



The R/C Flyer

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Next Meeting – Thursday, March 14, 2002 at 7:00pm - Clear Lake Park Bldg.

President's Corner

By: Clay Bare, JSCRCC President

Hey all, I hope you are getting plenty of flight time during the mild weather we have had lately. I have been fairly busy lately and haven't made it out as much as I would like. I did finish my Zagi and I've had a chance to get a few flights in. WHAT A BLAST! So far I've crashed into a few trees at the local park and nose-dived it into the asphalt at JSC. Each time all I had to do was pick it up and toss it into the air again. Man are these things tough!

One of the items that have been up for discussion lately is allowing visitors to the field. Dave Hoffman mentioned at the last meeting that this could be managed with just a little bit of planning. If you would like to bring a guest, contact Dave a couple of weeks in advance to have your guest added to the official list. Your guest will remain on the list for 30 days. Dave will also supply a Non-Flyer pass to be used when you bring your guest. I know this is not perfect, but it's a start.

I would also like to remind you to review the club/AMA safety rules before you go the field next time. I have noticed that we are being a little lax lately. Remember not to taxi from the pits, be aware of people standing within the arch of your prop when you run up your engine, and be sure to call out your intentions at take-off and landing. I want everyone to leave the field healthy and most important, WHOLE.

Until next month, May your takeoffs be smooth and your landings gear down!

January Meeting Notes

By: Clay Bare, JSCRCC President

James Lemon won Model of the Month (MOM) with his G-Shark powered by a BME 44.



Old Business

Field Guest - Provide names to Dave Hoffman at least two weeks in advance. Guest names will remain on the list for 30 days. Dave will also provide a Non-Flyer Pass.

Fun Fly Committee Update - First Fun Fly possibly in April. (Editor: Committee will have a planning meeting on March 4th). Club needs to discuss funding and prizes for the upcoming year.

New Business

No new Business

March Meeting Program

By: J. Boyle, JSCRCC Vice President

Mike Liable will be giving a slide presentation on The USS Lexington.

Tentative entertainment for upcoming months:

April.....John Boyle's "Paper Airplane Fun-Fly Competition"
May.....Open
June.....Open
July.....Ken White "Flying Wing" (Appropriate with all the ZAGI's in the Club)
Aug.....Open
Sept....Open
Oct....Open
Nov.....Auction
Dec..... Christmas Party

Other ideas in the works:

- Travis Shelton : "Ikarius Piccolo" Indoor Helicopter Demonstration
- Ron Madsen : "Making Canopies" tutorial
- John Boyle: "Worlds Oldest Model Airplane"

Any other Ideas are definitely welcome!!!!

Thanks!

You Never Know

By Michael Laible

I am sure some of you have stories just like the one you are about to hear. It seems like no matter where I go I always meet someone in RC modeling and the conversation never stops. I truly believe it is a hidden fraternity. It's like a four-leaf clover; its not that common and when you find one you hang around it.

So my story:

"Mike

I hope you remember me from some years back. I've been surfing the web recently on r/c stuffs and ran across the JSC club with pictures of your planes. Seems like you've become quite an accomplished r/c builder. You've more than got the skills for this favor I'll ask of you. I "inherited" a partially built plane from a neighbor who passed away earlier this year. I'd say the plane is about 90% framed but it is quite old so has some broken pieces as well as missing pieces. The neighbor's wife was going to trash it until another neighbor salvaged it and brought it to me...thinking an aerospace engineer can make anything fly...right.

I would love to see this plane completed and flown just for some photos to give to the widow. I hope you're up for a new project."

As you can tell from the picture, it still has a little work to do. I have wanted something easy to fly and a WWI bird seems to be the ticket.



Keith Arnold's beautiful helicopter with Preston Hunt's graphics



URGENT NEED

By: Don White

Baby Bee .049 Engine with TANK! Would pay up to \$5.00.
Don White 281 488-1024 or donwhite@hotmail.com

Why you ask? Well the story is I plan to enter a SAM contest. The SAM (Society of Antique Models) has an annual contest in August this year in Muncie, IN. The event I want to enter is the 1/2A Texaco duration event. Everyone fly's the same COX .049 engine and the engines are limited to the 5cc tanks only available on the older Baby Bee's. I have the engine but I cannot find the tanks anywhere. Please look around to see if you have one. I'll give it a good home, in the air!



Don White with his student Timur Tsend and his dad Eddie Tarkington

And from Brian Morris we have (courtesy of the Far Side) ---



Fumbling for his recline button,
Ted unwittingly instigates a disaster.

What Comes After a P-51? Why a B-25 of course!

By: Charlie Teixeira

Now that I have finished the Top Flight P-51 (and hopefully flown it by the time you read this) I am getting antsy about what comes next. Admittedly, I have a lot of flying catching up to do as I have been building quite a bit over the last year or so.

The P-51 is probably my favorite scale warbird but the B-25 has to be a close second. I have been wanting to build one ever since I saw one displayed and flown at Bomber Field a couple of years ago. So I went ahead and bit the bullet and bought the Wing Mfg kit, which I had heard good things about. It's 84" in span so it's not as big as most Ziroli and Bob Smith type warbirds (which was a big factor). The other selling point is this kit only requires .40-.60 size engines so the overall weight, size and cost are "reasonable" for a twin-engine scale warbird. Test reviews claim the plane is a good stable flyer.

However, since I have been researching this project I have come across some advice including what I saw at the rcwarbird.com web site in the twin engine ("twins") forum. Some of the key bits of advice went something like this:

- #1 **Don't** do twins
- #2 Twins are for experienced pilots (ouch!)
- #3 **Don't** build a scale warbird for the first twin (it gets worse)
- #4 **See #1.**

In spite of the probably good advice, I decided I'd give it a try. Some people have to learn the hard way, but you have to keep trying new things or it no longer is any fun. But I am having some second thoughts and that is where I can use some help. If any of you readers have done twins (the airplane type), your feedback would be appreciated. Here are a couple of my questions:

- Successfully flying a twin-engine airplane depends on having two reliable engines that won't die on you. Loss of an engine on a twin can be certain disaster. Even if you hear an engine quit right away (which may be difficult with several other airplanes in the air), by the time you figure out which engine quit so as to take appropriate action it may be too late. So the question is, what are the really reliable engines out there? Cost is obviously a factor since it's x2.
- It is possible to configure some engines (e.g. Enya, Saito) to rotate clockwise (intentionally!) in order to have counter-rotating engines to offset torque effects. Any of you readers tried this and how did it work? Worth the effort and possible cost?

It is beginning to sink in that this B-25 is going to be a long-term project and the questions are building up faster than the answers. Any advice/comments would be appreciated. (I know, see #1)

Upcoming Events

04/06/02: Bomber Field Fun Fly, Monaville, TX. Contact Nick Stratos for more information at 281-471-6762.

04/06/02: Jetero 2nd Annual "Cash Classic" Warbird Race, Huffman TX. Contact CD Horrace Cain at 281-399-5627.

04/07/02: 6th Anniversary Fly In at Jetero RC Club field, Huffman TX. CD John Forestieri, 281-353-8124.

04/13/02: Prop Nuts Annual Flea Market & Fly In at Prop Nuts field. Contact CD Tazswall Crowson at 281-474-9531 for more information.

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