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Next Meeting – July 8th, 2021



IN THE PITS

by Mike Laible

Well this is one of those months where the meeting date and newsletter date sneaks up on you. Forgot the 1st is a Thursday so the meeting is the 8th, at LONE STAR. I have written and called the Gilruth on meeting rooms. I have not heard back from them and JSC is still at stage 2 – only mandatory personnel. Boeing is going full operations on July 12th and from what I hear JSC may be soon after, but nothing confirmed. We now have a new center director and do not know how that will change things. So, stay tuned. I do see a light at the end of the tunnel.



So, has everybody passed the exam? The name TRUST is kind of weird. But anyway, as I see it you now need these two cards to fly legally under the AMA and FAA rules. If I am wrong, we can discuss it at the meeting. The test

was very easy and I got the certificate right away. I used clear tape to cover them up and

make the cards water proof. So, make sure to register and take the test.

When you receive this newsletter, it will be the fourth of July. We usually have a nice gathering for flying on the fourth. I noted in my log book that up to COVID the B-24 flew on the fourth most of the times. Next year should be a good year and have the field open. I noticed that Gilruth is letting a few outdoor activities and that the tram is running from Space Center Houston. I have written Gilruth for the room policy and will be calling NASA prior to the meeting. Can't wait.

This coming meeting, we will talk more about the webpage update. This should be informative and we need to make some decisions. We also really need someone to step forward and volunteer for helping with the web site.

That's all for this month. Remember to pass on any articles you have. This email is yours and articles are always welcomed. This newsletter depends on info from all members.

Remember, never stop building and never stop flying. Godspeed and safe landings,

Mike

June Minutes

by Kent Stromberg

20 member present

Membership – 43 current paid members

Treasurer - \$7476.00 on hand

Old Business:

1. new web page being discussed and prelim version presented – would like member feedback or suggestions
2. we do have letter of agreement on boundaries with FAA
3. things slowly opening but no onsite Flying yet
4. thank you to Texas City and Alvin for their support

New Business:

1. Mike advised field looks good but several items need attention
2. need to get work order to get electric turned on
3. some cleanup of runway necessary
4. Weeds are a potential problem
5. Several members concerned on remote id regulations by FAA- Discussion among members. Need to register with FAA and that number must be on planes.
6. Charlie advised the meeting site is now charging \$150.00 for use plus a 75.00 Cleanup fee. We have the flight museum site for two more months. Members asked to look for possible sites.

Kent

What's Up Around the Club

by Mike Laible

Whats up around the club? The month of June was full of activities for the RC pilot (and boater). I don't have pics but hopefully we will have a nice article on the Fitz boat

brigade. I heard it was a nice turnout in late June.

First up is WACO Big Bird. First time at this event. I have been trying to fly the bomber at new events all this year and WACO is one of them. Anyway, Keith Fontenot and I traveled up to WACO for the day and had a great time flying. He got two great flights on the lend/lease Russain P40 and I had two on the bomber, three on P47 and one on the Bearcat.



Keiths Russain P40. I cant remember what kit this is but I know it has been around for about 30 years. As I mentioned he two great flights on it.



B-24 ready for another sortie. Got flight 96 on it.



Bombs away. These are knew bombs. 3D printed by Fitz Walker and perfectly weighted by me. I used a ½ oz lead in the nose, filled with that expandable filler, and plati-dip the nose. They look great in the air.

Next up is “Warbirds over Texas”. I drove up early Friday, got the tents set up and flew until my fingers were tired (or legs from walking). I don’t know but it seems like my models are getting heavier. : ‘)

However, the event did see a thunderstorm Saturday morning with up to 70 mph winds. Below is a pile of destroyed canopy frames – OUCH. No storms were forecast – Oops, they got that wrong. Thankfully everything was fine with the planes in our group.



The Bearcat and Bomber with some awards from the WACO event.



All the planes and participants on Saturday afternoon.



Last but not least Hermans “Eileen”.



Grant Schroeder and his Hellcat. He is one heck of a pilot and he is 20 years old.



One awesome Corsair. This plane is owned by the event coordinator (forgot his name). I believe it has a three cylinder SAITO for power.



Once again Grant and his P-51 – it is fast.



Next up is my Bearcat. It was a great flight and I was looking forward to several others. But know, put gear down and a wheel fell off. OUCH. Minor damage on that landing gear.



Bret Bowlings wonderful B-17



Tim Ott's fathers plain. "Touch of Texas". They have flying together at flyins, nice.



One nice looking CUB. Its big also and flown by Griag Bradshal, Terry's brother.



Tuskegee P-51 with a tiger Sharks mouth. Was not aware of this scheme.

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A group photo of the bomber mission and some P-51 escort.



A little formation flying of the bombers. Unfortunately the B-17 was lost on the next flight.



That's all for now. As always, God speed.

Mike

Upcoming Events

7/16, Lone Star indoor flying

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