



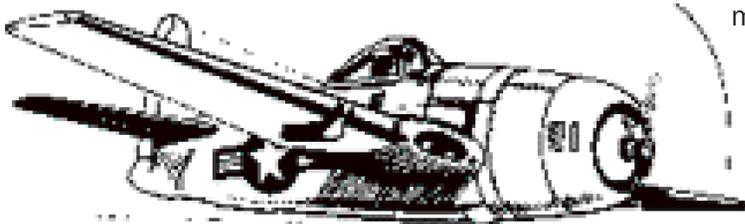
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Clear Lake Park Building – 7:00 PM

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In The Pits

By Michael Laible, President

Once again another month has gone by. I don't know about you but I am getting tired of the wind and bad weather. Oh well, it'll change.

The last meeting was great and the club decided to form a membership committee. Her-

man Burton has volunteered to lead the committee and you will be hearing more as the months pass. The initial guidelines for the committee are summed up in the following paragraph

“The Membership Committee Chairman shall be appointed by the President and will select at least two other members to serve on the committee. The committee shall handle all membership matters and report monthly, either in person or in writing, to the club. The Chairman shall have custody of all membership forms and will contact all perspective members to welcome them into the club, and to find out if an instructor is required to aid them. If required, the Chairman shall contact the Chief Flight Instructor to set up

scheduling for an instructor to meet with the new member. Instructors shall be assigned to the new student pilot from the current list of approved instructors on a rotating basis.”

The intention is to have a committee that welcomes and contacts all new members and existing members. Membership applications and dues are still sent to the Treasurer. One of the first tasks will be to get a common database, i.e. common membership, security, and email list.

It was also decided to have a family gathering and fun fly. This event will take place on May 16th. This event will be a very casual fun fly that is intended for the whole family. We should even have a few trainers so everyone

can give flying a try. In order for all guest to receive entry, a list of expected guest needs to be sent to me by Monday the 11th. So please email your list even if you are not sure if the guest is coming. This should be a good time for all. We will have some drinks and some Hot dogs for a light lunch at the end.

This month I thought I would pass on a hint and tip. This tip is an easy one and one that everyone should be able to use. Everyone knows I like the large size models. This can get tough, especially when I want to bring more than one model. As you can see from the pic below – 1 giant scale, 1 .60 size scale, and a .60 size pattern plane. Not bad – and room to spare.



The tip is to use those pesky coat hanger clips in your car. They are useful for something more than dry cleaning. I used $\frac{3}{4}$ " hardwood dowel, 10/24 threaded rod, 8 wing nuts, and electrical heat shrink. I cut the threaded rod into 18" pieces (36" cut in half). I bent the

threaded around the $\frac{3}{4}$ " dowel, and use the heat shrink material over the curve. This helps in not tearing up the car coat hanger clip. Cut the dowel to the width needed for your car. Drill the holes and secure with wing nuts as needed. You can raise or lower the dowel on the threaded rod. You do need a set of hangers in the front and rear.



You do need to use dowel and not PVC. It seems that PVC is not stiff enough.

In closing I want to share a little mishap I had. It seems when I stuffed all those planes in the car, I placed my transmitter right under the fuel tube from my pattern plane. Well, that wasn't pretty. I had fuel all over and in the transmitter – my new radio. So instead of letting alone, I felt I need to clean it.

The pics to the right show a transmitter completely torn apart. I cleaned every piece of plastic and every electronic board. It seems the radio took on a lot of fuel and I am glad I cleaned it. I reassembled and burned it in for a couple of hours.

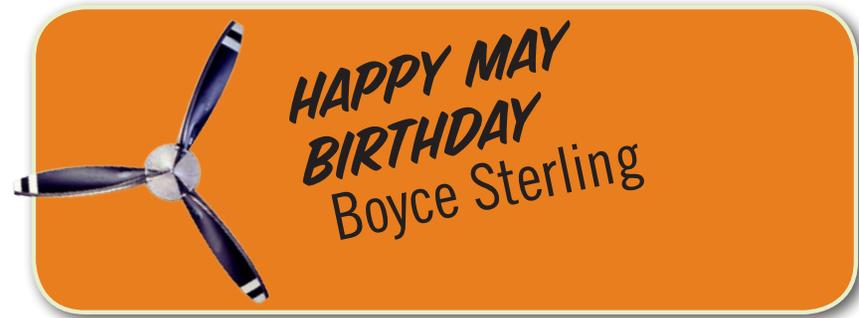


Entertainment for the May meeting will be a DVD of Warbirds over the Midwest. I have previewed it and it is well done and worth seeing.

Until next month - - -

See ya at the field.

Mike



Model of the Month



Mike Laible

Mike Laible brought his Dirty Birdy pattern plane of 70's vintage. He used Windex to place the Monokote trim, let it dry overnight, and then came back with heat to seal the trim down. Good trick to remember. It uses a Thunder Tiger 60 for power.



Mike and Leslie Bodak

Mike and Leslie Bodak brought his first trainer, a Hobbistar 60. They put it together and no divorce papers followed so they are doing well!

See what your missing!! I hope I see at the next meeting.

Meeting Pictures

Photos by Taswall Crowson



April Meeting Minutes

By Mike Goza

Old Business:

May 16 is the fun fly. Come out and have some fun. James Lemon is the CD for the event. Club will provide drinks and snacks, possibly more.

Mike will order the bungees this month.

Herman debut the results of the first membership committee. It talks about presenting certificates for new members and members that graduate to pilots. This is just the first installment of many. The goal is to investigate enticing new members. It is also to make the ones we have happier and more involved.

Prop Nuts flea market and fun fly is April 18th.

New Business:

There was talk about getting a club trainer. There are many logistic problems, but the club is considering it. Mike Goza offered his old trainer if the club was interested.

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Entertainment:

We had a video for entertainment this month.

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