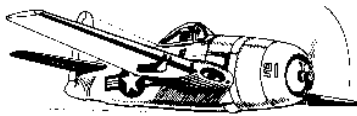


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Next Meeting – November 11, 2010, Clear Lake Park Building– 7:00 PM



In The Pits

by Michael Laible

November is here – cooler weather and hopefully some wonderful flying. The only downside is the shorter days for weekday flying and lately the rain n wind.

A couple of weeks ago we held our fall picnic and fun fly. Numerous events were held with a little something for everyone. I hope everyone had a great time. Below are a couple of pics of the events and a special demonstration of combat flying.

The events for the fun fly included touch and go balloon pop, climb and glide, and dice roll. The winners of each are listed below:

Touch-n-go Balloon Pop – Pop a balloon on takeoff and one on landing, balloons were on the runway:

First – Herman Burton, Second – Tom Altmeyer, Third – Mike McGraw

Climb-n-Glide – Climb for 20 seconds and glide to landing:

First – Terry Dunn, Second – Dave Bacque, Third – Mike Laible

Dice Roll – Roll dice for maneuver and roll again for how many times to perform the maneuver.

First – Dave Bacque, Second – Tom Altmeyer, Third – James Lemon

One of the more eventful activities for me was the flights of an old .049 Skyray control line. Several members walked down memory lane flying the old Skyray. We actually made it through the day without a crash. Don White brought his box of old control line goodies and we added wires as the control line (I had string) and it was like a new plane. For the spring picnic I hope to have an old Lil Satan (the Goldberg flying wing).

To end the day, Blaine and Kent cooked up some nice beef franks. I hope to see more at the next picnic in either April or May.





One last item before I end this month. The next meeting will be our swap meet. We did not advertise and just wanted it to be for members and guest. So come on out and join the swap meet.

This is all for this month.

Until next month,
Safe Landings,
Mike

November Meeting Minutes

by Kent Stromberg

New Members/ Guests: Brian Bullers and Saurabh Chaugule

Eric is a new member and has already qualified as a pilot

Model of the month photos due:

Mike McGraw
Dave Barque
Hermon Berton
Don White

Phil will order another 100 bungees

Discussion of Flight field

People with JSC badge can fly any time except on building 14 event days

Check on Badges for retired people these were eliminated after 9-11.

Fun Fly this weekend James Lemon will be Contest Director

Treasures report \$5410.00

Membership will send out renewals in November

Jerry, Blain, Mike Sullivan ordered Polo shirts. See Kent to pick them up.

Model of the Month (MOM)



Bill Schwander won Model of the Month with his scratch built Cessna Bobcat

November Birthdays

Tas Crowson
Jim Farris
Joe Gensler
Leslie Jones
Allan Meyers
Ray Randolph
Kwun-Ki Siu
Ken White
Tony Zinn

Wright Flyer

by Terry Dunn

This is a modification kit produced by Radical RC (radicalrc.com) that transforms two GWS Slow Stick Kits into a likeness of the 1905 Wright Flyer (a slightly improved version of the 1903 Wright Flyer of Kitty Hawk fame). All flying surfaces on the plane are from the GWS kit. The "sleigh" is built with laser-cut lite-ply from the Radical kit. It is powered with two counter-rotating brushless motors and a single battery in the nose. Control is throttle, rudder, elevator (canards) and wing warping for roll. The warping is more for visual appeal than actual control authority, so I always coordinate rudder to keep the turn radius reasonable. The wheels are a modification I added to the kit, but I think Radical offers a similar option now.

The wingspan is 46" and it weighs right at 40 oz. I generally get 7-8 minutes of flight from each charge, mostly shooting touch-and-goes and low passes.

It is easy to fly and looks great in the air. It's really fun on calm days. It'll fly in the wind but it isn't much fun anymore. I like the plane because it always gets lots of attention when I take it out. The attached photos were taken by Lee Ray at a Scobee Field fun-fly in August, where it won the Judge's Choice Award.



(Editor's Note: Now all I need is Wright running after it.)

MEETING NOTES

by Michael Laible

Below you will find some pics of the show and tell during the October meeting. Once again we had a great showing of fast planes, combat planes, Mustang's, Cessna, WWI, and yes, an ornathopter (the red tail Lemon Hawk).





OLD TIME PUZZLE

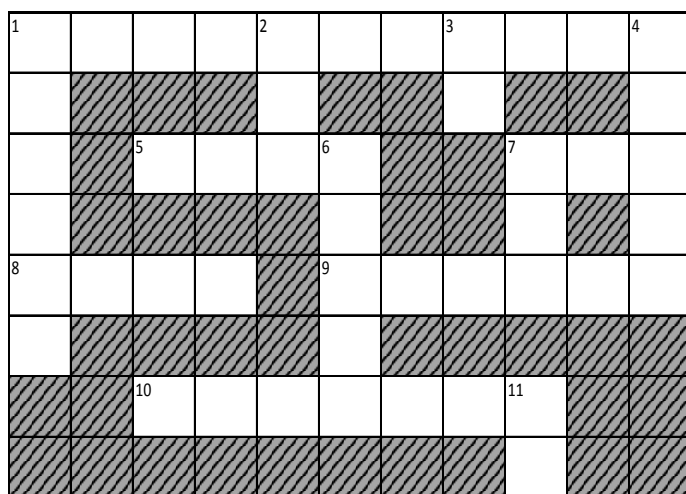
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ACROSS CLUES

1. REAR CONTROL
5. ENGINE MANUFACTURER
7. HIGH ___ - (ABREV.)
8. FRONT
9. HIT
10. BATTERY INPUT

DOWN CLUES

1. ADJUST CAM GEAR
2. ___ BOY
3. TRANSMITTER
4. CHOPPER BLADE
6. ___ PLATE
7. AMERICAN MODELING ASSO.
11. RECEIVER



Upcoming Events

Club Meeting and swap November 11

Club Christmas Party December 9

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