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December Club Meeting: The December club meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 1990, 7:30 pm at the Consolidated Water District Office, 1965 Placentia Ave., Costa Mesa, Ca. The Monthly club contest will be on December 9th, field conditions permitting.

January Club Meeting: The January club meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 2, 1991 at 7:30 pm at the Water District Office. The meeting will fearure Bob Renaud of Airtronics who will present information on the latest Radios and will answer your favorite questions.

HARBOR SOARING SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 1990 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the president, George Joy, at 1930 hrs. New faces - George Azvedo. Just now coming back to R/C soaring having flown gliders a long

The Treasurer's report was presented by Frank Chasteler and was approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS:

The November contest director, Rich Garner, will not be able to make the Nov. contest. Ross Thomas will take his place, and he asks for members to help with winches and retrieving. Ross Thomas made mention of the Dust SC2 contest on the 18th of November, that some members are going on Saturday and staying over night.

Frank Chasteler noted that a "typo" had occurred in the news letter on Larry White's 2 meter score. The score is correct in Frank's computer which is the one that keeps all of the scores.

Morry Smith discussed the recent problems with the low flying helicopter. He is keeping a log of the helicopter's flight regarding time, direction, and est. altitude for a possible report to the CMPD Frank Chasteler presented the board meeting decisions regarding club membership renewal and dues increases for 1991. The new AMA and club application requirements were discussed. A motion was made and approved to include the club rules on the back of the membership application form so that members will be able to read what they are signing for.

NEW BUSINESS:

Frank Chasteler provided some updated information on Airtronics radios and the new Legend sailplane. He said that the new odd number frequencies will not be available from Airtronics until mid-January 1991.

A motion was made and passed to have the Lee Renaud Memorial contest next year and to try to have it as an SC2 (extra) contest.

ELECTION OF 1991 CLUB OFFICERS.

The following officers will serve for 1991.

President: Norm Kutch Vice President: Jim Parsons Secretary: Brian Germain Editor: John Ostrowski

Contest Coordinator: Ben Clerx Treasurer: Frank Chasteler General Director: Bob Sliff

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting and begin the Swap Meet at 2120 hrs. Dave Nemecek, Secretary.

PROGRAMS--NOTICES

DECEMBER PROGRAM: Rich Garner will present video tape/s on the Voyager II mission to Uranus.

Ben Clerx found a source on Stop Watches of the "Loris" type. Though it another brand name, it is the same watch. The source is "Accusplit, Inc., 2290A Ringwood Ave, San Jose, Ca 95131 [CA# 1-800-621-0018]

HSS 1990 CONTEST SCHEDULE

DEC 2	TORREY PINES SC2 CONTEST
DEC 9	HSS CLUB CONTEST
TAN 10-20	SOUTHWEST REGIONALS (CASL)
NEXT YEAR'S CO	ONTEST WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE AS IT IS AP-
PROVED BY THE	HSS MEMBERSHIP.

Club Name Tags and Decals

Club name tags and decals for new members are available from Frank Chasteler. Check with Frank to see if yours are in.

HSS MONTHLY CONTEST, DECEMBER 1990--STEVE FINK, CD.

1. 15 MINUTE ADD-EM-UP; 2. NO FLIGHT OVER 6 MINUTES; 3. ONLY BEST LANDING WILL COUNT; 4. 1000 POINTS TOTAL (100 LANDING POINTS AND 900 FLIGHT POINTS MAX = ONE POINT PER SECOND.)

FLASHI BEARDSLEY TO PILOT CALIFORNIA SLOPE RACERS.

The 1991 International Slope race is off to a flying start under the leadership of Rich Beardisey, recently elected chairman of the board of CSR. Beardsley, of Santa Maria, was elected by a slim margin over Ray Kuntz of Los Angeles. Slope race pilots are represented by thirteen board members located throughout California.

California Slope Racers was organized in 1989 to manage the annual international Slope Race and to run regional races. Any pilot who enters a CSR slope race become a member of the organization. There are no membership dues. Expenses, such as printing, postage and AMA fees are obtained from CSR contest entry fees

Information may be obtained from Rich Beardsley, 2401 Country Ln, Santa Maria, CA 93455. (805) 934-3191.

THE HSS VIDEO LIBRARY

The following club owned videos are available for viewing.

Name Cor	mment	.Rating (0-5)
Saber Jet F-8	6 History/shoot-em-ups	.4
Striking Back		.4
Foam, Fiberglass, Flight		.4
First Flight		.0
Monokote 1 & 2 Inte	eresting	.3
MIG Killers		.3
Hook Down, Wheels Down NA	NY Aviation Hist	.4
F3E USA Team Selection 1988 Ele	ct flight	.none
Dawn Patrol		
Thunderbolt, Flight For The Skys. W	WI Air Combat	.) 6
More tapes are being added all the time about the tapes ask at the next meeting	ie. All tapes are in VHS format. For img. (ed.)	formation

HARBOR SOARING SOCIETY CLUB CONTEST, NOVEMBER 1990 OPEN CLASS

OPEN CLASS					
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A CEBBIN B		EXP	. 2925.0	993.2	E-3
4. CLERX.B		EXP	. 2900.0	984.7	
5 CHASTHI HR P		EXP	. 2874.0	975.9	
a white		PAT	- 287 Y H	975,6	
7. FINK S 8. SLIFF, B 9. GATES, M 10. RICHARDSON, P		EXP	. 2865.0	972.8	
8. SLIFF, B		EXP	, 2865.0	972.8	
9. GATES, M		GST	. 2848.0	967.1	
10. RICHARDSON, P		EXP	. 2839.0	964.0	
11. GARNER, R		EXP	, 2815.0	955.9	
12. JOY, G		EXP	. 2808.0	953.5	
13. MILLS, A	ON	ESPT	. 2797.0	949.7	A - 1
· 14 RETSCHKE, G		EXP	. 2790.0	947.4	
15. COLLETT.M	ON	ESPT	, 2776.0	942.6	A-2
16 DUNCAN B	TW	OSPT	. 2758.0	S - 1	
17. RONANNO.T	ON	ieadv	. 2738.0	929.7	
18 THOMAS R		BAP	. 4/3/.0	929.4	
10 PANTYAR D		EXP	. Z/31.U	927.3	
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21 CANDRONI H	ON	IF. ADV	. 2712.0	920.9	
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23. NEMECEK, D		EXP	. 2657.0	902.2	
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25 DANRICH D	NON	IB ADV	. 43.38.0	861.8	
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34. LAWHEAD, G	NON	ı≝SPI	. 2054.0	697 <i>.</i> 5	
35 RUZOUCH N	NON	JESPT	. 1960.0	665.5	
26 I ACKEV P	ON	JHSPI	. 15X1.U	536.8	
37. MEARS, B	NON	JESPT	. 1310.0	444.8	

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4. LONG.D	2828.0 959.0
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6. HENDRY, S	2805.0 951.2
7. KUTCH.N	2731.0 926.1
8. WHITE L	2728.0 925.1
9. FINK, S	2713.0 920.0
10. BONANNO, T	2685.0 910.5
H. JOY. B	2664.0
- 12. DUNCAN, B	Z479,U 890,6
13. CONRAD. W	2461.0 834.5
4. THOMAS, R	2338.0 792.8
15 NEHRING, C	2313.0 784.3
16. MEARS, B	2222.0 /53.5
17. STOVALL L	2117.0 717.9
18. BUZOLICH, N	
19. PARSONS, J	1729.0 586.3

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4,	WHITE, L		7
5.	THOMAS, R	6499.0	7
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7.	FINK. S	, 5780.4	7
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10.	PARSONS, J	5224.0	7
11.	ANDERSON, V	4828.2	7
12.	BUZOLICH, N	4598.1	7
13.	LONG, D	4563.9	6
14.	SLIFF, B	4266.8	5
15.	BONANNO, T	4142.9	5
16.	CONRAD, W	3401.7	4

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10. FINK, S	EXP 6523.87 EXP 6505.97
11. THOMAS, R	EXP 6435.87
12. NEMECEK, D	EXP 6435.87 ADV 6364.57
13. KUTCH, N	ADV 6364.57
14. RICHARDSON, P	EXP6338.67 EXP6293.87
13. KUTCH, N 14. RICHARDSON, P 15. CRON, A	EXP 6293.87
16. HENDRY, S	ADV6070.77
17. PANTZAR D	EXP 5775.37
18. GERMANE, B	SPT5728.27
19. PARSONS, J	SPT5522.27
19. PARSONS, J	EXP 5479.47
20. RITSCHKE, G	EXP 6293.8 .7 .ADV 6070.7 .7 .EXP 5775.3 .7 .SPT 5728.2 .7 .SPT 5522.2 .7 .EXP 5479.4 .7 .SPT 5143.1 .7
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24. ANDERSON, V	SPT 4428.96
25. AIMES, J	ADV4174.95
26. BONANNO, T	ADV4115.05
27. DURHAM, J	EXP3579.25
28. GIBBS, D	ADV 3395.64
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36. LOWERY, R	EXP2691.84
37. COLLETT, M	SPT2649.23
38. DANRICH, D	ADV2553.64
39. LAIR.D	SPT2119.53
40. LAWHEAD, G	SPT2119.53 SPT1987.45
41. CLERX. B	EXP1936.12
42. LUPPERGER, J	EXP1920.82
39. LAIR, D	EXP1854.72
43. STUREIGE	SPT1654.32
44. YOUNG, B	EXP1419.12
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46. LAMPRECHT, D	EXP993.21
47. CHASTELER, T	EXP 955.21
48. BRANDT, D 49. ROWELL, W	EXP 939.61
49. ROWELL, W	SPT918.01
50. MAHER, M	SPT909.71
51. DEROCCO, C	SPT853.21
52. GERBIN, R	EXP843.81
53. ANDENBAUER, S.	SPT 8499 2
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54. ANDERSON, J	
55. LASATER J	SPT774.81
56, MEARS, B	SPT444.81
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SOARING CLUBS

RESULTS OF THE DUST CONTEST OF 11/18/90

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RON GUSTIN AND GEORGE RITTER ADVANCE TO EXPERT

NOTICE:

The SC2 Board meeting for 1991 is to be Satruday, January 12, 1991, 2:00 P.M. at the home of Frank chasteler. Each Club should send its representative to establish dates for 1991 SC2 contests.

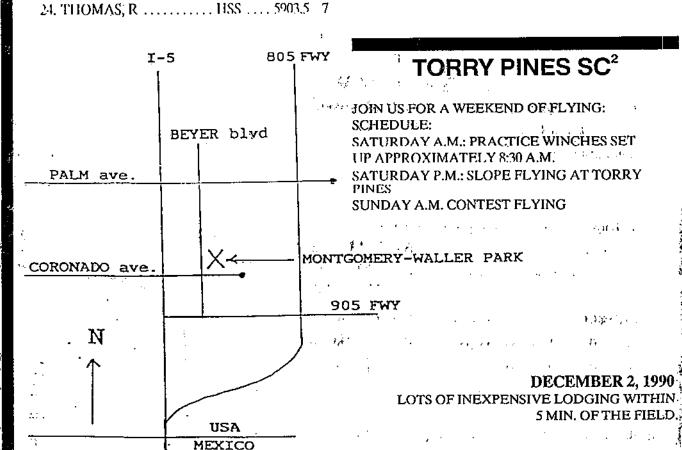
SC2 TEAM RESULTS AT DUST 11/18/90

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ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS 199	0 🔩
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1. MARTIN, T	7
2. WURTS, J	7
3. PERKINS, D	7
4. SHELBY, R	75
5. MORAN, M	7%
6. FINK, D SULA 6635.8	7,
7. BRATURD, R HSS 6551.6	7 *
8. JOY, G HSS 6503.8	7
9. CHASTELER, F .) HSS 6444.8	7
10. STALLS, J HSS 6436.7	7
11. HOLLY, M, SWSA 6318.1	7
12. WEISMAN, E TOSS 6290.6	7
13. SANDRONI, H SULA 6275.9	7
14. BLEDSOE, R TPG 6192.7	7
15. DOUGLAS, I SWSA 6172.0	7
16. JENKINS, H ISS 6149.2	7
17. VICKERS, D SULA 6134.8	ş 7
18. LONG, D SULA 6078.9	7.
19. LARSEN, O DUST 6057.3	7
20. BONANNO, T SULA 6028.3	7
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SOARING CLUBS

25. OTHON, M	7
26. HENDRY, S	7
27. SLIFF, B	6
28. RITTER, CDUST5519.4	7
29. RITTER, GDUST5439.7	6
30. CRON, A;!	7
31. HATCH, J	7
32. RICHARDSON, P	6
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33. FINK, S	6
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37. PARSONS, J	6
39. BUTOVICH, D	б
40. GARNER, R	6
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SULA 33,257.2	
ISS 32,078.7	
TOSS 31,301.0	
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COMPOSITE MOLDING TECHNIQUES FOR SAILPLANE FUSELAGES AND CONTROL SURFACE ACCESSORIES

by E.S. Popko & J.G. Smith Extracted from Soar Tech No. 5, Jan, 1986 Part 7--Final installment **STEP 6 - PAINTING & FINISHING**

PRIMER COATS

Painting fiberglass is similar to painting conventional balsa or air-ply construction. Check the entire body for molding or joinery imperfections. Look for places where the resin did not fully saturate the cloth. These might be areas with small pin holes or areas that simply did not come into full contact with the mold during lay up. Roughen these areas with 320 sandpaper and wipe all the dust off. Now spackle on a very thin coat of Acryl-Blue auto glazing putty. If you are filling deep depressions, apply a series of thin layers letting each thoroughly dry before adding the next. Acryl-Blue shrinks a bit when it dries so it may pull away from the fiberglass if you try to fill a deep hole in a single thick coat.

Now that the surface is smooth and all small imperfections are filled, brush on one coat of K&B primer. Allow the primer time to completely cure. When it's hard, use 320 grit wet-and-dry sandpaper to sand most of it off. Primer is heavy so get as much off as possible. You will notice when it's almost all off that very small imperfections, like pin holes and hair-line cracks, have filled in. Repeat this procedure one more time. If you still on tice small areas that need filling, use more Acryl-Blue. It bonds very well to the primer and sands just as well.

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COMPATIBILITY OF PAINTS, FILLERS, AND SEALERS

COMPANDICITY OF TAINTS, FEEDERS, AND DESIGNATION
UNDERCOAT
A-Acrylic Enamel
B-Acrylic Lacquer
C-Aerogloss Dope
D-Elkyd Enamel
E-Butyrate Dope
F-DuPont 30S
G-Epoxy Enamels A,B,F,G,I,J
H-Polyester Resins*ALL*
1-Polyurethane
J-DAP Vinyl Spackle
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OVERCOAT COMPATIBLE UNDERCOATS
A-Acrylic Enamel
B-Acrylic LacquerB,C,E,F,G,H,I,J
C-Aerogloss Dope
D-Alkyd Enamel*ALL*
E-Butyrate Dope
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F-DuPont 30S	*ALL*
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Table 2: Source - Wing Tips, Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters of NY. (Reprinted in Model Aviation, May 1985, p.68)

BASE COLORS

At this point, you are ready to paint your fuselage. We have found that almost every kind of paint, filler, and sealer goes well with polyester resins (epoxy has a few limits). You may want to consult the compatibility table above, but we recommend K&B epoxy and at least one base coat of white. It covers the primer well and creates an excellent base if you decide to use a final color. Very intense colors like yellow, must be applied over a white base or any lay up discolorations will show through. Some modelers use white Gel-Coat instead of polyester resin for the first coat during lay up to achieve their base. We find it easier just to spray on a good base of white paint instead.

Wash your fuselage with a damp-soapy paper towel. You want to eliminate oily finger prints and loose dust from the primer and glazing putty. Handle the body as little as possible so as not to reintroduce more finger prints. Wear disposable gloves if you have them. You might also try cutting wooden dowels and plugging them into the wing tubes or other openings to get a handle on the body.

Apply color epoxy with a spray gun. Mix equal parts of K&B white paint and catalyst and then add an equal amount of thinner (e.g. one ounce of white and catalyst, and two ounces of thinner). If your gun has a fan adjustment, set it so that it's paint fan is twice as wide as the fuselage's widest part. If your compressor has variable air pressures, set it to 35 pounds.

When you spray paint, always move the gun parallel to the long axis of the fuselage. Move fast enough to prevent the paint from running but slow enough that the paint fransfers and covers the area. It's always best to work around the body building paint up in a series of this coats. Start the spray several inches before the body and continue spraying for several inches beyond. Always move the gun along in a smooth continuous action. If paint runs develop, stop applying paint and hang the body up to dry. When the paint is completely cured, you can sand the runs out with 400,600 grit wet-dry sandpaper and a little water.

When the fuselage is completely coated, add more thinner to the gun and spray it again. Since this flash coat has very little paint in it, it softens the coat you just put on and flows the surface out to a beautiful gloss. The flash coat not only dissolves any egg shell areas away, it cleans the gun too.

If you decide to spray on a color, let the base cure for at least two days. Lightly sand it with 600 grit wet-dry sand paper with no water to coughen the surface a bit and to smooth out any fly-specs. Follow the same procedure as above with the color coats.

Seconclusions : See a see

We hope you have found these notes useful. We have produced many fuselages and accessories and we are constantly impressed with the utility and flexibility of GRP technology. Experimentation, attention to detail, and keeping notes on your successes and failures will lead you to predictable, high quality results every time.