

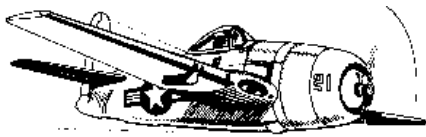


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Next Meeting – March 8th, 2018, Clear Lake Park Building– 7:00 PM



IN THE PITS

by Mike Laible

Another early of the month meeting. Two meetings in a row on the 8th. What are the odds of that, seriously, what are the odds?

Also, two moons for the month of March. Man oh Man. Since this month is a strange one I am going to start off with some off the cuff photos. A nursery close to me has a sign ever week or so with a neat, clever, sayings. So, when this was emailed to me I really enjoyed it and wanted to pass some of them on.



On to RC modelling business. Two events are upcoming. The swap meet and Warbirds over JSC.

So, this month of march starts the first of our two events for the year. First is the swap meet. I did notice both events in the AMA latest issue.

The warbirds over JSC is generating a lot of interest. Below is what I have to date:

Jerry and Larry are heading up traffic. Anybody wanting to help with that give Jerry a call. We need two signs, one to direct continue straight (after guard house) and one to turn at 14. We will have the banner up.

Ken White and Brian will handle registration. Hank helped last year, that would be a great help again. Tables, Tent ?

Concessions are open. I'll talk with Mike on how he handled it last year and his intentions for this year.

James Lemon is going to head up field layout. Pilot Boxes are in good shape and we just need to get safety fence up.

Raffle – Nothing yet. Purchase a top flite ARF? Hanger 9 fun fly

Flight line – Charlie Teixeira, Tom Altmeyer, and Joe Schmidt as fill in and safety coordinator. I also need 3-4 to help judging.

Sound system, I know somebody that has offered their sound system.

Flag fly by with drone, Brian and Larry

Last, I'll get with NASA on man hole covers and ruts. See what they will do and allow us to do.

If you want to help or I have you down for something not correct, just give me a call.

Godspeed and safe landings,

Mike L.

FEBRUARY MEETING

by Mike Laible

I missed last month's meeting, so my notes will be brief. However, Kent did a great job on the minutes so check them out.

I hated missing seeing Keith's electric spitfire, however, I did see it at a couple of fly-ins. I am sure Keith told you that thanks to his efforts we will be seeing spitfire gaggles at events this year. He has everybody going spitfire crazy



Keith giving the P's and Q's of his electric spitfire.



Had to show this one. I don't know if Keith is trying to give a thumbs up or just getting carried away.



What a nice looking model. These foamies are really looking nice.



Well, we have a new pin box and weather station. Looks nice. Thanks guys.

FEBRUARY MINUTES

Minutes of 2-8-2018

Guest

New members/guests - 2

Old Business:

Discussion of Swap meet move up a week to the 17th Jerry needs someone to bring drinks- entry buying or selling \$5.00 (per family) – Will need chair, table and change

War bird event discussion of Pilot buttons. One was passed around as an example- Brian handling registration – need PA system or Bull Horn – Fitz to look into pump.

Discussion of filling in holes etc. on runway- Need to stripe runway-Need a good weekend without rain. Will probably call or send email

New business:

Brian and Larry made a new slim Frequency pin case that is more practical with 2.4 being the norm for most pilots today- They also made a Charge bench and showed photos of the end product. Also showed photos of startup stands and a proposed helo startup stand. Discussion of proposed Electrical on charge stand. Will use extension plug-ins strips as we don't want to change NASA wiring – Introduction and discussion of 2018 proposed Budget not in final form.

Motion- made by Keith Fontenot to reimburse Brian for material needed to build the Startup stands. 2nded by Jerry Litjen. Passed by acclimation of all in attendance

Membership:

Charlie not present – Secretary read his Email - Membership status as of February 4, 2018

-52 signups so far for 2018

-1 new member this month (Raymond Johnson)

-2 additional requests for name tags (total of 8 so far in 2018)

-1 instructor renewed this month (D. Bacque)

-3 new instructors (Larry Ammons, Russel Bear, Gary Wilkerson)

Will need to make appropriate changes on Web page

Safety:

Joe Schmidt – Nothing to report but to be safe.

Treasures report:

Treasures report as of 2-8-2018 \$4694.69

Announcement/Show and Tell:

Model of the Month:

E-flight Spitfire - mark 14 Keith Fontenot

FEBRUARY MODEL OF THE MONTH

by Mike Laible

Keith Fottenot and his Spitfire.



WHATS UP AROUND THE CLUB

by Mike Laible

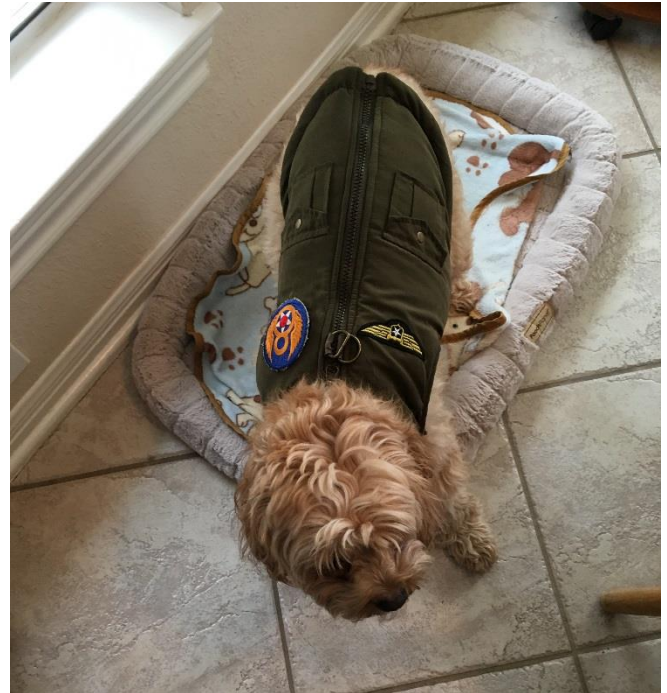
What's up around the club. As I have mentioned before, this section is dedicated to any pics or info members can send me. I'm still waiting!!!!

So, with that said let's continue with the P-47. Starting to make headway and nearly have her painted. So, let's go through the process of getting it from a glassed model to a representation of the real thing.

Below is the scale subject. This plane was flown in the 365th fighter group "Hellhawks". Ever since Tom Jones came and talked about his book I have been interested in this. What a story.



Anyway, this one will be "ELSIE".



Why Elsie. Well it happens to be my dogs name, so why not. She always struts around in her bomber jacket and she has an official "Texas Warbird flying team" scarf. So Elsie it is.



This pic shows the wing with the panel lines all taped up. I used 1/16" chart tape and I sprayed over with primer.



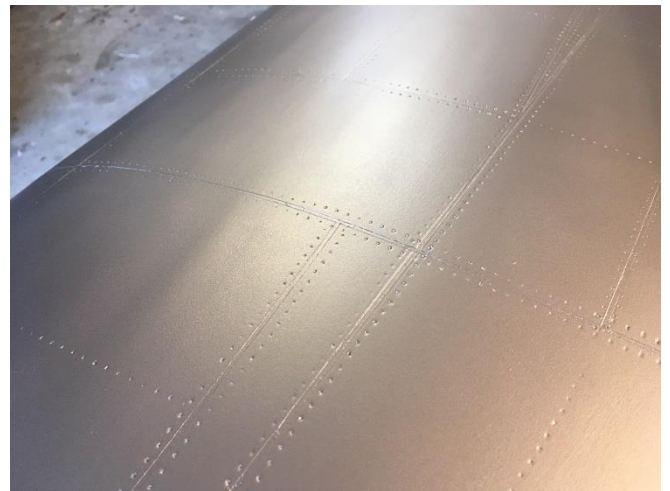
Good view of the rivets and chart tape removed. I even put rivets in between the panel lines.



I then got out my special rivet tool from the north production plant. A run along each panel line and I have simulated flush rivets.



Another view.



Wow, how about adding some aluminum paint. She is looking good.



I am a firm believer in KlassKote and after three planes painted with it I am getting used to it. However, I do not like the looks of the aluminum color. So, several years ago I bought about every major paint of aluminum and ended up liking the Dupli Color engine enamel. Looks great and hard as a rock. The flexibility isn't as good as KlassKote but looks good.

Next steps are to finish up the details, glue surfaces, install bomb drop and start her up. I am hoping to fly it at Warbirds over JSC.

One last item. Just something that has been on my mind lately.

You know I have always said we are a family, a family tied to a common interest of flight. But what about some of our members we haven't heard from in a while. Where have they gone?

Why am I mentioning this????? Well I feel that this is more important than most other items. How do we stay in contact with old and new members!!!!!!

Its time. So, this year at the club picnic (looks like May, but let's set date at March meeting) let's get together, reach out invite a member you haven't seen in a while.

So, lets have fun with the two events for outside our club and then celebrate with a good old picnic/fun fly for our family.

Be watching for details.

Till next time, Godspeed and safe landings,

Mike

Upcoming Events

3/17/2018 Iron Mike Swap Meet
3/31/2018 Alvin Big Bird
4/7/2018 Warbirds over Texas City
4/21/2018 Prop Nuts swap/fly in
4/28/2018 Warbirds over JSC
5/4-5/2018 Sulphur LA MAYDAY
5/4-5/2018 Austin, TX Ken White Memorial
5/19/2018 Fort Worth Bi-Plane fly in
5/19/2018 Benbrook, TX Warbirds Lake Benbrook
6/2/2018 Fortworth, TX, Texas Scale Championship
6/8-9/2018 Aubrey, TX Warbirds over Texas
6/16/2018 Grand Prairie, TX Warbird
9/1/2018 Austin, TX Fall Big Bird
9/19-22/2018 Bomber Field B-17
10/12-13/2018

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