



# The R/C Flyer

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Next Meeting – Christmas Party, December 14, 2000 at 7:00pm - Clear Lake Park Bldg.

## The President's Corner

By: Clay Bare

Well, so here it is my second President's Corner. This month, I would like for us to work towards increasing safety awareness at the field. When was the last time you reviewed our (your) club safety rules? Hmm, what about the AMA safety rules? Hmm, just what I thought. Well don't feel too bad because I to may be a little rusty on the ol' safety rules. I know that last month we had a couple of good articles concerning the preflight check, and the touchy subject of the lack of an adequate transmitter impound.

I would now like to raise the bar a little higher and propose a new safety awareness program. This program is intended to focus on **what** (not who) is unsafe at the field. It is an audit of behaviors. Attached at the end of the newsletter is a copy of the audit form. I am completely opened to any suggestions on how to make this form more comprehensive and include all types of aircraft flown at JSCRCC. These forms will be available in the white field box along with a return box. What I would like for us to do, is to get one of these forms each time we go out to the field, select another club member (if you are flying alone, shame on you) and mark each behavior listed as being safely executed or not. I do not want the pilot's name but I would like for you to list your name so that your contribution can be counted towards some sort of incentive program (I haven't yet ironed that out). At the end of the each month, I will collect the forms and tally the results (Oh no, not another hand count!). I will then use that data to select a safety topic of discussion or I may solicit a volunteer from the club meeting to write a newsletter article about the safety topic (after all, it is YOUR newsletter).

Speaking of the newsletter, I would like to thank all of those who have contributed articles to the newsletter. Without your contributions, we would have one boring newsletter.

As for the rest of you, here is your invitation. If you find a trick to aid the building process, discover a new aerobatic maneuver (Frank, it must be repeatable), or any RC related item of interest to you, write an article and submit it. I'm sure several others will find value in your article.

Until next year, *Happy Intentional Landings!*



## In The Pits

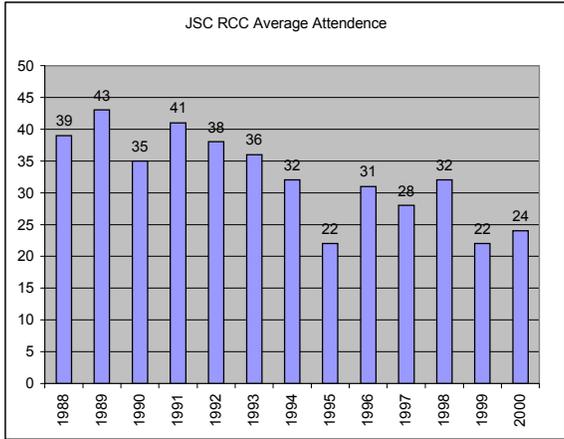
By: Mike Laible

Serving as Secretary for 2001 leaves only one position I have not served for the JSC RCC (watch out Dave!!!). So being new at secretary, I looked up what the By Laws tell me I should be doing. Below you will find Article 4, Section 3 of the By Laws:

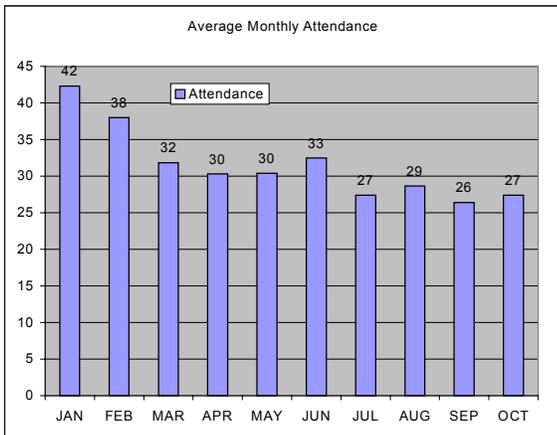
"It shall be the duty of the Secretary of this organization to keep a true and correct record of all the proceedings of the Club, receive all communications, conduct all correspondence, have charge of all Club records, and keep the minutes of all meetings."

So with that let me share some records that Taz and myself have been saving over the years. The first graph is club average attendance for the year and the second is the

average attendance per month. As can be noted, the club has been somewhat on a low lately.



I would like to think of some ideas to get the attendance back up in the 30's or so. One of the changes some time ago was moving the meeting to 7 PM from 7:30 PM. This actually took place in the 96-97 timeframe and looks to have had an effect for awhile. So anyone with some good ideas please give me a call or write. One way I thought of was having a BBQ/meeting at the Gilruth in May or June. I looked through old newsletters and this seemed to be a common event back in the 80's. What does everybody think? Mid year meet at the Gilruth for some good old fun!!!! Just an idea! I published these graphs for informational purposes and it must be noted the attendance is taken from the log sheet and may not be accurate, so remember to sign in. NO, I WILL NOT DO A RECOUNT.



Onto some other notes. We have lined up some wonderful ideas for the Christmas Party. So make sure to attend and let's have a great time. Remember, everyone bring his or her Model of the Month for entry into Model of the Year. This should be a close vote and it will be great to see all the models in one place. Who is bringing the eggnog?

The Bearcat is going back together better than ever. I have a Hellcat coming down the pike, a 86" Sea Fury on order, and the Vultee V1A on the drawing board. Looks like the Vultee will be around 86". Next month I will do an article on how I got from paper three view to an 86" model.

Have fun and Fly Safe!

### Safety Corner

*By: Editor*

Last time I checked no new comments/ suggestions had been made since the last newsletter concerning the Transmitter Impound design. So Brian's latest will be proposed at the January meeting. If you haven't had a chance to look at the design, please do so and make inputs. The drawings and a description can be found in the November newsletter and inputs can be made directly to Brian Morris.

Also have not heard of any feedback on Don White's proposed First Flight Checklist. HELLO, IS ANYBODY OUT THERE???

### Club Shirts

*By: Brian Warkentine*

We are finally getting shirts! For those of you that replied via email, signed the list at last months auction, or verbally voiced interest (to myself) in purchasing a club polo shirt then a shirt has been reserved for you. The club board members made the decision to purchase 30 shirts. Prices for the shirts are \$33 (tax included) for regular and \$34 (tax included) for shirts with a pocket. This is slightly higher than previously projected price of \$27 (no tax) which turns out was for a lesser quality shirt. We purchased 25 regular and 5 pocket, based on verbal/sign up sheet input. The prices quoted above are for the shirt that was displayed at the club auction. Shirts will be reserved until the club meeting in January at which time it will be first come first served. Shirts are expected to arrive December 5<sup>th</sup> and all payments should be made to the club treasurer. For those that don't get a shirt let us know so we can place a second order. Please let me know if you are interested in caps and T-shirts. If I get enough feed back we will pursue this also.



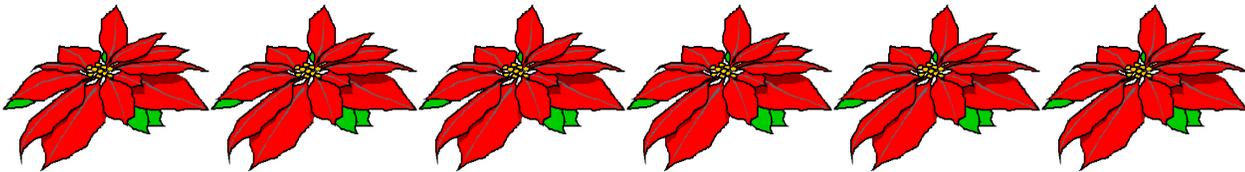
Don Fisher's PT 19 by Hanger Nine. It has one flight on it so far and flies well. It weighs 14 1/2 pounds and has an 81-7/8" wing span and has a Zenoah G38.

## **For Sale/ Wanted**

Wanted:

An old and unloved copy of TURBO CAD for PC. Must have all books and documentation.

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### **CHRISTMAS PARTY- DECEMBER 14, 2000, 7:00 PM**

The club will furnish meat, bread, drinks and plastic ware. Members are requested to bring a covered dish, finger food, dip, or favorite desert. The party is open to all, so bring a guest, spouse or kids. Simulators will be available for guests and members to test their skills.

Also during the party, Model of the Year will be selected. To be considered for Model of the Year, the model must be present, have flown, and still be flyable. A \$100 gift certificate will be presented to the winner selected by ballot.

## ***CLUB OFFICERS***

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# JSCRCC Safety Audit Form

|  | Safe | Unsafe | N/A |
|--|------|--------|-----|
| <b>Preflight</b>   |      |        |     |
| 1 Pilot has proper frequency pin (if not please remind him/her!)   | ( )  | ( )    | ( ) |
| 2 Preflight inspection (first flight)  | ( )  | ( )    | ( ) |
| 3 Radio gear function and range check  | ( )  | ( )    | ( ) |
| 4 Engine started such that minimal risk is posed to spectators (i.e. propeller aimed away pits, main rotor secured...) | ( )  | ( )    | ( ) |
| 5 Taxi out of pits (Pilot or assistant walks model out of pits)  | ( )  | ( )    | ( ) |
| 6 Call-out before entering flightline for takeoff  | ( )  | ( )    | ( ) |
| 7 Other (Please explain)   | ( )  | ( )    | ( ) |

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| <b>Flight</b>   |     |     |     |
| 8 Flight is conducted from a designated pilot box               | ( ) | ( ) | ( ) |
| 9 Initial turn away from pits                                   | ( ) | ( ) | ( ) |
| 10 Active flight line utilized                                  | ( ) | ( ) | ( ) |
| 11 Active flight pattern respected                              | ( ) | ( ) | ( ) |
| 12 Arobatics limited to center section of active flight pattern | ( ) | ( ) | ( ) |
| 13 Call-out before landing                                      | ( ) | ( ) | ( ) |
| 14 Other (Please explain)                                       | ( ) | ( ) | ( ) |

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| <b>Post Flight</b>   |     |     |     |
| 15 Taxi into pits (Pilot or assistant walks model into pits) | ( ) | ( ) | ( ) |
| 16 Transmitter returned to impound area                      | ( ) | ( ) | ( ) |
| 17 Frequency pin returned to Frequency tree for next pilot   | ( ) | ( ) | ( ) |
| 18 Other (Please explain)                                    | ( ) | ( ) | ( ) |

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Note. Not all items will be applicable to all types of aircraft. For these items mark N/A.