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Christmas Party – December 14th, 2017, Clear Lake Park Building– 7:00 PM



IN THE PITS

by Mike Laible

Well we are in the mist of the Holiday season. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

On another note this is a hard article to write. It seems like the St. Louis production plant has shut its doors. The week before Thanksgiving my father had a severe stroke and really never recovered. He passed away on December 2nd. He was one of the best craftsmen I knew, he was truly the best and I hope that with him watching from heaven, my next creations can make him smile. Pop, I will miss you.

In addition, lets keep Jerry Litjen in our thoughts as I found out his Dad also passed away in November.

I hope to see everyone at the Christmas party. The club will be supplying a good old Italian Christmas dinner. The dinner will include lasagna, pasta, and salad. All we ask is you bring a desert or appetizer, it is not mandatory. Also, don't forget about the ornament exchange. So I hope to see you there and lets just have some fun.

As you may know by now the current slate of officers will be serving for 2018. We also have an interim membership chairman (Charlie Teixeira) and a new safety officer (Joe Schmidt).

We also have the swap meet and the Warbirds over JSC. The interest for both are high and should be good turn outs. We will get going on those at the first of the year.

In May lets celebrate our hardwork with a nice club fun fly and BBQ.

This should keep us busy.

Till next time, Godspeed and safe landings,

Mike L.



NOVEMBER MEETING

by Kent Stromberg and Mike Laible

Do to my travel plans I had to get this newsletter out early so the pictures of the meeting did not make it in time. All I do know is Camran Khan won Model of the month with his SIG LT-40, electric. Nice looking plane and I saw it fly the other weekend. Looked like he was having fun.

The meeting did have the final vote on dues. The vote was to raise the dues to \$40, \$60 for new members. We also talked about getting the charging tables in and Brian is well on track for that.

As a side note I had several members come forward to want to take on field host, grounds keeper or what ever we name it. Anyway, I'll put together some ideas and pass them around. We can finalize in January and the first volunteer can start in February.

NOVEMBER MINUTES

Minutes of 11-09-2017

Guest and Attendance

No guest, 19 in attendance

New business:

Discussion of the Bay Port Club folding. Don made a motion to allow members to join at 40.00 (the renewal rate and not the new member rate. 2nd by Taz All members agreed

By unanimous vote

Bay port has some items to sell – riding lawnmower etc.

Mike would like to purchase the new canvas which we budgeted for so we have them in case one gets damage right before the War Bird fly in.

Christmas Party. Discussion- ornament exchange -could not agree on spend limit.

Door prizes will be purchased as was done last year.

Old Business:

Model of the year will be held in January- Discussion of Prize amounts

Flyers for Swap meet and War Bird fly in already in local hobby shops

Discussion of charging table. Brian is waiting on better weather

Discussion of volunteers for Grounds Keeper to report on items needing attention.

Jerry and Hank volunteered to get it started. Will have to revisit to get a system

Discussion about pumps. Big pump ok but we need to purchase a small one

Membership:

No report, Charlie Teixeira will be interim Membership chairman for Herman Burton

Safety:

None

Treasures report:

Treasurer-Brian reported a closing balance \$5479.37

Announcement/Show and Tell:

See write up.

Model of the Month:

Model of Month – Camran Khan and his Electric Sig Cadet

MODEL OF THE MONTH - JUNE

by Mike Laible

Camran Khan and his stealth Sig Cadet

WHATS UP AROUND THE CLUB

by Mike Laible

On December 3rd I attended the 4th annual Pearl Harbor event at Space City RC. I decided to just bring the SPAD. I was a little distracted because of my Fathers passing the day before. He built the SPAD and painted. One of his only complete models – framing and painting. It is also the one that had a midair. He was so proud that I rebuilt it and he always mentioned, Heh, we both built it. I really wanted to fly it but also wanted to add something new to the SPAD. So I attached a bomb drop. It turned out great. Bombs away in a dive. It looked really good coming off the SPAD. Got her on the ground and called it a day.



As can noted by this pic a lot of zeroes were at the Pearl Harbor event. They also had

about 5-6 P-40. Nice. Now if you look close you will notice Fitz in the center of the pic raising his arms and saying Bonsai.



The Corsair flying at JSC



Every once in awhile someone new shows up at the field. Yep, this is new member Paul Dostal. If you see him out at the field give him a big old welcome.



So, till next time, Godspeed and safe landings.

Mike

A TRIP BACK IN TIME

by Charlie Teixeira

A recent visit with a son and daughter in Austin took a slight detour through the Pioneer Flight Museum (PFM) in Kingsbury Texas. I have been hearing about Kingsbury for years and finally got to go and it was well worth the trip. It turned out the PFM was having a Fall Fly-In on that day which included not only many Pre-WWII airplanes but antique & classic cars and motorcycles. The planes that got my attention were the Fokker Dr.1, the Pietenpol Sky Scout and the 1909 Bleriot XI. These airplanes are in remarkable well-maintained condition.



Figure 1: Fokker Dr.1- Construction of this replica was completed in 2008



Figure 2- Pietenpol Sky Scout



Figure 3- 1909 Bleriot XI Replica
The museum is well worth the trip (about 3 hours from CLC) and can use some financial help. The folks running the Flight museum are raising funds to build, should say rebuild, a 1920 Dodd Hanger that came from the decommissioned airfield and would be used to hanger some of the existing as well as planned additions.
Checkout the PFM web site at www.pioneerflightmuseum.org for more information and great photos.

Upcoming Events

12/03 Space City Pearl Harbor, Katy
3/24/2018 Iron Mike Swap Meet
4/21/2018 Prop Nuts swap/fly in
4/28/2018 Warbirds over JSC
5/19/2018 Fort Worth Bi-Plane fly in
9/19-22/2018 Bomber Field B-17

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