



July 2024 News Letter

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The August 10 Members meeting begins at 8:00 a.m.
Summer Hours

Membership

Club membership is 91, plus five Junior members.

Canyon Lake Float Fly

Jack Shafer has set the next float fly at Canyon Lake for October 23 to 27, which is Wednesday through Sunday. He has reserved RV parking spots #105 through #120. As of this writing, at least half the spots have been taken.

New Planes



Keith Devine has a new Lockheed T-33 trainer. In spite of his 35 years in the Air Force, Keith wasn't aware that the T-33 descended from the P/F-80 Shooting Star fighter.

Per Wikipedia:

The Lockheed P-80 Shooting Star was the first jet fighter used operationally by the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) during World War II. Designed and built by Lockheed in 1943 and delivered just 143 days from the start of design, production models were flying, and two pre-production models did see very limited service in Italy just before the end of World War II. Designed with straight wings, the type saw extensive combat in Korea with the United States Air Force (USAF) as the F-80....



The closely related T-33 Shooting Star trainer remained in service with the U.S. Air Force and Navy well into the 1980s, with the last NT-33 variant not retired until April 1997.

The P-80/T-33 was designed by the legendary Clarence "Kelly" Johnson.

Below, this beautiful Clipped Wing Piper Cub was built by Doug Allen, and is owned by Gary Johnson.





Steve De Bord has a new e-Flite Beech D18. Twin engine, 1.5 meters.



This is one of the greatest flying stunts of all time. It's a screen grab from the 1963 film *It's a mad, mad, mad, mad world*. Frank Tallman flew a Beech 18 through a simulated billboard. The billboard was made out of the lightest possible material, but it damaged the aircraft severely. The windscreen was broken, along with other parts of the plane. Styrofoam clogged one engine intake, forcing Tallman to shut the engine down.



Left, Steve's Yak 130 is a FreeWing model. It has a 70mm motor.

Special guest pilot Lance is a student at a flight school in Mesa, AZ, that is affiliated with North Dakota State. Presumably, they have a presence here for the weather.

This is the 1980mm Turbo Timber.



Art Photos by Patricia Kevershan



Jerry and Ethan Wyant.



A closeup of the wing of Doug Allen's beautiful Spitfire (is there any other kind?).

The Walk of Shame

The Editor does the “Roll of Shame.” He had surgery on his foot for arthritis. Eight weeks without putting weight on it. No walking, no standing, no driving. BORING!

The humiliating part is that he is now being pushed around by his wife...literally.



Here! Take it!!

By Special Correspondent Randy Wegner

Having missed the last few meetings and not even visited our really swell flying field in a long time, it reminds me how distracted and short for time we can all get. I for one have let my business run too much of my life lately...

This is one of many reasons so many of us prefer ARF aircraft and I'm one of those who buys them too. It's so easy and usually cheaper/quicker to get going. It's sort of like replacing the tranny fluid in your car...most of us will pay other self-punishing individuals first rather than do it ourselves.

BUT.... having come from a time before ARFs were even around, and ALL planes were either scratch or kit built, I can tell you it was a time in my life that I haven't totally let go of. Some of you know of the "Wimpy". A slow flying lazy plane that I scratch built 20+ years ago. It has been a joy to own and fly. In fact, I have built or kit bashed numerous planes over my 47-year journey in our hobby. Right now, I am slowly putting together an even bigger slow flying plane of 12-foot span with an 18" chord and I look forward to it.

I guess my message to you would be that our hobby doesn't have to be one of instant gratification. Rather, we can take all the time in the world. We can let our imaginations run and look forward to our one of a kind flying creation. In fact, I would bet if you asked our editor, he would most likely assure you that creating a new bird is a large part of his enjoyment in this hobby. I know this may sound a bit odd but when I fly a plane that I personally constructed, there seems to be a real bond between us and somehow, my flying experiences with it seem even more special.

**Please attend the August 10 Club Meeting
0800 Hours
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