



The R/C Flyer

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Next Meeting – November 12th, 2020



IN THE PITS

by Mike Laible

I don't know about you guys but this is getting old. It seems like everything is upside down, even my flying. I am a people person and this constant zoom is not doing it for me. Not only that it seems like a lot of things are - - let's say out of kilter. I mean a lot of anger, politics, disease, angry over mask (but really, driving alone in your car, do you need a mask), driving (seems like everybody forgot how to drive, road fatalities are up), etc. What-ever your religion or beliefs, it's time to start praying for our country, leaders, and citizens.

With all that said, I have found a refuge and they are in the form of "fly-ins". Yes, I have been to several over the months and it is nice to see everyone. The last one was Bomber Field. It was well attended and I think everybody just wanted out. However, it was a rough one for me. The bomber ended up being grounded (I tried) and I lost some skin on my leg - OUCH. Yes, the four props swinging finally got me, took 86 flights and 8 years – but it claimed its flesh.

Prior to Bomber, Joe Schmidt called me and asked if I would like to help with the Lone Star Flight Museum children's "Ground

Marshalling Program". We decided the bomber with brakes would be appropriate for this demonstration. So, I loaded her up and ran the bomber for 10-20 minutes taking ground commands from the students. It was a blast. This is a picture of her waiting for the next commands. I would taxi around the

cones and back towards them, following the turn and brake commands. The best part was the engine start commands – she worked flawless.

Even though the bomber did not fly at



bomber field, it still played an important role in the event. Bob Wehnert was top turret gunner in a B-24, 15th Air



Force. Here is a pic from a young man (Ryan Ray), showing the B-24, turret, and Bob. How cool.

Well, that's all for now. I miss seeing you guys.

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

Mike

JULY MINUTES

by Mike Laible

Well last month I was way behind on newsletter and meeting notice. This month is another early meeting date and almost made the same mistake. ALMOST!!! I have asked Jerry Litjen and he is more than happy to have the next meeting at his acreage. The weather looks good to have it outside and plenty of room. Bring your own chair and snacks/drink. If you have a model to show, bring it.

If you do not want to attend in person I now have zoom on my phone and should be able to zoom for the first part. I can start one up for 30 minutes or so. Send me a note and I will txt you the zoom ID or update if its going to work.

The last meeting we had several nice models showed up. Rex brought several and Fitz brought is AMA review model the Javelin. So if you feel comfortable, come on by. I personally will be two weeks from bomber (not sick) and remember, if you feel bad, allergies or what ever, zoom.

Directions: 1024 Avenue L, Santa Fe (or Dickinson). Take 646 heading towards Dickinson, pass under 45, pass 517, make a left at 2nd street (CITGO), it will be a few blocks down on your right, corner of L and 2nd street.

Mike

What's Up Around the Club

by Mike Laible

Whats up around the club! I am going to start with the Austin RC Ken White Memorial (not JSC Ken White).

Well I was at two flyins the month of September. The first I already talked about in last months newsletter, the second is the B-17 Bomber field event. This was a well

attended event and had some full scale flyovers. The first pic is a P-63 Kingcobre. What a rare sight. Here is what I found on the net.

“The CAF's unique Bell P-63F Kingcobra preparing to depart John Mosley's workshop in Clinton, Mississippi on March 6th, 2019 following some TLC and a full repaint into her authentic wartime markings as a Bell Aircraft test airframe.”



Below is Bret Bowling accepting the coveted Bomber Field trophy. It was well earned and he was one happy camper



Me with my bomber shirt from tomas at Legand Hobbies. He made one for every B-17 pilot and then also made one for me. It has the B-24 Nose art on the right side and Mike “Wrong Way” Laible on the left. I was humbled that he made the shirt for me. Tom snapping a pic of a very happy Mike.

However, I had problem after problem. Never did get to fly it at bomber. Currently, no issues exist with the B-24.



A line up of team Courtney. The DC-3 was Brandon's grandfathers. His dad bought it at a swap meet and Brandon noticed the nose art and said "Heh, I think that's Grandpas plane". Well they found his name on the old batteries. What a story.



Team Los Angeles, Dean with his giant Corsair. A Moki engine and smoke that came out of the exhaust, spilling the wing. Truly a work of art. B-17 and Bates giant P-40 in background



Lastly, the Bearcat is taking shape. A little nose weight, some minor changes, decals, boom – ready to go.

That's all for now.

Mike

Upcoming Events

10/9-10 Space City
10/23-24 Jetero

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