



The R/C Flyer

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Next Meeting – October 12, 2000 at 7:00pm - Clear Lake Park Bldg.

September 14, 2000 Meeting Minutes

By: *Mike Goza*

7:15pm 9/14/2000 meeting called to order

Old Business

Trying to get restrictions due to dry weather lifted at the field. No response as yet from NASA. They are supposed to check next week.

The new field layout committee met a couple of times during the last month. Some new layouts were tried, but didn't work. The committee is currently trying out some new ideas. These involve an angled approach to the runway and taking turns on the main runway between helicopters and fixed wing. Using parallel crosswind runways seems to pose no problems. A try out day is set for Saturday, September 23rd in the morning.

The club patch is still having problems. The Houston, TX addition at the bottom of the patch is causing problems with the local suppliers. More checking will ensue.

New Business

Motion was made by Brian Morris to amend the bylaws to allow running for president without having to be a previous officer of the club. This motion will be voted on next meeting as per the bylaws.

Nominations were taken for officers for next year. They are as follows:

President - Clay Bare

Vice President - Brian Warkentine

Secretary - Mike Liabile with Mike Goza as a substitute when needed.

Treasurer - Dave Hoffman

Model of the Month (MOM)

Megan Laible presented an Airhawk compressed air motor free flight aircraft.

Ron Madsen presented a Hobby Lobby Bleirot II ARF indoor RC aircraft. Flight weight was a mere 7-oz!

Don White presented a SlowPoke. It was in the "bones," but is to be painted like the Gee Bee racer.

Don White won the MOM.



Show and Tell

Mike Laible presented a 1/4 scale Sukhoi SU 26M of original design that had been rebuilt following a minor mishap. It sported new stronger wings.

The meeting adjourned around 9:00pm.

Proposed Change to the Constitution

As mentioned in the above minutes, a proposal was made to change the requirements for being eligible to run for the office of club president. The objective is to increase the pool of potential candidates starting with next year's election. Please consider the proposal and be prepared to vote for or against the change at the October meeting. The current and proposed wordings are shown italicized.

Proposed change to Article 3 of the JSC Radio Control Club Constitution (page 4)

Is

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Disturbing situation

By: Editor

A situation has come to my attention which I find disturbing, and to remain as a viable club, we must address. The club has a member whom not long ago made a trip to the field to fly. He is up in years and had possibly a model with electric power. There were folks at the field already. When our member arrived at the field, for whatever reason, no one said "Hello" or "How are you" or "Do you need any help". Our member did not stay long, I do not think he even tried to fly his plane. I understand he has found another place to fly and says he will probably not return to the JSC field.

It takes so little effort to make someone feel welcome even if our interests are not the same. We work hard to make new members feel at home, and we take others for granted. So lets make an effort to welcome new and old members as well as visitors. If we don't, our club will slowly dissolve and die.

Tim White's One liners

(Original source unknown and content edited as applicable to RC flying)

1. Every takeoff is optional. Every landing is mandatory
2. Flying isn't dangerous. Crashing is what's dangerous.
3. When in doubt, hold on to your altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky.
4. Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.
5. You know you've landed with the wheels up if it takes full power to taxi.
6. Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of take-offs you've made.
7. There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately no one knows what they are.
8. Helicopters can't fly; they're just so ugly the earth repels them. (Sorry Preston).
9. Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, the experience usually comes from bad judgment.
10. Remember, gravity is not just a good idea. It's the law. And it's not subject to repeal.
11. The three most useless things to a pilot are the altitude above you, runway behind you, and a tenth of a second ago.



Photo provided by Eric Warren

MVVS .77 Review

By C. Teixeira

I recently purchased a MVVS .77 based on some positive feedback I had received from modelers and magazine reviews. I bought the engine on-line from the distributor (now Morris Hobbies) located here in Houston in the Woodlands area. I ordered it one morning and it showed up UPS the next afternoon. That's what I call fast service!

However, breaking in this engine proved to be a real challenge. Typical of a true ABC engine it was very tight and it took many attempted starts before I was able to run 3 tanks of fuel through it. By this time I thought it was time to set the high and low speed (mixture) needle valves prior to its first flight on the Just For Fun (August Model of the Month). Unlike most engines I have had where the low speed/mixture setting was set at the factory, this engine has two needle valves and both must be set just right. The low end setting is particularly sensitive. After several days of being unable to get both ends running to my satisfaction I called the folks at Morris Hobbies and was given some tips but was also told that if I continued to have problems to bring the engine up there and they would find what was wrong but most likely could get both needle valves set in less than a minute (this was just what I needed to hear to restore my confidence). When their tips didn't help, I trucked on up there and guess what, yep, in less than a minute they (Robert) had the engine running great (further deterioration of my confidence in setting up a new ABC engine).

The engine appears to be well built and the quality of machining and construction is excellent. The engine is a real powerhouse and pulls my 13 lb. "Just For Fun" airplane around without any problem, most of the time at half throttle. Idle and transition characteristics are great.

November Auction

The club will have its yearly auction again this November. So be thinking about what you need/would like to have, and what you are anxious to sell. The auction will be held at the November 9th "club meeting".

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*Please check the ballot
provided on the next page.
VOTE!*

Johnson Space Center Radio Control Club 2001 Election Ballot

President _____ Clay Bare
 _____ _____ Write In

Vice President _____ Brian Warkentine
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Secretary _____ Mike Laible (Mike Goza as alternate)
 _____ _____ Write In

Treasurer _____ Dave Hoffman
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Ballots may be e-mailed to Preston Hunt at boomstrike@earthlink.net, or mailed to Preston Hunt, Rt. 3, Box 685, Dickinson TX 77539. You may also turn in your ballot at the October meeting. All ballots must be received before the break at the October meeting.