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Christmas Party – December 13th, 2018, Clear Lake Park Building– 7:00 PM



IN THE PITS

by Mike Laible

I really can't believe it's December already. You know what that means, Santa is right around the corner. I hope you are not on the naughty list and that he knows what you want.

Last month we had discussions on field maintenance and resealing the runway. Saverio had a few quotes and this led to sticker shock. Saverio is still working on the runway sealing and we should have some options first of the year. We also discussed the Christmas party and decided that the club would supply the lasagna and Lydia Teixeira offered to make the salad. So, come on out and mingle with your fellow flyers and family. Don't forget about the ornament exchange!!! See ya then!!

2019 should be a great year. Right out of gate is the swap meet on the fourth Saturday of March (3-23-19) and then the fifth Warbirds over JSC (4-27-19). Yes, this will be the fifth year for WOJSC. Pretty wild heh. Let's hope for nice weather and start thinking about how we can step this on up a little. Some thoughts I had was trying to get Hoot Gibson or another astronaut, some fly overs, super

raffle prize, etc. Anyway, we can start talking about it in January.

Other items are overall field maintenance. As I mentioned earlier, Saverio has been doing a great job on tracking down, organizing, and getting all the info for sealing the runway. He has one input that says just coat the bad areas. That would be nice if NASA would let us do that. He also has a nice list put together on what it would take for us to do that. However, NASA has shied away from letting us do our own MAJOR maintenance. Canopy maintenance they have never had a problem. We also need to get the wind meter up and working, side wires, bungee balls replaced. We have two canopies ordered but probably should see how long the old ones will last.

So, lets have a good time at the Christmas, have fun with family and friends during the break. Come January we can discuss field work day, Warbirds over JSC and a club picnic.

Until next month,

Godspeed and safe landings,

Mike

OCTOBER MEETING

by Mike Laible

The October meeting did not have a Model of the month. However, I self-proclaimed my model as Model of the Month. Wish I could show you more but it is a stealth.

The meeting was all about business and that really makes life boring. So, lets get the models out and show them off. Actually, if you look back in the newsletters, we had some nice models last year.

OCTOBER MINUTES

Guest

David Dale former old Member. Ben Hymen.

Old Business:

11/17/18 Boat Float

Motion by Taz to approve new slate of officers Mike Laible Pres, Jerry Litjen Vice Pres, Brian Campopiano Tres, Kent Stromberg Sec.

Sec. 2nd by Mike Hudson Approved by unanimous vote.

New Business:

Further discussion of option to fix runway. Bids from \$7400.00 to 58,000,00 for 2 inch cap. Discussion of needing a fund-raising chairman. Need to set up separate fund.

Need to order canopies

Fun fly -Picnic Will need to be scrapped do to expected weather.

Meeting room Secured for next year by Herman

Christmas party will be close to the same as last year. Mike and Charlie will work on 2019 membership enrollment form and letter.

Membership:

Presently 69 members

Safety:

Nothing to report from the safety chairman. This is a good thing.

Treasures report:

\$6373.44 checking account moved to JSC credit union old checks on old account at chase will be used thru Dec and new checks ordered from JSC will be used starting January. No address will be on checks to save changing down the line. We have chosen not to use electronic statements so we have paper copies

Announcement/General Discussion:

None

Show and Tell/Model of the Month:

See below.

NOVEMBER MODEL OF THE MONTH

by Mike Laible



Mike Laible and his stealth fighter. However, it still makes a shadow

WHATS UP AROUND THE CLUB

by Mike Laible

Finally we had a nice weather weekend. It was the first weekend of December and the

weather was great. Below is a pic of the field and all the members that showed up that day. I really had a blast and when I got home I was tired – a good tired.



In one day I think we had every wind direction. Keep those thumbs in check.



Above is the the Shank Pit (humm, has a ring to it). A nice collection of electrics.



Walt Lueke and I with a couple of P-47s. Last I heard Walt's P-47 was in the shop for an engine overhaul. I think the old mechanic has to change out the bearings. The ground crew assured us it would be ready to fly soon.



A nice show pass of the P-47 "Elsie". It was heading for a victory pass. I got two great flights on her. NICCCEEEE.



Wheels down and ready for touch down.



Heh, what is this. Another bomber at JSC. Yep you better watch it, Fred Daniels has himself a nice looking B-29. Had a few

problems (nothing big) so no flying this day. But it will be back.



Herman, does this look familiar, hauling a big bird around.. We checked and it would fit into the Caravan. My retirement present, B-29 project.

I have to say, this was the most fun I had in some time. I enjoyed seeing everyone and just spending a nice day at the best field in the south houston area.

That's all for this month.

God speed and safe landings,

Mike Laible

HELLO FROM AFRICA

by Lars Ulissey

One of the joys of writing and being part of this club is getting emails out of the blue from old friends and members. This one is from Lars. I am sure some of you remember Lars. He was one of the first with FPV at our club – had quit the set up. Anyway, his email;

Mike and fellow JSCRCC friends,

Greetings from a remote base near Niamey Africa! And, if you're familiar with nowhere, is right next to Tim-buk-too! Really, spelled Timbuktu, in the country of Mali:) I'm in Niger,

helping support increased medical capability. Mission is varied, but focuses on intel and counter terrorism. You'll see from the photos, we're still in the development phase, which means a lot of tents...clinic, sleeping, dining facility, etc.



One of the few things not in a tent is a small surgical suite to handle acute trauma and a recovery room to hold patients long enough for a C130 or C17 to drop in. Be here for six months, then retire summer 2020. Might see you folks in the not too distant future. Maria and I kicked around the idea of using our Utah home for vacations and moving back to Texas. Course that depends on whether or not JSC still needs crew surgeons.

We've got the big bad drones and some little ones. The small black RC plane you see flies autonomously. It belongs to the green berets. Got to hang out with them briefly and watched it map a compound in 3D in about 15 minutes, endurance much longer. I noticed when it flies around dusk, or dawn, it's virtually undetectable.



Fun toy, with a neat laptop and slick software. Auto landed ten feet from me, disassembled and slipped in its backpack. We share a base with other NATO partners, French, Germans and Italians, below is a pretty French Mirage and camera shy girl from same country learning to drive the tug.



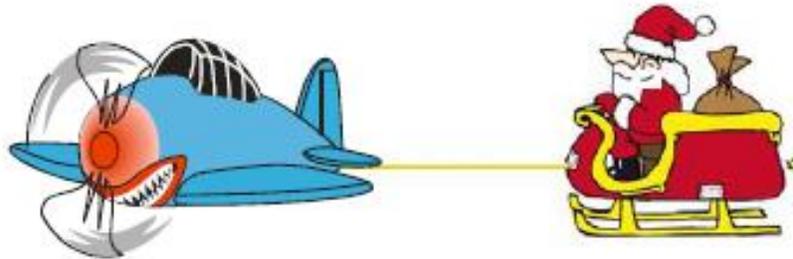
Lars, to you and your family,
God speed and safe landings,
Mike Laible

Hot near the equator, daily highs between 90 and 100 from now till the monsoon season in July. Please don't post to social media, or the government will disown me, after my court martial!



Hope you all are doing equally well! Really miss the good times and fly ins. Cheers,

Lars, Maria and Katerina (the baby girl's growing up fast, remembers her TX lineage:)



The JSCRC Club Cordially invites all Club members and their families to the Annual Christmas Party on December 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm. The festivities will take place at our normal meeting site at Clear Lake Park

The main course (lasagna) and salad will be provided. We ask that each attending family bring either an appetizer or dessert.

Please RSVP to Kent Stromberg at 281-480-0095 or email wkstromberg@comcast.net, advise if bring appetizer or dessert.

Come and help share in the Holiday spirit and celebrate another year of flying fun. We will also have the ornament exchange.



Upcoming Events

12/15 Pearl Harbor, Space City RC
4/20 Alvin Big Bird
4/27 Warbirds over JSC
5/3-4 MayDay Lake Charles
5/11 Warbirds over Lake Benbrook
5/18-19 Texas Scale Championship
6/7-8 Warbirds over TX

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