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of birds looking intently at my water bottle. Little to say, it was hot. But you know, it is south Texas. Just brought a couple of shirts and drank lots of water. So be careful out there, don't get too hot and have the emergency number ready on your cell phone.

Nothing new to show on the building end. Just got a little done on the B-24 and will have some pics next month. I am going to start a dual project, finishing the B-24 and starting the P-47. I am excited to get the bomber completed and am looking forward to do a kit. It has been some time since I have built a kit and sometimes you just want to follow instructions instead of always thinking what

your next move is. Actually I was thinking of picking up one of these good looking ARF's. Always wanted a F7F tiger cat. Anyway, got a lot of neat stuff coming off the board this year

Several good things happen at the meeting this month. One we decided to up the apparel allocation to meet some minimums. So new hats and shirts will be arriving. This order should last us for a while. Second, we discussed the sample coating of the runway and the cost (Thanks John Campopiano). But before we take on this task ourselves, several thought that it might be wise to see what someone would charge us. So Jeff Dunehev and Dave Hoffman is going to check around. I

In The Pits

By Michael Laible, President

The heat is on!

Went out to the field on a Sunday around noon and guess what, nobody around. Just a couple

did call our NASA contact and he did not think it would be a problem to get them on-site to do the work.

So that is it for now so see ya at the field.

Oh yah, our newsletter editor and webpage guru, is expecting another child this month. So another future modeler!!!

Mike L

RALLY OF THE GIANTS

By Herman Burton

Every year the International Miniature Aircraft Association (IMAA) holds a giant scale RC fly in. This year the event was

held June 4, 5 and 6 at Monaville, Texas, where many readers of the club's newsletter will recognize as the locale for the Bomber Field B-17 Fly In during the third weekend of September each year.

Club president Mike Laible and I went to Monaville Friday, June 4, to enjoy the sight and sounds of these big, beautiful birds. As usual, there were planes of many different varieties. Aerobatic planes were present, WWII warbirds, bombers, and many other types. A one-half scale Spacewalker was present, and did a magnificent display of flying with smoke on every pass. Several 125" wingspan B-17s were present, and the photo below shows two of these nicely detailed WWII bombers.

As I was watching one of these bombers takeoff and fly, it was exciting to watch it make the rounds. But on the third go around, it starting coming down, down, down, and it finally dawned on me the pilot was bringing it down in what I initially thought was a controlled crash. Plus, the plane was nowhere near the runway, and was way beyond the four-strand barbed wire fence separating the main runway from many acres of recently mowed wild grass. "Oh! No!" I thought, visualizing a major crash. The sick feeling in my stomach had begun to take hold, when I watched it make a relatively smooth landing in the stubble of grass, and remained upright. Whew! I was greatly relieved when the flight crew retrieved the plane with only minor damage.



The weather was pleasantly cool for early June, and a gentle north wind helped keep the humidity lower than usual. Mike Laible flew his F6F Hellcat twice while I was in attendance; once in the morning, and once in the afternoon. During the afternoon flight, after successfully flying many passes around the field, he dropped his retractable landing gear, and unfortunately a main wheel dropped off, too! Oops! He pulled the gear up, and with ½ flaps, made a beautiful belly landing in the grass. The belly sustained only minor damage, mostly from the propeller pieces that broke off when the plane touched down.

But for me the highlight of the event, and that made the whole trip more than worthwhile, was to see the culmination of 6 years work by a builder for the same giant 146" wingspan B-24 four engine bomber Mike and I are presently building. The next two photos show some of the detail of this beautiful plane.



The builder has spent the past 6 years making this plane an exact scale replica, with rivets on every surface, handmade bubble canopies, antennas, full scale gun turrets with machine guns and bullets, nine crewmen in full high altitude oxygen masks and leather flight jackets, etc. The plane is painted with a five-part chrome paint that gives the look of fresh aluminum skin. The plane is without a doubt the most detailed, authentic, realistic scale airplane I have ever seen. I was in complete awe that anyone would spend that amount of time building a model. He plans on taking it to the Scale Masters Championships in the near future. I imagine he will place very high in the competition, perhaps even winning. A 100 static score is quite possible.

The plane has not flown yet. It weighs 62 pounds dry, and even with four Magnum 91 4-stroke engines, I can only imagine what that first flight will be. Talk about HEAVY METAL! I wish him good luck!

The event was a lot of fun, and had pilots from as far away as Michigan. If you ever get the chance to attend an IMAA event, you will enjoy the planes, the camaraderie, and the opportunity to extend your circle of friends in the aeromodeling community.

Model of the Month



Dave Bacque
MOM Winner.

Dave Bacque won Model of the Month for May with an combat plane called the "Battle Ax".

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

May Meeting Pictures

Photos by Taswall Crowson



May Meeting Minutes

By Kent Stromberg

New Business:

Jscrcc Meeting minutes 6-1-2010

No new members

Refreshments for July Boyce Sterling

Discussion of Brians Test SQ for Coating runway

Look at possible Contractor to Coat Runway. Dave Huffman said he would get some names.

Treasurer Report 6525.85

Discussion of Shirts and Caps. Change to add some Gray shirts, slightly over Budget due to minimum orders

Model of the Month: Battle Ax Dave BACQUE Discussion and invite to all members to join in Flying Combat

Movie of Air Force and its command formation etc..

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