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IN THE PITS

by Mike Laible

Month 8 and the same old stuff. What is that song, “Lambchops”, the song that never ends.

This is the pandemic that never ends.
Yes, it goes on and on, my friend.
Some people started wearing mask
Not knowing what it was
and they'll continue wearing it forever
just because..

And that is how I remember the song.

Ok, now what is going on with the club.
Boeing is back to work 50% occupancy and I think NASA is going to that soon. Nothing is moving fast so I am still expecting early next year for full occupancy. Butttttt.

I am so thankful for all the other clubs that stepped up for us. Remember to be courteous and thoughtful when visiting. It seems like everyone has settled into flying at Alvin and Texas City. The board just voted to help these two clubs with a donation to each.

It seems the only flying I have been doing is at events. I attended the Space City and Jetero event. Got a nice selection of flights in on warbirds and the bomber. Funny thing is I

cannot remember the last time I flew a left-hand pattern.

I'll talk more about these fly-ins, but they are keeping me sane. We get a little close and no mask but generally things are good. I feel its outside and I use my wipes, hand sanitizer, and my wife makes me strip down and shower, throwing clothes in washer. It has been an interesting 8 months.

The picture below is my completed Bates Bearcat. The model is ready for a few taxi tests then off she goes for the maiden. This particular model was started in 2012 when I started the B-24. Pulled it out of the rafters and finished her up. The rest of the story, this particular model I worked with Jerry Bates on the three views and it was my first big bird in 1992. I finally made another one.



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

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

Mike

October Minutes

by Mike Laible

The october meeting had Brian Campiano, Jerry Litjen, Taz, and myself in attendance. That's a COVID quarum. Several items were decided and we are moving forward with:

1 – We voted to make a donation of \$350 each to Texas City RC and Alvin RC. We thank both of them for opening the doors for us.

2 – We also decided that if you paid dues for 2020 you are grandfathered for 2021, however, we will except donations.

3 – Also, as I was driving to the meeting I went “Oh my, elections”. Well Taz made a motion to elect the current board and the local tree frog chirped to second motion. Motion carried. Taz and the tree frog voted us in.

4 – Authorized Brian to buy bungge cord so new bungee tie downs can be made.

That's all for now.

Mike

What's Up Around the Club

by Mike Laible

Whats up around the club. Well to start with I attended two fly-in's, one at Space City RC and one at Jetero.

SpCity RC event was something special because of two other bomber pilots attended the event. Bret Bowling from Dallas with his B17 and Jimy Cowman from Clovis NM with his B-29. This is the second time we met up this year. We had some great flight and walked away with big smiles. It was nice to just sit around and catch up. We had a couple of great flights with all three bombers.



Jimmy and his 144" B-29. This plane is a Don Smith plans. I don't have a close up but this plane is weathered just like a real plane would look.



Here is the B-24 Homeward Angle heading out for its 88th mission. Obviously a light bomb load with that angle of attack!!!!



No, this is not mine – it is # 14P, mines 15U. This is Brandin Courtneys Zirolu Bearcat. Its slightly larger than the one I just finished. Brandon is one of the best pilots I know. He flies this plane low to the ground, figure 8's

and all sorts of full scale maneuvers. One nice plane.



The guys at Space City relaxing a little and practicing social distancing – Haaa.



Last but not least, the Burton P-47 flies great. Got several good flights on her.

Now onto Jetero. Jetero was another nice event. I wanted to go Friday and Saturday but an emergency meeting on ISS was called on Friday evening. Oh well, packed up and headed out at 5 in the morning Saturday. It was cold.



First up is Glen Sneddens Skyraider. Nice plane and he flew it nicely.



This is Richard Vincents F9F. This is absolutely one of my favorite twins. Richard flew it with authority and took home "Best Multi Engine".



“Dakoto Kid” is Randy Otts P51. Nice looking P51. Below is my P51 Bum Steer. Was having problems with the engine but since found the problem. The head bolts were loose!! No jokes about that. Some would say my head bolts have been loose for awhile.



Greg Yancy's P-40 after Larry Hultmans magic (Larry painted the B-24). Nice P-40.

Now at Jetero everyone was practicing social distancing and mask wearing.



But of course you always have one that wouldn't listen, below the nose.



Larry Pecks Corsair (77 years young). Note the aileron arm hanging down. Both ailerons did not work and he flew it completely with rudder to land it.





Full size Cessna 195 fly by. I thought it was a 1947 vintage.



A bunch of Happy "Texas Warbird Pilot" Winners. Not shown is Richard Vincent with his Multi-Engine award.

That's all for now. I will send another email out soon talking about the next meeting.

Mike

Upcoming Events

11-14-2020 Jetero Night Fly
12-5-202 Space City Pearl Harbor day

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