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Next Meeting – April 13th, 2017, Clear Lake Park Building– 7:00 PM



IN THE PITS

by Mike Laible

April, we all know what that means, the swap meet is over and the Warbird event is right around the corner.

I missed the March meeting because I was on travel to St. Louis. It seems I had to make a visit to the north production plant and get it going again. They were a tough crowd, they demanded an inside work area with climate control. Man, what demands. Check out the article below.

We held a warbird meeting on March 23 and got a lot accomplished. You can find detailed minutes below

The swap meet was held on March 25. From what I saw it seemed to be the same attendance and slightly less. However, the items were being sold. So, I consider it a success. I know I picked up some quality items and missed out on a nice Stuka. I don't have the final numbers but I am sure the club made over a couple of hundred dollars. *(Jerry informed me it netted \$280)*

Good job everyone.

I usually reserve this column for a club business section and have very few pictures.

But this month I have two pictures I could not pass up.

One is a sunset over the field the night of the warbird meeting. Doesn't get better than this.



This next picture is very special to me. Jon La Roche took this picture prior to the re-flight of the SPAD. The rebuild is done and she is flight worthy. My Dad is very proud.



Safe Landings and Godspeed,

Mike L.

MARCH MEETING

by Mike Laible

I missed the March meeting so my write up will be short.

I guess all I can say is, we had the meeting. Taz did send me one picture that looked like a grab bag table.

I did get a report from Jerry about the swap meet and we made somewhere around \$280 for the event.

MINUTES

Minutes of 3-9-2017

Guest

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New business:

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Old Business:

Fitz discussed using Pay Pal. He will investigate it further.

Discussed Tacos for the Swap Shop.

Warbird event discussion was tabled until next month.

Membership:

-

Safety:

-

Treasures report:

Treasurers report \$4424.91 on hand.

Approved by all

Announcement/Show and Tell:

Hank discussed dethermalizer

Model of the Month:

No Model of the Month

BOAT MEET II

by Mike Laible and Fitz Walker

Fitz Walker held his second boat meet at Alex Rodriquez Park. As you can tell by the picture below the weather was great and the turn out fantastic. Looks like Fitz has started an event. A recap from Fitz:

"The second JSCRCC R/C boating event was a great success with near perfect weather and some 20 boaters attending. There was a great mix of nautical vessels ranging from speed boats to sail boats, and everything in between. Several boaters even came from across town to attend."



Thanks Fitz

Not to be left behind, Keith Fontenot wanted to get in on the boat action. He figures it will be ready by the next event.



This next pic must be one of the best. A little tug boat off in the distant. How nice is that. I cant tell but I think that is smoke out of the stack



I hope the sail boat missed.



Another sail boat, but wait Batman, what is that in under the water!!!!



WHAT'S UP AROUND THE CLUB

by *Mike Laible*

Well, here I am at the What's up column. I have a few pics that I grabbed from group me and will try my best to describe them.

But first let's start with North Production plant (for the newcomers, that's my Dad who still builds planes at 89). I missed the last meeting because I headed to St. Louis to see my Dad. I wanted to help him clean up some things and move his work bench inside. Well, I accomplished it all.

As you can note he is back in production with the bench inside.



The model was sitting around for a year with nothing being done. In three weeks since I moved it inside for him, the wing and fuselage is well under way. PROGRESS.



It was music to my ears when he told me this was the best idea we came up with.

Ok, this next one is from Russell Bear showing that sometimes the muddy field can be an asset. As you can note, nose first in the swamp. I told him he needed to quite trimming the grass.

Not to worry, rumor has it is flying again.

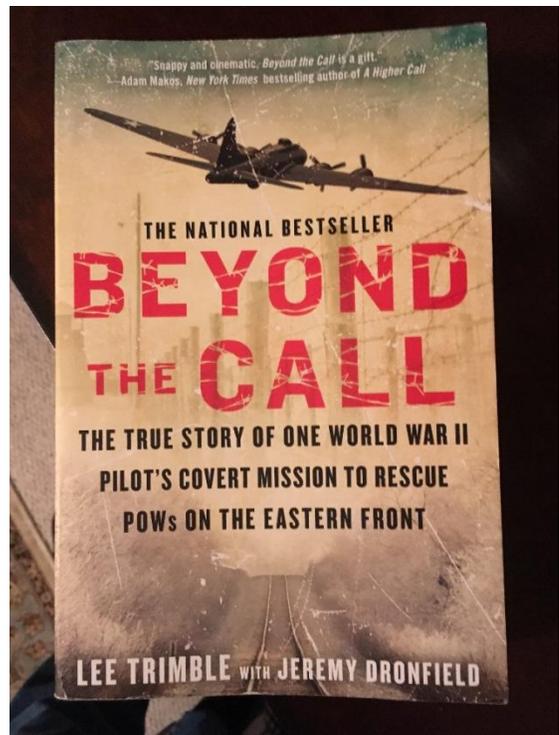


Now this is a good one, Marc La Roche new heli pad. Ah darn, what a terrible place to fly. Marc, keep sending us updates. But we are going to have to work on that time change!



Got another book report. Actually, I have two. The first is called "Killing the Rising Sun" by Bill O'Reilly. It was actually a good book and Mr. O'Reilly is a decent author. It was a great history of the Pacific war and the development of the atomic bomb. I enjoyed the candidate discussion on "was it right to use it".

Below is another book. This was a very interesting story of the brutal campaign of Russia in the Poland territory. It's about Capt. Trimble's covert operation in Poland. Great read.



Now for the Corsair progress. I have all the panel lines marked out and ready to prime. Should have that done in a week. Got the paint ordered and should be here by this meeting. I am hoping to have first flight in May sometime.

I got the decals and everything is set. Most of the functions work/tested and just need to get a chance to paint her.

In addition to this I have the P-47 mostly fiber glassed and that should be complete before

long. Then the B-25 gets started. Yee Haa, gonna have to retire soon.



I am just adding this in on Sunday morning, April 9. Seems like Texas City had a nice turn out at the warbird event and I had my SPAD there. It took first place (it helped to have very few WWI planes). However, first place.



Well, that all I have for now. See ya at the meeting.

WARBIRDS OVER JSC

by *Mike Laible*

We had a meeting to discuss the “Warbirds over JSC”. Below are the minutes to this meeting. We will discuss final plans this

coming Thursday. This should be a great event and I have a lot of advertisement at NASA and Boeing. I am thinking we will have about 40 pilots.

MINUTES:

Meeting on March 23, 2017

Jerry is heading up traffic. Larry and Brian will be helping

Charlie Teixeira will be heading up refreshments with help from Kamran and Mike Hudson. Also, Charlie and Hank’s wife will help in morning.

James Lemon is going to head up field layout. Pilot Boxes are in good shape and we just need to get safety fence up. We have over 5 large pylons to hold up netting.

Fred Daniels will be heading up the registration with Ken White/Hank. Fred is bringing 4 tables. Ken is bringing PA system.

Raffle – Fred and Ken will head this up. I got the tickets. We have one raffle and maybe a second-place prize will be donated.

Flight line – Herman, Don White, Tome Altmeyer, and Dave Bacguc.

Have contacted JSC to cut grass prior to event. Also, asked for trash cans.

Larry and Brian will handle drone/flag. Ken is making sure CD has the national anthem.

Field maintenance. Talked about re-stripping and weed eating. Herman has sprayed the weeds and Charlie has offered to weed eat.

Two plaques will be given, best multi-engine and best fighter. I’ll order from crown trophies. I think last year was Herman, Don, James, and Mike Hudson as scorer, so was I. Looking to have same group.

Upcoming Events

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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