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IN THE PITS

by Mike Laible

Welcome to the February newsletter. We had such a nice January meeting. For a phantom club we had two show and tells. It was nice to see the models and felt like old times. Thank you for everyone that showed up.



Side note that maybe everyone would enjoy. I love collecting old toys – erector set, trains etc. Went to Seattle over Christmas to visit my daughter. Stayed at an AIRBNB that the owner was from Houston. But the main point is she had a Tinkertoy

set. Oh my gosh!!!! Had to build something. Ava was laughing all the time.

At Round Top flyin several ladies from the “Stanzel Musuem” approached me. They were handing out old “Flying Magizine” from the 1940-1945. I got about 10 of them and it

has been really interesting to read. They were handing them out to owners of airplanes they saw in the magazine. The B-24 is well represented. So my college I went to had advertisements all over. This one has the B-24 in it!!!!

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Remember, never stop building and never stop flying. Godspeed and safe landings,

Mike

January Minutes

by Kent Stromberg

Minutes of 1/13/2022

Members present 14

Membership - 41 3 new members (*editors note, Closed club and 3 new members – cant wait till we open*)

Treasurers - \$7177.11 on hand
donation \$75.00 not deposited yet and
outstanding check of \$587.11 for Christmas
Food.

Old Business- discussion of when will fly
again on site. Still at stage 2 will need to
explore getting electric turned back on.

New Business- none

Show and tell - Mike new Grupner transmitter
Ken Whie new product Plane Tex Joseph
Schmidt Top Flight nobler U- control and Fred
Henderson and his P-69.

What's Up Around the Club

by Mike Laible, photos by Fitz and Charlie

I can't remember if I mentioned this or not but
after the November meeting we got a nice
tour of the new aircraft. One was the Spitfires
the have. It was fantastic to see the aircraft
up close.



The pic below is Russel Bear and my P-47.
First, Russell's is a Zirolli P-47 and is truly a
masterpiece. Russell should be very proud of
this creation.

The little one in the background is my top
flight P-47. Been having some problems with
it electronic ignition. Changed out the battery
and switch and seemed to fix the problems.
Got two great flights in.



Next up is the pics of the January meeting
show and tells. We had the most show and
tells for some time. It was nice and brought
back some nice memories.

First is Joe Shmidt's control line model, the
Nobler. He got it at a swap meet and had to
do minor repairs on the wing. It is ready to fly
and he is excited to give it a go.



Fred said the first flight took place without a problem. Said it flew great. His notes:

“My plane is a Bell P-63A Kingcobra. I wanted something different so I took a set of Dan Palmer P-63A 96” wingspan plans and reduced them so that I could build a 72” wingspan version. Just wanted something smaller. Fuselage is built up balsa and ply. Wing, stabilizer, and vertical fin are all cut out of Styrofoam and sheeted. Ailerons, flaps, elevator and rudder are also sheeted Styrofoam. Decided to use fixed gear instead of retracts. Painted with rustoleum paint with clear coat over the rustoleum to protect from the glow fuel. I was a little concerned that the plane would be overweight at 12.138 pounds for the Saito 91 that was on it, but we decided to maiden it a few weeks ago anyway. Plane flew great with more than enough power.

Fred Daniels”



Next up is Fred Hendersons P-63. A rare model and in fact I had to llok it up. Fred told me cut all the wing cores out of foam. Wow, what a job. Nice Job.



Above is Ken Whites DR1 tri plane wings. He brought them in to talk about the covering technique. He talked about the different covering options available:

“The covering material is called PlaneTex and was the replacement for SolarTex when it became unavailable. He has no color or adhesive. Balsa USA sells it and recommended using Poly-Tak as the adhesive and Poly-Brush as the filler for the weave. Both products are solvent based and require MEK for cleanup. Also both have a really strong odor and require lots of ventilation. After another search later, I found a YouTube by Balsa USA with a new recommendations for a water based product. It is Stewart Systems EkoBond and EkoFill. The Bond is used to glue the fabric to the structure and the Fill acts as both a weave fill and a primer. Both are water based with virtually no smell and easy cleanup. PlaneTex is lighter than the Uncertified Ceconite fabric from Aircraft Spruce (1.25 vs 1.87 oz/sq yd), but a bit more expensive. The product will work on both fabrics. After finishing with the EkoFill it can be painted with any kind of paint.”

Cheers everyone.

Mike

Upcoming Events

4/9 Texas City Warbird and swap meet
4/16 Prop Nuts Fly-in and swap meet
4/23 Alvin Big Bird and swap meet

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