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IN THE PITS

by Mike Laible

I hope everyone had fun at the Christmas Party. It was a great turn out and it seemed everyone had fun. More information can be viewed in a later article.

This year the club has some exciting things going on. First, Hank has finished some drawings on the canopy expansion and we will be submitting them to NASA shortly. During this process we will get a better feel on the cost to the club. Speaking of canopy the last time I was at the field the one canopy was hanging on for dear life. I am sure it is close to coming off. We do have the replacement in the field box.

Some other items that are happening are we now have our patches, new and old, at a permanent display at the AMA museum. I officially signed the materials over to AMA. Brian also approached me about getting the JSC flying sight designated a model aviation historic landmark. I am moving forward with this as we speak. Other items for 2017 are the "Iron Mike Swap Meet" and the "Warbirds over JSC". If the weather holds I anticipate good crowds for both.

Personally, I also plan to have a great 2017. I am about to paint the Corsair in John

Glenn's' plane (I decided that prior to his passing). Now I get to place letters on the side stating in memory of - - -. Anyway, I am shooting for first flight end of February. Then



I will finish up the SPAD.

Next two up are the P-47, done in the Hell hawks plane "Hot Body", yah, you gotta like that. I go from Stinky to Hot Body. Then the Bearcat, got a couple of ideas in mind for that one.

Both the P-47 and Bearcat will be later this year. Then, at the end of the year I plan to glue my first sticks of the B-25, "Show Me II". I may even have an EDF coming!

Now, let's not forget 2016 MOY in January. We discussed having this in November then January. So bring your MOM 2016 to the January meeting for the 2016 MOY. Remember it has to have flown and still flyable. We will also still have a January MOM.

So let's blow the dust off the old planes and celebrate 2017. How about a showing off at least 10 JSC members at the Warbirds of JSC event!!!!. I'm 1, I am sure Herman is 2, only 8 more to go!!! Remember any size.

So for 2017, safe Landings and Godspeed,

Mike L.

JSCRCC BOY SCOUT FIELD REPORT

by Fitz Walker

Founded in 1910 to promote “Youth in responsible citizenship, character development, and self-reliance...”, the Boy Scouts of America celebrates their 106th anniversary this year. Troop 848 of this century-old organization invaded JSCRCC on October 29th and I was there. With the whole troop. Boys...lots of boys. And toys. Lots of toys. And I survived. Many of their toys, however, did not.

Self-supplied with Quads, R/C cars, and airplanes (with a guest appearance by the rocket club), they hit the ground running. Tom, Dave, Russel, and I volunteered to help with flight training duties. I lost count of how many students I had, but there were no repeat customers throughout the whole day.



The planes they brought was the Horizon Hobby Champ S+. A nice looking, high-wing small park flyer with multi-axis stabilization and autonomous return to home features. Pretty much state of the art in electric model aircraft. Well, state of the art if it actually worked. See, the little Champs have been dragged through the mud in the online forums due to various deficiencies. The ones we flew were no exception.



Troop 848 started the day with eight Champ S's and ended with 5 ½ (though I understand only one of their R/C cars escaped the day unharmed, so there's that). I made one of the first flights in a Champ and immediately started having trouble with it. It often seemed to have a mind of its own and almost predictably would go into fail-safe mode at certain locations in the air where it would ignore any input from the controller. But I was the lucky one, mine came back. Both the ones Dave and Russel flew apparently tried to reach the moon and were never seen again. I had no idea such a small plane could fly so high. There were even people watching the planes through binoculars. I'm convinced it was a trial run for Skynet.



Tom and Dave soon gave up on them and decided to use Tom's 40-size trainer with a buddy cord. Not willing to give up so easily, I eventually bound a random Champ to my Spektrum compatible JR transmitter and

found a way to disable the GPS features. After that, the little Champ flew pretty well and always did as was told. In the end, the kids did have a good time learning to fly. Perhaps we even converted a few into lifelong modelers. At least it was an unforgettable and productive day...



Some of the cloth I have decided to actually sew. This is a test on the aileron and then a cover patch over the stitches. On the wings I will make sure the spacing is even.



Now this is the bottom wing that 2/3's of it was GONE. I spliced the spars into the existing wing and built the other half. I have all the covering for the wing and the aileron intact. So, in the next week I will build the center cabane struts and then start re-covering with all the existing covering. Here again I am shooting for first of March.

WHAT'S UP AROUND THE CLUB

by Mike Laible

Well, back in September I mid-aired my SPAD with a Zirolli DR-1. The crash was really spectacular and only Raborn-Bingham midair tops it for the wow factor. Both these can be found on YouTube.

Anyway, I got all the pieces home and promised myself I am not tossing another one of my Dad's planes away. It has taken a lot of work and has delayed my other projects but a large light is at the end of the tunnel.

Below is the top of the fuse. WOW, looks like a plane again. All it needs is flat black on muffler and another coat of olive drab

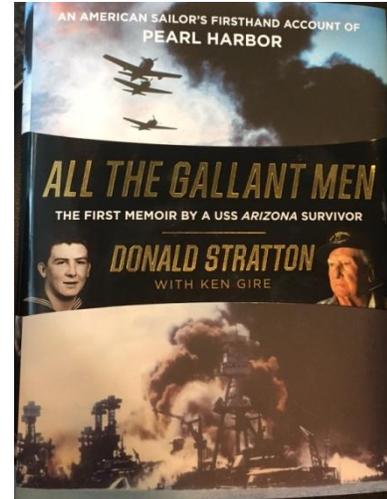


Now the next two pictures are off topic but thought I would include them. First is my trusty dog Elsie. She wanted to get into the decoration



process but she insisted that she have her bomber jacket on. She sports the eight air force very well.

After the ground illumination I prepared for the inside decorations. I usually build a tower out of my old American bricks. This is an additional tree decoration. It's either the bricks or erector set. I guess I like to build anything.



The last topic I have is a book report. I was in the airport and I forgot my book I was reading (next month's book report). So I had to hunt for another book. After several shops I couldn't find a book that interested me. So finally in the corner of this one shop was the book "All the Gallant Men". It's a story of Don Stratton, Arizona survivor. The book is written by Ken Gire which I looked up and mainly has written Christian spiritual books.

Don tells his story with an "as a matter of fact" attitude and mixes it with his moral beliefs. It covers Pearl Harbor, Pacific war, the Bomb, and his friendships. He has a very touching chapter about his feelings of the atomic bomb and pearl Harbor anniversaries with Japanese attendants. Don wanted to get this book done for the 75th anniversary, which he did attend at 92 years old

I have said this before, but this is a must read. It is the most enjoyable book I have read in some time. It stirred my emotions and I felt like I was there. I liked this book so much that I would loan it out for someone to read.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

by Mike Laible

The JSC RCC held its annual Christmas party on December 8th. The party was well attended and I hope everyone had fun. We tried to mix it up a little and have something for everyone.

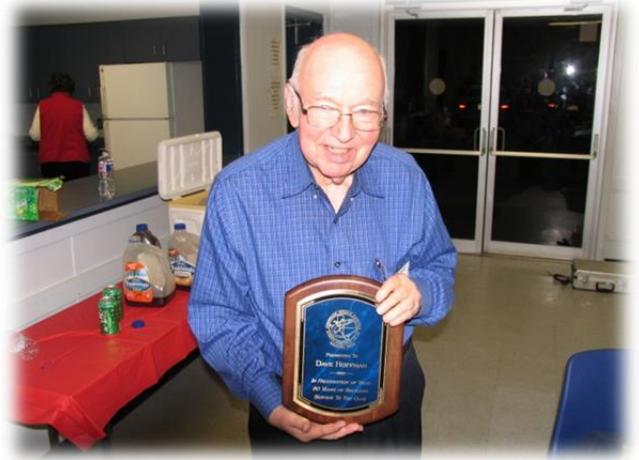


The crowd mingled for some time before the Italian dinner was served.

We had door prizes and a white elephant gift exchange. Below is Blaine putting in his name to for Ornament exchange and the door prizes.



This year marks Dave Hoffman's last year as treasurer and the club decided to honor him with a plaque. Below is Jerry presenting Dave with a plaque marking 50 continuous years of service.



Dave all smile showing off his plaque.



Everyone loves a train. Even Blaine.



Fitz showing off K9 from Dr. Who. Always a crowd pleaser. I actually wanted to see how

scale K9 is and Fitz did a great job at his scale subject.

Everyone mingling and having fun prior to the white elephant exchange.



After dinner we had the door prize drawings and the white elephant exchange. Several nice ornaments were exchanged and a couple of key ones were passed around to the limit. We had train, plains and automobile ornaments.

After that we had the door prizes. This year we had four door prizes, 2 candles and gift certificates and 2 quad copters. The quad copters were highly discounted by Samano Hobbies

The candle and gift certificate was won by Debbie Ramm and Sally Litjen, the quad copters were won by Blaine Valentine and Mike Hudson.

In fact, Just the next night Mike won another quad at the Boeing Party. Looks like a proud winner.

Upcoming Events

3/24 Iron Mike Swap Meet
4/1 Prop Nuts Flee Market
4/8 Alvin Bug Bird
4/8 Texas City Warbird
4/22 Warbirds over JSC, anysize warbird
4/29-30 Wings over Apache Pass, Rockdale,
Texas
4/29-30 New Waverly Big Bird
5/5-6 Austin Big Bird
5/13 Warbirds over Lake Benbrook
6/3 Bomber Field, anysize warbird
6/9-10 Warbirds over Texas, Aubrey
8/25-27 West Texas Warbirds, Abernathy
9/29-30 Warbirds over LA, Sulphur
10/13-14 Space City Fall Warbird, Katy
10/14 Kingsbury Warbird
10/27-28 Southeast Texas Warbird, Dayton

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