

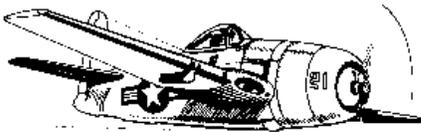


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Next Meeting – April 11, 2013, Clear Lake Park Building– 7:00 PM



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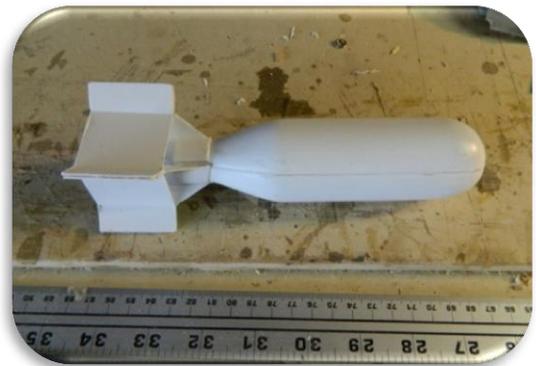
by Michael Laible

I am sitting writing this the last of March and the wind has been blowing hard nearly the whole month. Flying has been sparse and it seems like when the wind does stop I have something that keeps me from flying. Oh well, soon the wind will stop and good flying days will return.

I turned a year older in March. I remember when I couldn't wait for my birthday, now they come too often. Anyway, my lovely wife surprised me with a nice cake. Just the idea that she remembered the make of plane Herman and I spent years on thrilled me. What a treat.



Now onto some odds and ends. The pic below is a product I bought from Rcparts and it came in over a dozen pieces – some assembly required. Had to do a little cutting and gluing but the outcome looks great. This little gem will be dropped from the B-25.



The next couple of pics are the new power plants for the B-25. I bought a couple of DLE copies, RCG engines from Hobby King.



I had to redo the throttle and choke. But all is well and the engines run fine. As of this

writing I just finished another taxi test and things worked great. Got a little beafing up to do with the nacelles and then its time to fly.



After the first flight she will get a coat of paint and some detailing.

Well, I come to the end of another newsletter article. Remember to send me any construction articles or notes of what's going on in the your lab. As I always say, this is everyone's newsletter.

As always, Godspeed and safe landings.

Mike L.

MARCH MEETING

by Mike Laible

The March meeting had two excellent entry's into Model of the Month. One was unorthodox but did use wind for travel. It was an old sail boat that Don White built some time ago (at least 20 years). He did a great job of refurbishing it.

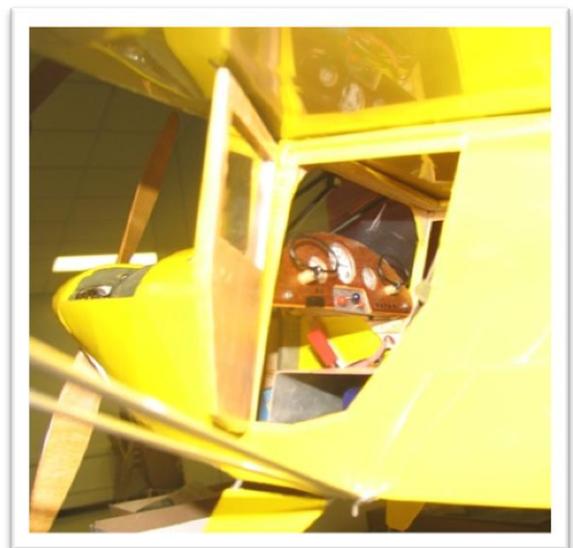
Bill Schwander brought his Comet Taylorcraft. It is an excellent model with some great cockpit detail.



Don displaying his refurbished sailboat.



Bill showing his Taylorcraft



The cockpit details.

Minutes:

Lewis Florer – new member

Boyce to bring refreshments next month.

Treasures report 5441.01 on hand less 175.00 for model of the year prizes

Name tags discussed. Will be ordered.

Model of the month awards given

Swap meet Blane to cook, Mike Magraw could not be in attendance, 5.00 table charge to sell and 5.00 cover charge at the door. Limited tables bring your own.

Fun Fly 5/11/2013

Announcement Randy Stone at St Johns

Don White is seeking members for the society of antique Modelers (sam) Interested parties should see Don

Safety -- discussed making sign on Lipo charging hazard and the proper use of Lipo batteries and proper charging.

Model of the month Bill Schwander.

JSCRCC SWAP MEET

by Mike Laible

The JSC 2013 Swap meet has come and gone. I do believe everyone had a great time and everyone left with a smile. Some deals were had and equipment and cash changed hands.

When all was said and done the club netted \$85. I would count this as a huge success. From my count we had 50-60 people pay at the door. So our total take was \$247 minus \$70 (facility) and \$92 (breakfast), leaving \$85 for the club.

I want to thank everyone involved and for Mike McGraw taking a lead on this. I think everyone agreed it should be held next year.



The pic above is a far view of the pavilion and everyone starting to get ready for the swap meet.



The next Pic is Mike McGraw working hard.



Terry Dunn flying his new toy (rather expensive toy) quadcopter. I believe it is the Phantom from Atlanta hobbies. It has GPS built in. You can program positions into the quadcopter and it will fly to them. It is a beast.



Now this one is a classic. Everyone standing around watching the quadcopter as it snaps a picture. I guess that is true surveillance



A far view from the air. Nice. I have to say our hobby has come a long way.

Russel Shanks also brought his mini quad copter. I think he told me it was \$80-90 out of the box. I have to admit, it was nice.

So to wrap it up, the swap meet was a great success and everyone had fun. Be watching for details on next years event.

MARCH MOM

By Michael Laible



Bill Schwander and his beautiful model.

SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

by Dave Bacque, JSC RC Safety Officer

New Safety Rule To Be Discussed At Next Meeting.

The topic of LiPo safety has come up several times lately. We have had more than one member that has had a LiPo burst and catch fire while charging. When these batteries burn, they can splatter burning, caustic chemicals. This brings to mind all the batteries that are being charged out in the open at the flying field with people sitting right next to them. If one of them happens to catch fire, the best we can hope for is damage to the table or the plastic field box. In the worst case somebody could be badly burned.

A number of months ago at a meeting we discussed a suggestion that all Lithium technology battery (LiPo, LiFe, etc.) charging done at the field should be done using a fireproof container. A LiPo Safe or a ceramic container with a lid are both examples of good, inexpensive fireproof containers. My LiPo Safe cost me a whopping \$5. By the way, if you are charging these batteries at home, you should be using a container there too!

The topic was discussed again at the March meeting and it was decided that we should make this an official Field Safety Rule. We also decided we would publish our intention to discuss and vote on the rule at the April meeting so more members could have a voice in the matter.

My proposed wording is:

-All Lithium technology battery charging in the canopy area must be performed with the battery enclosed in a fireproof container.

This is a simple and inexpensive precaution that could easily help save our club property and possibly a club member's skin.

Some other items that will be discussed and considered are:

-All engine break-ins, or test runs after engine or airplane repairs, should be performed towards the West end of the field away from the canopy area.

-All high speed, low altitude flybys should be performed at least 50 feet away from the active flight line.

Safety is everybody's business!

Upcoming Events

April 20 Prop Nuts Fly in & Swap
April 27-28 New Waverly Big Bird
May 4-5 Kingsbury Spring fly in
June 1 Monaville Warbird
June 14-16 Warbirds over Texas
Sept 19-21 B-17 Monaville
Oct 5-6 Kingsbury Dist VIII Fly in
Oct 11-12 Katy Warbirds
Nov 2 Dayton Warbirds

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<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=1834325#post24168699>

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