



# *The R/C Flyer*

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**Next Meeting – March 8, 2012, Clear Lake Park Building– 7:00 PM**



## **IN THE PITS**

*by Michael Laible*

I really do not know where to start this month. It seems like every time I sit down to write nothing seems to surface.

Anyway, I guess I can say the club is humming right along and the weather has not been cooperating. Although, today (March 4<sup>th</sup>) the weather was very nice. Got a couple of flights in but did have problems with MY Fuji 50 in the P-40. I have been having various problems with the ethanol gas getting old, clogging or whatever. So I cleaned things up, used av gas and it ran great two weeks. Well, today it started but then something strange happened, like it flooded. I guess I need to take the complete fuel system apart and clean it. BLAHHH, really wanted to fly it.

Other news is the club fun fly is scheduled for April 14 and a cleanup day for March 31.

As always,

Godspeed and safe landings

Mike L.

## **A GOOD READ**

*by Charlie Teixeira*

For my birthday last month I received a book, actually more like a paperback pamphlet of 85 pages or so, titled "How We Invented the Airplane" written by Orville Wright himself. The book is loaded with photographs and details how the Wright brothers mastered human flight through many test flights of kites and gliders eventually leading to the first powered flight with a pilot on board on December 17, 1903. They succeeded where many others before them had failed by solving the biggest problems of flight, balance & control and wing design. When they couldn't find a motor to their liking for their first powered machine, they designed and built their own. These were two brilliant men, true scientists using methodical testing and calculations. They also documented their work every step of the way.

It is a fascinating read that any aviation buff would enjoy. It is published by Dover Publications and should be available in most book stores and can be found at Amazon.com for \$9.56.

## FEBRAURY MEETING

by Michael Laible

The February meeting picked right up where the January one left off. We had over 30-35 members and guest in attendance. We also had enough models and discussion items to fill the whole meeting.

Let me begin. The first pic is Larry Baileys scale electric helicopter. I really can't remember the name of the mechanics or the subject. I do know it is an older Coast guard chopper.



Here is Larry with his second subject. He did note that it doesn't fly very well and he can't figure it out. We told him he needed to remove the blade holder. Ahhhh. No seriously, he did mention he was having problems and he thought it was the speed controller. But after two different speed controllers he finally figured out it was a bad servo. Lesson learned – check out all the systems.

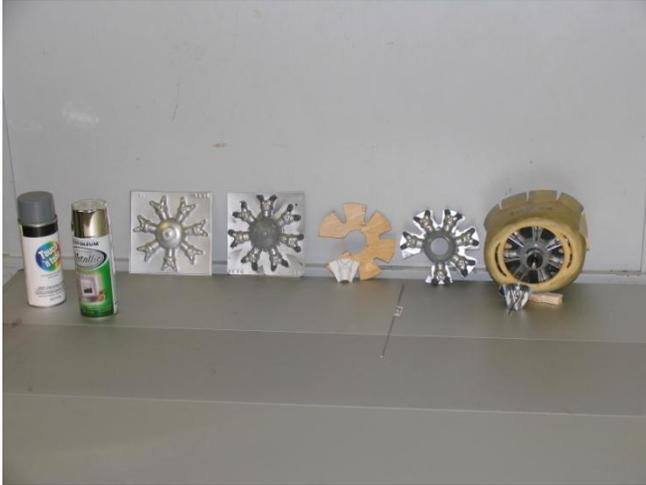


Next is Don Fisher and his Great Planes Stuka.



The next photos are Herman Burton explaining how he crafted scale dummy radials and the next is Mike Laible describing the turrets.

Herman used some nice chrome paint and brushed it up a little to look old. It's hard to see but each valve rod is aluminum tubing and he even has a wire simulating the spark plug wire.



David Angel with his Model of the Month winner a SIG Something Extra.



The main topic of the evening was Matt Hart showing the NASA Microg demonstration model. The airframe is from Troy Built models and it is called the AV8R. It is powered by a Kingtech turbine, I believe the 140 – 31 lbs. thrust. It has a small payload box with a camera set up.

Matt is currently working on the flight controls and NASA approval of flight. This is a great project and I hope to hear more as it progresses.



## **FEBRUARY MINUTES**

*by Kent Stromberg*

32 in attendance, including 7 Guests and potential members

Refreshments next month Kent Stromberg

2<sup>nd</sup> week of April will be the fun Fly

New container is now at field and Mike advised all of the lock combination 22-12-2 It was suggested that we look at the 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit to make sure all is usable and in order.

Herman said we now have 86 members.

Mike advised that NASA wants us to leave the Electric Box at the field in the ON position as it is not meant to be used as a switch.

Treasures report \$5479.00 on hand.

Micro-G Jet explained to members. Model of the month

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## **FEBRAUARY MODEL OF MONTH**

by *Michael Laible*

This month's winner is David Angel with his SIG Something Extra

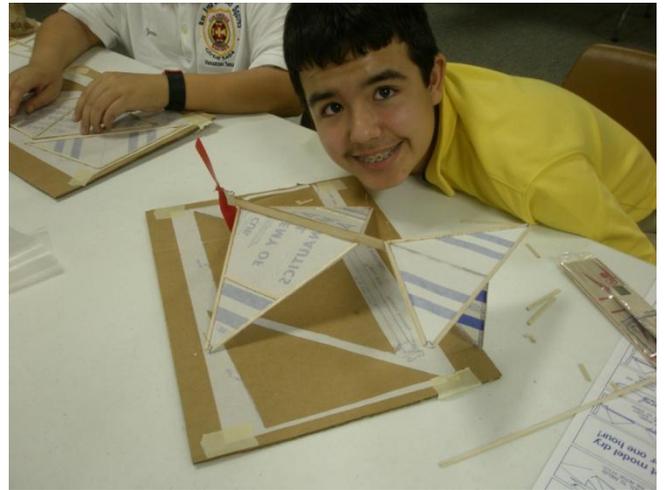


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## **A NIGHT WITH THE SQUIRES**

About a year ago Alex Aquirre called me about doing a demonstration of model airplanes to the Catholic youth group called the Squires. I immediately said yes. Well, I didn't hear from him for a while until last week. He asked if I could come out February 28<sup>th</sup>. So I showed up with Guillow gliders and AMA Darts in tow.

One of the youth with his completed Dart and he is all smiles.



Teaching the youth how to trim the model.



So the night was a great success and several showed interest in coming to the field. I handed out flyers and talk to the leader (Alex) that we would love to have them out some Saturday. I'll let everyone know if and when that happens.

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## Upcoming Events

Mar 24     Rosenburg Swap Meet & Fun Fly  
Mar 31     Alvin Big Bird  
April 7     Texas City Big Bird  
Apr 21-22   Prop Nuts Swap Meet & Fun Fly  
Apr 28-29   New Waverly Big Bird

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