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The Radio Control Sport Flyers fly from Stamm Field, located near the south-east corner of Longview Park, operated by the Jackson County Parks Department. For information about the Parks department, visit their web site at:

<http://www.jacksongov.org/rec.shtml> For the calendar of parks events: http://www.jacksongov.org/rec_ce.shtml

From the Editor:

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Walt for the work he has done in the past on the Newsletter. As time goes on, I will be adding some new items and enhancing others. The first new item is an editorial space for the President. I thought this would be a good opportunity for Tom Stein (Tuba Tom for those of you who don't know his full name) to introduce himself to the members who don't regularly attend the meetings or make it out to the field. As always, any comments or suggestions to improve the information we provide to the members is appreciated. Now without further delay, I'd like to present.... (insert trumpet fanfare here).

A visit with the Prez.

Tell us a little about yourself?

Sheesh. Well, OK. I was a precocious yet perky little thing.....

OK, ok. I have 4 brothers, all of whom are pilots. I am the only non pilot (except for my little planes) because I tend towards aggressively re-living meals in small planes; that seems to annoy pilots - go figure. Brother Bill is an aerobatic pilot (<http://www.billsteinairshows.com/>). He flies an Edge 540 (Yes, a real Edge can hover - well, sorta! Check out his video), and also flies for the Red Baron Squadron 4 Man Team (<http://www.redbaron.com/publish/squadron>) in a Super Stearman. My youngest brother flies for the California Highway Patrol, usually fixed wings doing traffic and chasing, but now and then he flies Arnold and his cronies around in a King Air and occasionally flies a heli. My oldest brother is a mechanic and owns a repair/parts place in Northern Michigan and winters in Tennessee rebuilding Globe/Temco Swifts. He has a beautifully restored Swift he shows on occasion - and often wins. The remaining Brother was the first of us to get a license, but he just flies on occasion for grins. Dad (passed away about 15 years ago) was a pilot; he flew a Stearman in WWII for the Naval Air Force. Never saw any action that I knew of, but he was ready. Mom (still kicking) is not a pilot and not particularly thrilled about Bill's choice of profession. She does go the shows and likes them, but refrains from showing her excitement until Bill is safely grounded.

OK, enough about me!

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What do you see as the biggest challenge facing RSCF for 2006? How do you think our Club can meet that challenge?

The administration! You guys are in deep doo-doo! Impeach early and impeach often!

I am not sure that we are in any kind of trouble or that there are any major crisis looming. However, as the architect for the Dark Years, I think our attention should be directed towards membership, trying to bring a little more “socialness” into the meetings (more fun, less business), and keeping Scott under control. Any idea of a challenge to the club should be self initiated and self directed; more like setting goals. If we can't enjoy the outcome, why do it?

Membership should and could be a fairly easy thing to improve. If we all actively try to engage someone and entice them to join the club I think we would see a nice, gentle increase in our membership. I don't think anyone wants to see a stampede. I really like this club; it has a great homey feel to it and I, for one, would like to keep it that way. We are a great bunch of folk (yes, you too, Scoot!). We do very cool things and many of us give unselfishly of our time: training being a huge commitment! But I would like to see us connect a bit more. I could be wrong here, but I don't think we need group hugs (John Urton will be greatly disappointed in that). There used to be groups within the club that did special stuff. At one point there was a crew that did combat regularly, and other clubs have stuff like pylon racing, formation, etc. I am not personally advocating for any of those activities, but we all have something in common with someone. I know that on Wednesday mornings, I believe, there is a group that meets for coffee and on nice days head out to the field for some flying. It is a group largely made up of RCSF members and former members (I would like to have those former folk back in the club, though). Sort of a Coffee SubClub, if you will. So, why we can't have smaller groups of people (SubClubs) meeting for fun, social interaction, and to promote their unique ideas and interests, I can't imagine. The key, in my humble opinion, is to bring those ideas and interests back to the club and get the rest us interested. Think out of the box. Hopefully, the trial move to Saturday mornings for our meeting/FlyFest/pancacke b'fast will be a step in that kind of direction.

So, what do I see that we need to think about? Acceptance. As with any club, there is a fair amount of diversity in our ideas, desires, and personalities. Apparently, some of you feel that I have one or two very mild, nearly unnoticeable quirks (personally, I believe those are called endearments), but you all have been very welcoming and, so far, very tolerant of me. Clubs do change as the membership changes. But that doesn't mean it must change for the worse, nor should anyone's enjoyment of the club suffer. Tolerance and discussions. We will be fine.

Upcoming Events

March 2

RCSF Club Meeting – at First Baptist Church of Grandview

March 4

RCSF Informal Fun Fly Stamm Field

March 18-19

Mid-America Indoor Fun Fly See page 5 for details

June 3

RCSF Open Fun-Fly

Sept 23

RCSF Club Picnic

Calendar of Events – Full Scale

July 24 - 30, 2006 EAA Oshkosh Fly-In

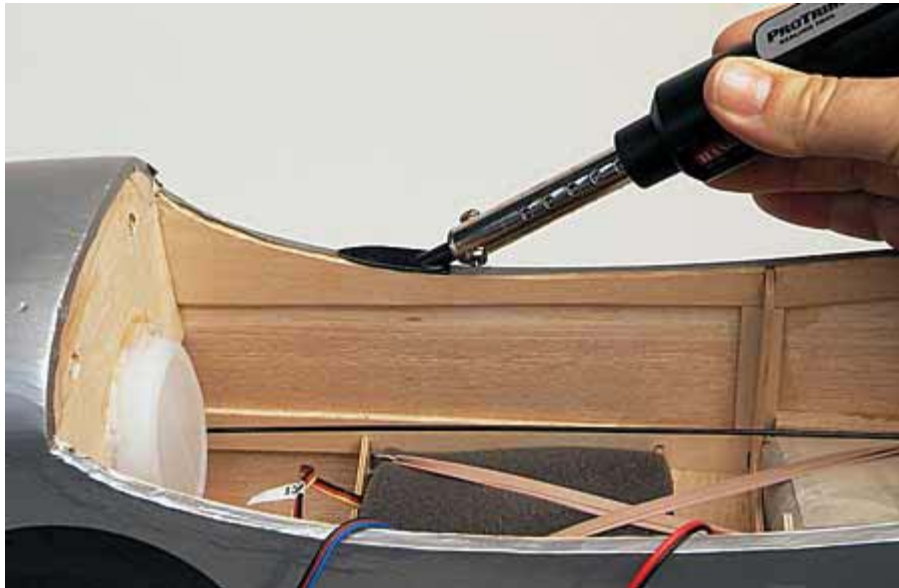
Top 10 ARF Assembly Tips

Preflight Prep

by John Reid

From the [April 2003 Issue](#) of *Model Airplane News*

Manufacturers strive to design and build ARF kits that an RC pilot can proudly show off and enjoy for many years, and more often than not, they are enormously successful. The quality, appearance and flight capabilities of the planes available today are truly outstanding, and I am among those who want to ensure that my new models will still be around for me to enjoy 10 years down the road. Fortunately, a little extra time during the final assembly will help extend the life of that new plane. Try out some of these tips on your next ARF.



1 Seal down loose covering

This should be the first step in the assembly of any ARF that uses heat-shrink covering. Use an iron or heat gun to remove wrinkles that may have emerged during shipping, and then turn the heat up and go over all the surfaces where the covering overlaps or ends on bare wood. Be sure you don't melt or shrink the covering too much, and pay particular attention to the engine compartment and wing-saddle areas. After you've sealed the covering where it ends on bare wood, apply CA along the edges to ensure that it stays that way.

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2 Fuelproof the firewall

After a few flights, the firewall or engine compartment of planes powered by nitro and gas engines can incur damage if left unprotected. Check these areas, and if needed, paint, epoxy and CA can provide the necessary protection. (Heat-shrink covering material will not sufficiently protect these areas from repeated exposures to fuel and gas residue.) The paint can be sprayed or brushed on, and the epoxy should be thinned with a little rubbing alcohol and applied with a brush. Thin CA can be dripped on the surface and allowed to soak in, but thick CA should be rubbed in with your finger; of course, it's a good idea to wrap your finger in plastic.



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- 3** **Check high-stress glue joints**
- All visible glue joints should be checked for cracks or stress breaks when you unpack a new kit. Damage can easily occur during shipping; changes in humidity levels from one part of the country to another can warp parts and cause cracks or other damage to joints. When checking the joints, pay particular attention to high-stress areas such as the wings, stabilizer, rudder, firewall, landing-gear attachments and servo trays. Repair the damage with CA or epoxy, and reinforce that area with balsa triangle stock, plywood, or fiberglass cloth.

Okay I know there are not 10 here, that's all I could down load. Model Airplane News wants you to buy the back issue to get the other 7 hints. Editor.

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February 2006 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: 16 Members were present.

New Business

A motion was made and passed to approve the January 5, 2006 Minutes

A motion was made and passed to accept the Treasure's Report

Committee Reports: No reports

Other Items

Use of the Church Gym for Flying

We are exploring the possibility of using Church Gym for flying after meetings. We hope to have arrangements made to use the gym after the March meeting. Please check out the website www.rcsportflyers.com for updates. We will also e-mail the membership when we get this finalized.

Jackets/T-Shirts

Believe it or not the exalted one Grand Puba and President, "Tuba" Tom, has promised a shirt on everyone's back in 2006. We have obtained the artwork in the necessary format and are exploring costs, logistics etc. for having Jackets and Shirts available for purchase by the membership.

2006 Committee Appointments

Court Jester and Moral -----	Da Prez
Club Events -----	Dave Klaus
Training -----	Dennis Tschirart
Membership -----	Mike Krass & Tom Stein
Safety Officer -----	Mike Krass
Field Maintenance -----	George Wright & Herb Hestand
Parks Association -----	Bob Armstrong
Web Master -----	Tom Stein

2006 Outdoor Meetings

The club voted to change the outdoor meeting time and date. Starting May 6th 2006, our regular monthly meetings will be held on the first Saturday of the month. The meeting time will be 10:00 a.m. Please join us for pancakes and doughnuts before the meeting on May 6th and bring something to fly.

Recognition Plaque

The club voted to contribute towards a recognition plaque for JD Ingram.
club minutes cont.

Annual Fun Fly

March

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The club voted to sanction our annual fun fly with the AMA. Bernie Drummond has volunteered to act as Contest Director. We are also investigating obtaining a 25 or 30% aircraft as the raffle prize. We will be discussing this at the March meeting.

Agenda Radio Control Sport Flyers March – 2006

Call to Order

Welcome to all new members and guest.

Approve Minutes of the Dec 2005 Meeting

Treasurer's report

Association report

Committee reports

News Letter Quiz

Old Business:

1. Association issues
 - a. Meeting with club officers
 - b. Posted rules
2. Membership
 - a. Advertisement
 - i. training fliers
 - ii. posters
 - iii. discovery flights
3. Meeting/FlyFests
 - a. Indoor status
 - b. Outdoor reminder
 - c. Social ideas
 - i. Cookies & punch?
 - ii. Watch videos?
 - d. Clinics
4. FunFly
 - a. CD: Bernie
 - b. Date: June 3rd.
 - c. Raffle prize
 - d. Advertisement
 - e. Attendance at other clubs FF
5. 501 status
 - a. (c) 3
 - b. (c) 7

6. Committee Chairs

- a. Field: Herb Hestand & George Wright
- b. Membership: Mike Krass & TubaTom
- c. Safety: Mike Krass
- d. Club Events: Dave Klaus
- e. Training: Dennis Tschirhart
- f. Parks Association: Bob Armstrong
- g. Web: TubaTom

7. Member Profiles

- a. Example coming soon!

New Business:

1. Dues
 - a. Increase to \$30?
 - i. Help pay for larger and cooler Fun Fly raffle prizes
2. Electric Flying Circuits
 - a. Formal invite to fly with us at Stamm

Other new Business from the floor:

Show and Tell:

Mike Krass' AT-6

Raffle:

Hobbico Quick Field Charger MKII
Great Planes Accu-Thow

Many thanks to Hobby Haven for cutting us an incredible deal on the raffle prize.

Clinic:

Adjourn:

Castle Creations *presents:* The Third Annual

Mid-America Indoor Fun Fly

Date: March 18 and 19, 2006

Two Day's of Indoor Flying Fun in a World Class Indoor Flying Venue! The MCC Business and Technology College Exhibit Hall is over 56,000 sq ft! The Kansas City Flying Circuits have been flying here for several months, and now is your chance to come fly with us in this great venue. We are very grateful to the folks at BTC for working with us, and making it possible for us to fly here. Here's what you can look forward to at M.I.F.F!

3D Freestyle Contest IPS Pylon Race "Pilot's Choice" Scale Contest Old Timer Revue and Demo Fly Saturday Evening BBQ Banquet Two Flightlines/Fields Food and Drink Available Raffle Prizes

Castle Creations and the Kansas City Flying Circuits want to make this event an annual tradition that will bring participants from all across the country. Our goal is to create an event that you will remember, and want to come back to, again and again!

KCFC is an AMA Charter Club dedicated to the promotion of electric R/C in general, and to maintaining good indoor flying venue's for all the enthusiasts who wish to fly with us. So far, we have been quite successful doing this, and we continue to grow. Please, have a look around here, and if you like what you see, Come Fly with Us!

UPDATE! January 25 - We have confirmed the "Keynote Speaker" for the Saturday evening banquet! It will be e-flight veteran, and microflight guru, David Robelen! Mr. Robelen has published many articles over the years, and has earned the respect of many in the e-flight community. We look forward to his address, and I personally wish to thank him on behalf of KCFC.

UPDATE! February 1 - Wil Byers of Quite Flyer Magazine will be attending, and covering the event for an upcoming article! There is also a possibility of one or more of the Quite Flyer Team Pilots attending.

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Newsletter quiz.

Okay, I couldn't think of a quiz or trivia question so here's a thought for the day:

The most wasted day of all is one in which we have not laughed.

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Member Projects



Radio Controlled Aircraft Graphics
Vinyl Lettering and Images
www.scottsrc.com

Scott Goergen has recently started making vinyl graphics including custom items. Here's an example of some work he recently did for my Stinger 120. Some of you have seen my Stinger with the "Jelly Belly" graphics. *Really it was my kids' idea.* Anyway, I had Scott cut some lettering for me which in my wife's opinion "Made every thing else look like crap" so Scott and I came up with an entire new graphics package for the plane. Check out his web site for additional pics. All of the graphics on the plane were developed by Scott.



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Membership Application/Renewal

Please complete this form and return with proper dues to the club treasurer. The Radio Control Sport Flyers is an AMA chartered club so you must be an AMA member. To verify your AMA membership, you must show your AMA membership card to the club treasurer. If sent by mail, a copy of your AMA membership card is acceptable.

Dues are: \$20.00, July - September: \$15.00, October - December: \$10.00, new member - \$5.00 initiation fee

APPLICATION FOR YEAR _____ NEW MEMBERSHIP _____ RENEWAL _____

Phone Number ____ - ____ - _____ AMA # _____ Birth Date ____ / ____ / ____

NAME _____

Transmitter channels

Address _____

____, ____, ____, ____, ____, ____

____, ____, ____, ____, ____, ____

ZIP _____ - _____

Email ID _____ Can we e-mail the newsletter to you? (yes/no) _____

I state that I have received and understand the rules and recommendations of RCSF, the Jackson County Parks and the AMA Safety Code and that I intend to operate my models in accordance with them. I also pledge to show by example that I am committed to safe flying and will encourage others to do the same.

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