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Next Meeting – June 14, 2007, Clear Lake Park Building – 7:00 PM



In The Pits

By Michael Laible, President

Boy Oh Boy, it's already June!!!! I promised my self I was going to get some quality flying in this year and here it is, almost half done. Oh well, time flies. I really think the earth is spinning faster. Anyway, I do keep in practice with the old flight simulator. I still have one of the original RealFlight sims, but it still does the trick.

Last months meeting was well attended with some new and old faces. The business part lasted about thirty minutes and the show and tell was the bulk of the meeting ending with the Top Gun 2006 DVD. This was not by accident, I am trying to keep the meeting business within thirty minutes and use the rest of the time for mingling and sharing modeling tricks. So come on out and bring your latest creation, tell us about it.

It's time to update the instructor list. So if you want to help please contact me to be added to the instructor list. We need to help out the new members. I will be contacting the

current list to see if they want to be retained as instructor.

As I write this our canopy should be installed. This is just in time for the June 16th Fun Fly. The Fun Fly is opened to every club member. So come on out and have some fun. The events are usually designed to be more chance than skill. I mean you must be able to take off and land.

Three models were brought to the May meeting. Phil Elting brought a Stephens Akro which has been in the making for some time. A new member Dan Cencer brought a Duraplane which he is fixing up. He is also looking for an instructor to help him out.

Last is Bill Schwander's electrified Bi-Hawk (or at least that is what the box says). Bill seems to have a new model every month. His craftsmanship is something to see. Anyway, I think he is on to something, turning all those old kits into electrics. I believe I will be dabbling into this in the coming months.

At the conclusion of the meeting we watched a DVD of the 2006 Top Gun. We watched about 40 minutes and got near the expert planes. In June we are going to watch the expert class, mid-day 3D flying, and to wrap it

up, Mac Hodges flying his B-29 like a pattern ship. See you at the meeting.

Until next month,
Safe Landings,
Mike

May Meeting Minutes

By: Phil Elting/Mike Laible

Two new members attended the meeting:
Mike Dodson and Dan Cencer

Old business

The replacement canopy has been purchased and given to NASA for installation ... should be done soon.
(Editor: The canopy is up!)

About \$140 was spent on the canopy and frame repairs.

The rained out Fun Fly is rescheduled for June 16th, 9:00am.

The flight instructor list is being revised.

New business

None

MOM/Show and Tell

Dan Cencer brought a Duraplane which he acquired. He intends to repair it and use it for his flight training.



Bill Schwander brought an electric biplane that he built and took to SEFF in Georgia. I failed to get the kit name but it was a beautiful vintage model.



Phil Elting brought a model of a Stephens Akro which he built from a Precision Built kit. He started the plane in 1993 and just finished it ... he must be the worlds slowest builder. The plane is a model of the plane Leo Loudenslager flew in the 70's and 80's. Leo called his highly modified Stephens Akro a Laser 200. Leo competed in the plane from 1973 through 1983. He was US Champion in '75, '76, '77, '78, '80, '81 and '82 and World

Champion in 1980. The model is finished in the Bud Light markings that Leo made famous. The model is equipped with a YS120 engine and Airtronics radio. It is finished in Monokote with markings by Model Graphics.



Phil won MOM.

Shark Tales

By Michael Laible

Just when you thought it was safe to get back into the water, then all of a sudden, JAWS JSCRCC style.

I ventured out to the flying field one Saturday. It rained hard the night before so I was expecting some water on the field. But what I saw flying around caught me off guard.



Flying fish, even better, flying sharks. Under closer inspection I noticed that every once in a while the shark would dive down for a gasp

of water. Never fear, it would always bounce back into the air. Away the fish would travel. I had to keep my eyes open for other flying fish.



Well, the story ends well. I noticed the culprit behind the Shark Tale was none other than Terry Dunn. You may know Terry; he has been an electric guru ever since I have known him (also writes for Fly RC). He was out at JSC flying some of his creations. He turned a Shark Park into a float plane. It flew well off the JSC temporary ponds that are created after every rain.



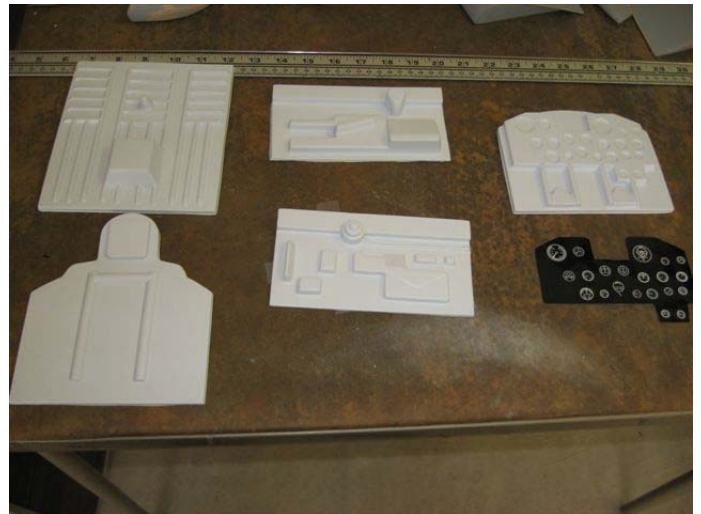
SCALE COCKPIT

By
Herman Burton

Over the past few months I have written articles about the giant scale P-47D-25 I am building. I have now completed the basic construction of the airplane, and am now moving into another phase, that of adding the scale components.

This airplane is a kit produced by TopFlite. In addition to the basic kit, they also make several scale options that can be bought, including a scale replica radial engine, 108 gallon centerline gasoline tank, complete cockpit with all instruments, and others. I like the looks of a scale cockpit, and this article will show the completed cockpit, as it looks prior to the installation of the bubble cockpit.

The scale cockpit is furnished as unfinished vacuum formed components of a thin white plastic material. The photograph below shows the various cockpit components as they look after being cut out of the vacuum-formed blank. As can be seen, the molded parts are crisp and clean, and only need to be washed with soap and water, painted, and installed. The black sheet of instruments are decals, cut out individually, and glued onto the replica cockpit dash.



After the plastic parts were washed and dried, they were painted in the original colors of the cockpit. The next photo shows the painted parts with decals applied.



Then, after the paint had dried, I installed the parts in the cockpit, and the resulting scale cockpit is shown in the last photo.



I would recommend a scale cockpit for your next airplane. It adds a nice touch.

Upcoming Events

6/9/07: ARF R/C Club Spring Fun Fly, Livingston, TX. Contact CD Mike Muehr at 936-967-0487.

6/9/07 : Houston Helicopter Fun Fly in Katy, TX. CD is Ty Prause, 979-732-9072.

6/23-24/07: Braden Clough Big Bird, Texas City, TX. CD is Ken Juneau, 832-723-0395.

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