

Nov / Dec 2001

Mountaineer R/C Flying Club



Winds of Change

As the season has changed from summer to fall, so are many things preparing to change within our club. Along with the usual agenda at the October meeting the nominations for new officers took place. Currently, JR has been nominated for President, Jerry Leffel for Vice President and Dennis "Denny" Bostic for Secretary/Treasurer. I was nominated to be editor of the newsletter. While editor is an appointment rather than an elected office, Stan has graciously decided to step down and let me have a stab at it. Stan will continue to contribute to the newsletter with articles as he has for so long. *See Stan's postscript on the following page after the October meeting notes.*

As you have undoubtedly noticed, the format of the

newsletter has changed somewhat. It has a little color and will probably go through more changes in the coming months. I welcome any suggestions. Fountain Hobby has agreed to purchase advertising in our newsletter on an issue by issue basis. Lets show our patronage to them for their support.

As for me, I am Barry Thaxton. I've only been flying models since this summer. I own a small computer business in So. Charleston and I've become totally eaten up with this hobby. If you have been at the field this summer, you've probably seen me even if you didn't know my name.

Lastly, let's all make it a point to extend our thanks to Stan for all his years of service to the club for producing our newsletter.

**Next Meeting - Sunday, November 18th, 2 PM at he the Field
*Note the 2 PM time change and dress warmly!!!***

- Agenda:**
- 1. Election of Officers**
 - 2. December Dinner**
 - 3. Winter Meetings**

**DECEMBER DINNER MEETING:
Tuesday, December 11th**

RYAN'S FAMILY STEAK HOUSE at 6:30 PM

There will be the usual short meeting, Door Prizes, Awarding of the Presidents's and Pilot-Of-The-Year Trophies, Telling of Lies and a general good time.

Bring your check for 2001 dues to the dinner and get paid up early; Individual \$35, Family \$55, if paid before February. Junior \$10 and Newsletter \$10.

October Club Meeting Report (notes by Jerry Leffel)

Present were: Bob Yates, JR Weekly, David Gaines, Barry Thaxton, Steve Craddock, Bob (Doc) Heatherly, Gary Hensley, Chunky Cottle, Darren Gullion, Dennis Bostic, Charlie Jarvis and Jerry Leffel for a total of 12.

The discussions when stated in print seem pretty dull, but I assure there was much enthusiasm to all subjects.

The first thing that was discussed at length was the flight and landing patterns. Bobby had computer pictures of our site with markers suggesting landing patterns (both right and left) which would keep us away from the neighborhood dwellings.

Next, possible new flying sites were brought up, in case we lose the one we have now. Quincy (our previous field) and South Charleston Landfill were two immediate suggestions. Further research was suggested.

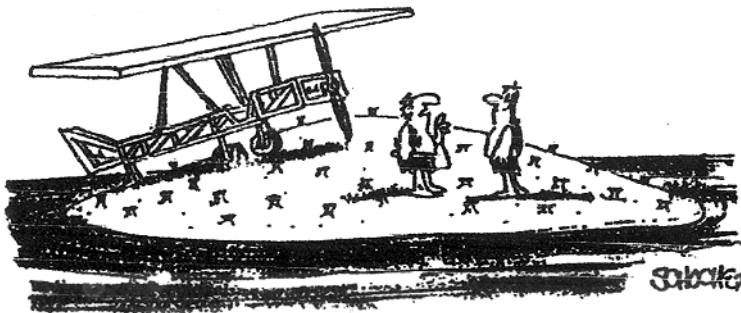
The locations for the Christmas Party discussed were: Rivers Edge, Golden Corral and Ryans or corridor "G". No decision was made. It was suggested that it be during the week. (*Selection left to Dave Gaines/Bob Yates*)

The main business was nominations for the year 2002 officers, to be voted on at the November meeting:

- ☛ Newsletter Editor: Stan Clark, the incumbent, and Barry Thaxton. Barry has his own business with room and supplies to do the job and is willing to take it on.
- ☛ Secretary/Treasurer: Dave Gaines, the incumbent, and Dennis Bostic.
- ☛ Vice President: Jerry Leffel
- ☛ President: JR Weekly

Postscript - After getting Jerry's notes (for which any editor would be grateful) I pointed out to Bob Yates that Newsletter Editor is NOT an elective office, it is an assignment/appointment by the officers, just like other jobs such as Field Chairman, Contest Chairman, etc. Given Barry's willingness to be the editor and talents in the communications field, and the fact I have done it longer than anyone should: **As of now Barry is the newsletter editor. For this Nov-Dec issue, I am writing it and Barry is publishing it.** (*Note: Due to some last minute changes, etc. I decided to press on with the new*

format and add additional content to this newsletter. Barry) **For future issues Barry has the full job. I have agreed to advise him when asked, and to write occasional columns, particularly as they relate to scale design, documentation, flying and competition.**



"All we need now is a large rubberband."

Stan

Website Changes

Our website has moved. The old website at Homestead has become inactive. Homestead has started charging a fee for its hosting service for sites with more than 3 pages. Dave did a great job with it and is going to alter the homestead site to contain basic information about our club and a link to the new site. The new URL is:

<http://www.mountaineer-rc.com>

Most of the content of the old site is contained there as well as an expanded Links area and many more photos. There is also a bulletin board area for posting items for sale, etc. To access the members area, the logon is *flyrc* and the password is the gate code. Please email me with any suggestions to the site at barry@mountaineer-rc.com

Santa Renews His Pilots License

Santa Claus, like all pilots, gets regular visits from the Federal Aviation Administration, and it was shortly before Christmas when the FAA examiner arrived. In preparation, Santa had the elves wash the sled and bathe all the reindeer. Santa got his logbook out and made sure all his paperwork was in order.

The examiner walked slowly around the sled. He checked the reindeer harnesses, the landing gear, and Rudolf's nose. He painstakingly reviewed Santa's weight and balance calculations for the sled's enormous payload.

Finally, they were ready for the checkride. Santa got in and fastened his seat belt and shoulder harness and checked the compass. Then the examiner hopped in carrying, to Santa's surprise, a shotgun.

"What's that for?" asked Santa incredulously.

The examiner winked and said, "I'm not supposed to tell you this, but you're gonna lose an engine on take-off."

FOR SALE:
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\$100.00
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Fly-In
at the Hillbillies Field
12 Noon, New Years Day!

A Special Thanks

As the new editor of the newsletter I would like to take this opportunity to say Thanks to those special few who give so much to our club.

Our club isn't about the place and it ain't about the grass. It is about the people. We are fortunate to have a wonderful group of folks who take an active part in our club.

From my own experiences of learning to fly this summer at the field, I would like to point out a few that did so much to help me. Dave Gaines, who was always the first one willing to take me up and saved my Avistar on that windy day. Bob Rowe, who explained the details of flying and let me fly how I wanted to. Chunky, who was patient, never intimidating and taught me about the mechanics of the plane (actually still trying to teach me). Bob Yates, who put all the pieces of the flying puzzle together for me. JR, John Clark and others who were always willing to give me help and advice. Thanks!

Barry

***"Keep thy airspeed up, lest the earth
come from below and smit thee."***

William Kershner

From Around The Field

Things have been kind of slow around the field the last month or so. Not sure if it is the wind, cooler weather, football season or everyone getting ready for winter, but attendance on the weekends has been down. Those of you who haven't been out recently are missing some great flying weather.

Bob Yates is working on his Balsa USA Nieuport 28 and hopes to have it finished by the end of the year. Maybe between now and then, I can get up the nerve to fly my Fokker DR-1 so we can stage some mock WWI dogfights.

Well, Chunky still hasn't put the blind nuts back in the firewall of his Spacewalker. I encourage everyone to call him up and give him grief over it. I fear we may be losing him. He has fallen in love with a motorcycle.

Jeff Grimes finally showed back up after a month or so away, sporting his new Sig Somethin' Extra with a specially equipped fueling system.

Mark Chapman came out with his new Dazzler.

Winter is coming, so get out to the field and have some fun. See you there.

Barry

***"Flying is done largely with
the imagination."***

Wolfgang Langewiesche



Barry Thaxton's new OK Models P-51 Mustang. Maiden voyage by Bob Rowe.



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Mark Chapman's new Dazzler made its debut at the end of October. The Dazzler kit was a door prize Mark won at the Fly-In earlier this year.



Jeff Grimes' new Sig Somethin' Extra. Jeff employed a virtually never used inverted fueling system in his new plane. Some suggested moving the landing gear to the top of the plane. *(Sorry Jeff, I had to)*

NOTE: In case any of you were wondering, the plane in newsletter banner is Bob Yates' Goldberg Extra.