to be Sunday April 5th, 1987 starting at 9:00 AM at the Highlands flying site (see map elsewhere in the newsletter). There is no competition involved since this is just a fly-in, so bring a plane and fly. Remember that this is also a picnic so just come and be there and make some new friends and enjoy yourselves. Highlands will provide food, you provide your own beverages. Their rules state no alcoholic beverages if you are flying.

On the down side this month, the other weekend at the flying site I was watching my eldest son fly with three other pilots and

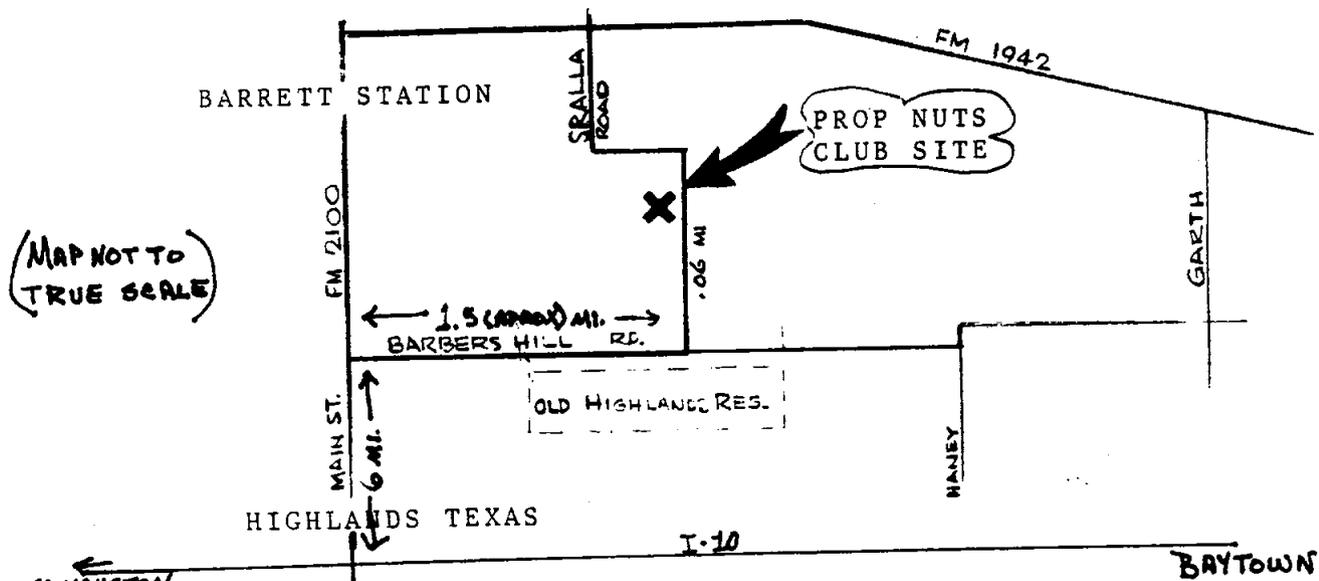
noticed that there was only one field pass on the frequency tree, that being my son's. The other three pilots turned out to be bandit flyers, and two did not even have an AMA membership. There were several other long time club members present at the time. Naturally these people were stoped and enlightened to the facts of life as they pertain to out flying site. Blow me down if the following weekend we didn't find someone trying to fly a glider from the area adjacent to our site because they thought it looked like a nice field to fly from. These are not isolated incidents, and it is the responsibility of all members to monitor the other people flying when they are at the site to ensure only club members fly there. Please help by wearing your field pass or club name tag. Remember an accident by one of these bandit flyers could result in the club losing the flying site.

Dennis Smerz enquired about eight-inch embroidered patches for the backs of windbreakers or jackets, as some interest was shown. The cost is quite high, if I remember correctly about \$12.00. On the basis of these prices it is not worth the club ordering this size patch unless we can get a firm commitment from the membership to purchase a minimum quantity of 40 or 50. If you are interested, please let Dennis know.

Steve Rothstein has informed me that he has had a lot of inquires concerning our scale contest in

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Highlands Club Field Location





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May. All the current indications are that we are going to have a record turn out. May is not all that far off now, and we need the names of all those people who want to help, either at the contest or at the BBQ, before the next club meeting at the latest since after that meeting we get into the final stages of the operational planning.

Thanks for bearing with me for another month, enjoy your flying and do it safely.

Jon Vincent



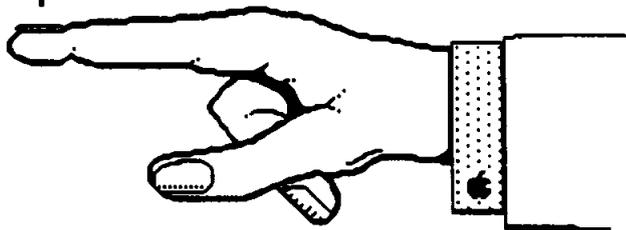
"... Over the rail, man, over the rail!"

FUEL

Don White has 5, 10 and 15%. Call 488-1024 before 10PM.

Hal Rosenberg has 5 and 10%. He can be reached at 333-3866.

Dennis Smerz has 5, 10, 15%, and four stroke fuel available. Call him at 482-9431.



FOR SALE

Generic Bi-Plane for sale. Sport .40 engine. Foam wing. Call Tony at 941-4345 for more info.

Are you guys trying to tell me you don't have anything to sell?



From the Editor's Desk:



I know it is silly to think anyone cares one way or the other, but I thought I should let the membership know that the editor is planning to move apartments in early April. The exact date is not known yet, but my new address will be:

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