



# The R/C Flyer

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**Next Meeting – March 9th, 2017, Clear Lake Park Building– 7:00 PM**



## IN THE PITS

by Mike Laible

March, wow, time just keeps flying by. Before I know it I am going to join the ranks of the retired. I still have a few good years left but I feel father time creeping up on me.

With that said I have to share this Ziggy cartoon. Wow, that's cold.



Anyway, onto club stuff. The next two months are going to be busy ones. We have the Swap Shop and then Warbirds over JSC. As of this writing I should know more about the Warbird event and NASA's level of comfort on public viewing. Last year we had

a great turn out of the public and it was mainly badged personnel. I plan to hold a meeting of interested volunteers on March 23. We can wrap up anything for the swap meet and start planning for warbirds over JSC.

With that said I am going to miss the March meeting. I am taking a little R&R and visit my Dad. I plan to help with chores around the house and maybe glue some balsa sticks together.

The swap meet seems to be coming together and if you want to help in any way you can contact Jerry Litjen. One last minute change is that it will be at the Blue Bonnet Pavilion. NASA just called me and it seems that the JSC Spring Picnic is happening at the Live Oak. So, lots of traffic.

The warbird event is April 22<sup>nd</sup> and we will need a few more volunteers for that event. Mainly traffic, concessions, and flight line. If the weather holds it should be a well attended event. I just placed an ad in the JSC News and put it on the JSC calendar. I asked for the grass to be cut and that is a go. NASA still wants to keep it to invited pilots (and guest), NASA, and contractors.

So, that's all for this month, safe Landings and Godspeed,

Mike L.

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## **FEBRUARY MEETING**

by Mike Laible

The February meeting once again had a little bit for everyone. Lighter than air, almost lighter than air, and a brick with four props (heh, I fly two quads, a B-24 and 3DR).

First up is Hank Ram and his wonderfully built Wee Devil by Retro RC.

I did some searching on this airplane and all I could find was that it is an original Retro Rc design. However, I did find a cool site about old time small aeronautics,

<http://www.hippoketaeronautics.com/>

Give it a look. Ok, now back to the meeting.



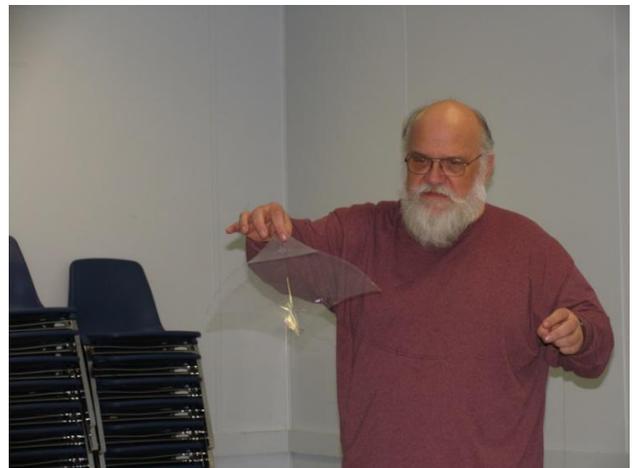
Hank talking about the tail mods he made. Really a nice looking plane.



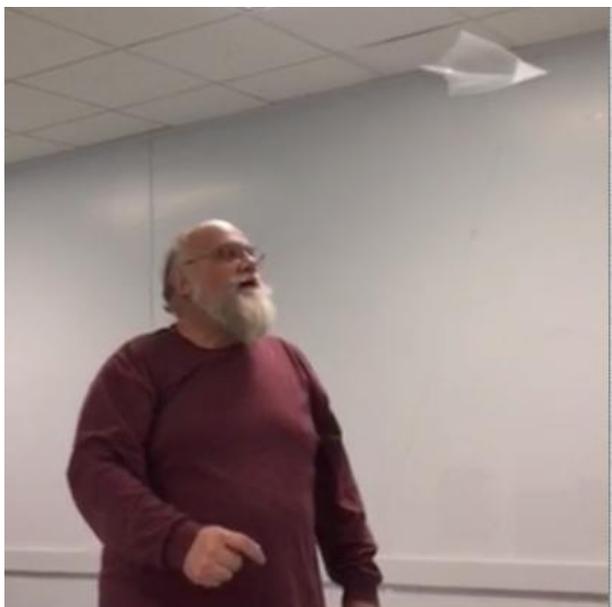
Up next I showed off my new purchase, 3DR quad with GoPro Hero. This is one awesome machine. I have numerous videos so far and they all are steady and look great. I scanned a nursery, showing pots and flowers that will be used in a commercial. Next up is I want to get some great views of the lake.



Now, as usual Dave always has something interesting. I believe this is called indoor kite flying, micro kites. I did a search and could not find exactly what I saw this night. This kite was so lite that it just floated in the air, not moving much. It was truly amazing to see.



Ken White captured a nice video of the plane flying. When I get time I will post it on the web but for now here is a snip it of the video



It was a spectacular exhibit of flight. Thanks Dave. Never stop building and exploring.

## **MINUTES**

Minutes of 2-9-2017

### **Guest**

Mike Severio but has not received his AMA yet

### **New business:**

Discussion about shirts and Hat at Embroider Me with hand out

### **Old Business:**

Iron Mike Swap meet. Charlie will handle coffee. Jerry will handle Tacos.

War Bird over JSC. Discussion about guests attending parking was full last year. Discussion about Raffle. Food Mike Hudson . Flight line; Herman, Don, Dave, Ken. Speakers PA Ken White.

### **Membership:**

Herman reports 68 members.

### **Safety:**

See attached article

### **Treasurers report:**

Treasurers report \$4424.97 on hand.

Motion made by Herman and seconded by Taz to pay Porto pot for the year to receive discount.

Approved by all

Further discussion on items in the Budget as out lined in hand out. Dave moved we accept the budget and seconded by Charlie

Approved by all

Report by Fitz on possibility of using Pay Pal for Dues Discussion and tabled to another

Time as this may not be a good fit with web page at this time.

### **Announcement/Show and Tell:**

Mikes new drone

Dave's indoor micro Kite

### **Model of the Month:**

Hank Rahm with his Wee Devil

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## **RULES, RULES, RULES**

*by Dave Bacque*

Hey guys, I hate to bring this up but we are guests at Johnson Space Center. As a club, we tell JSC that we have rules and they expect us to enforce them. If we expect to keep flying at the best RC field in the area, we must live up to our promises.

We are currently seeing an increase in high technology at our field. Amazing autonomous flight capabilities. Ever increasing FPV equipment and decreasing prices. But we need to remember that there are flight rules.

We've always had rules about where aircraft fly. Remember, no flying over pits, people, cars or such. It might make for great video but it could make for a very bad accident

when something goes wrong. This goes for airplanes, helicopters, quads and anything else you can think of to bring to the field. Absolutely no flying over pits, spectators, parking or anything else. Remember, don't fly over anyone or anything. And if all else fails to stick in your mind, keep it over the grass.

We're also seeing lots more FPV. Cool stuff! But let's remember that we have promised that all FPV will be performed with eyes on the aircraft. This means that if you're using downlink video to goggles or iPhone or any other device, you must, you MUST have a full time spotter for your flight. No exceptions.

Come on guys, we've got one of the great RC fields in the country. We fly at Johnson Space Center, a national treasure. Let's do everything required to keep our side of the agreement that gives us this great field.

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## **WHAT'S UP AROUND THE CLUB**

*by Mike Laible*

I am so flooded with reports from our members about "What's up" that I couldn't fit it all in this month. JOKING. Heh, remember it only takes a pic and a brief description of what's going on. This month I will snip a couple of items from the group me to fill in.

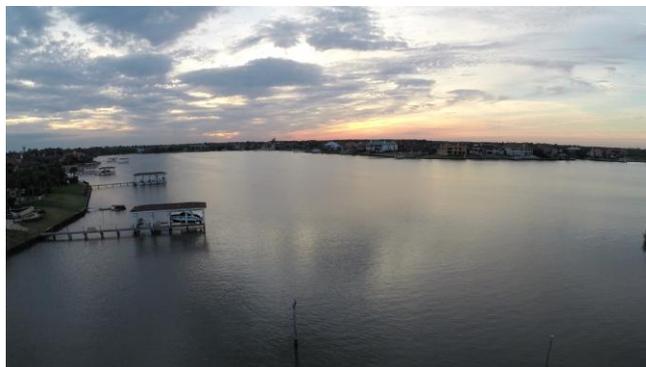
First up is Russel Bears new hanger 9

Marc Del roach

The following pics are snip its from some video I took with the 3DR. Some nice shoots but still working out video and snap shots quality.



A nice sunset over the lake. I flew out over the lake about 800 ft and really got some nice video. Even my wife thought it was cool.



I followed a pelican a pelican during take off. It looks better on the raw video.



Above are additional bomb decals for the B-24. I am currently about 5 bombs short for the sorties performed. Looks like I have a lot of spares!!!!

Now for a sequence of pictures on the SPAD progress. Herman asked me the other night did I get pics of the mess before I started the rehab, no I didn't. I did find this on-line. The next pic shows the SPAD fuselage the day of the mid air.



This pic is when I started the top wing reconstruction.



Starting to look like the old SPAD. Still need to get the covering on but looking good.



Now this is what I am talking about. The engine run was flawless, started right up. She is declared air worthy!!!!

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## **2016 MOY**

*by Mike Laible*



Hank Rahm and his Wee Devil

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JSCRCC End of Winter

# *Boat Fun Fest*

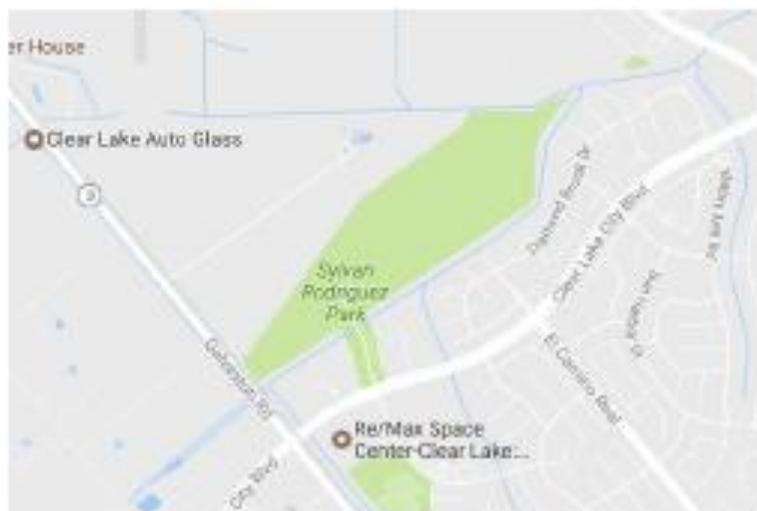
March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017



This low key, R/C boating event will be held at the Sylvan Rodriguez Park, 1201 Clear Lake City Blvd, Houston, TX 77062 (29.5819968,-95.1519692).

This is a wonderful park for model boats and averages about 18" deep. The event is open to most types of boats such as sail boats and power boats. Sorry, no fuel powered boats are allowed. There is no A/C power, so plan accordingly. We will meet at 9am and continue until we've had enough. So come out and float your boat.

Any additional questions can be directed at Fitz Walker: [flying\\_fitz@yahoo.com](mailto:flying_fitz@yahoo.com)





# SWAP MEET

FERROUS DEALS IN TOWN

March 25, 2017

## Gilruth Center, Clear Lake Sponsored by the Johnson Space Center Club



Event opens at 9AM and runs until 2pm.

For information contact Jerry Litjen at 713-253-9887



Entry fee is only \$5 no matter if you are buying or selling!

Directions: I-45 to NASA Parkway (east), left on Space Center (next to Hilton), left into Gilruth ~1/2 mile. At the Blue Bonnet covered pavilion.

[www.jscrcc.com](http://www.jscrcc.com)

## Upcoming Events

3/24 Iron Mike Swap Meet  
4/1 Prop Nuts Flee Market  
4/8 Texas City Warbird  
4/15 Alvin Big Bird  
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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