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Next Meeting – Thursday, January 10, 2002 at 7:00pm - Clear Lake Park Bldg.

Christmas Party Wrap-up

By: Editor

The club's Christmas party was a real success. Great food, good crowd and fellowship. Door prizes were awarded as well as certificates of appreciation to last year's officers and the newsletter editor.

Model of the year presentations were very competitive. First place and \$100 went to Herman Burton and his 1/4 scale Cub. Second place (\$50) went to Don Fisher and his PT-19 and third place (\$25) went to Ken White and his X-wing.



Model of the Year-Herman Burton's Cub

A good time was had by all so if you missed this year's party, mark your calendar for the next one (it's only 11 months away!)

And last but not least, a big thanks to Dave Hoffman for arranging for and bringing most of the goodies.



Runner-up Model of the Year- Don Fisher's PT-19



Ken White's 3d place Model of the Year.

JSCRCC 2001 Christmass Party Highlights



Any Christmas Goodies Out there?

By: Editor

Have some of you been lucky enough to get RC goodies from Santa this past Christmas? Hope so and also hope that you will be sharing your good fortune by submitting an article to the newsletter in the near future on what it is, how the building project is going etc.

P-51D Project

By: Charlie Teixeira

A couple of months ago I started building a P-51D Mustang from a Top Flite Gold Edition, .60-.90 size kit. It's actually my second Mustang but the first I hope to get to fly. I completed my previous model some 10 years ago or so but sold it before I ever flew it. (the WHY? is another story). The first model was from a Royal kit, which must have had 100 blocks of balsa to be carved, shaped and sanded. I swore never again. This new Top Flite kit is a vast improvement with some major pieces (e.g. the bottom radiator scoop and cowl) preformed out of good quality ABS.

Instructions were OK but I did find some obvious omissions (e.g. no mention of tank installation) but considering it is not a beginner's kit the manufacturer must have figured the builder knew what to do (here I go rationalizing again). I also discovered that I had to read the instructions two or three steps ahead to avoid doing something that would have to be redone later on. The fuselage had interlocking parts and was a no-brainer to assemble. The wing on the other hand was complicated when including flaps and retractors. Although not called for in the plans, I decided to glass the center section of the wing (decided to stick with what works for me). The wing is sheeted with thin balsa, which was soft and easy to puncture so I also decided to glass the entire wing with 3/4 oz cloth and polyester resin. At this point I had a near disaster. I usually use K&B resin but couldn't find any locally so went with Sig's resin, which I vaguely recall having problems with some years ago. The first coat went on OK but the second coat looked ominous from the get-go being very tacky and hard to brush on and worst of all would not harden. It was tacky days later and figured I had a real mess on my hands. I rubbed the wing with various thinners hoping to take off the top layer of goo and tried sanding it, but nothing helped. At this point I decided to read the directions on the can (how does the saying go-- when all else fails read the directions--?) and noticed the manufacturer alluded to the possibility of the resin not hardening. The suggestion was to apply a third (ugh!) coat and the resin should harden, which it did. But I sure didn't need that extra weight or work. (PS: water based polyurethane is getting to

be a popular replacement for the various resins used by modelers- worth a try).

Anyway, the plane is nearly finished and I have started covering it with Monokote. I plan on powering it with an MVVS .77 and can't wait to actually get it in the air. More later.

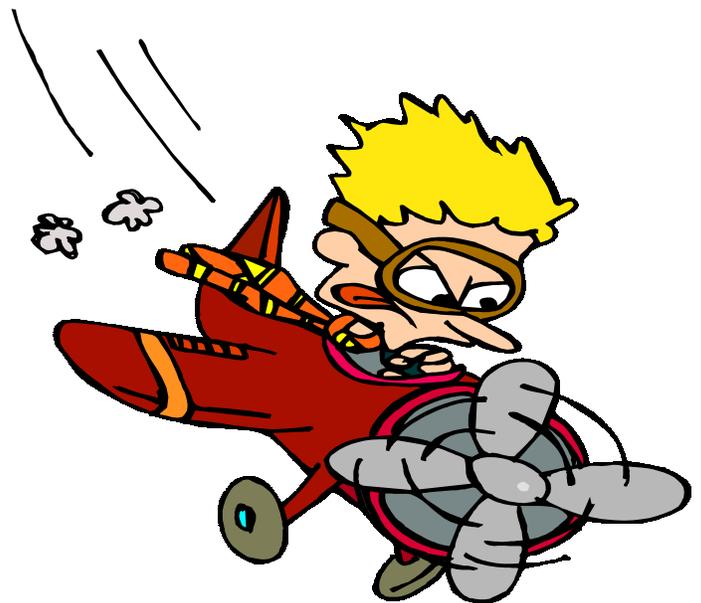
Interesting Web site

For you warbird enthusiasts there is a neat web site at www.rwarbirds.com. Check it out.

Upcoming Events

By: Editor

2/03/02- Huffman, TX, Sixth Annual Frozen Fickle Finger of Fate Fun Fly. Contact Horace Cain at 281-399-5627. Sponsor is JETERO RC Club Inc.



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