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Happenings.

Unlike last month the Weather Channel is predicting that the weather for Thursday's meeting will be decent with less than a 20% chance of precipitation. That's a nice change from last month when we cancelled for snow.

We have a new contributor to the newsletter this month. Mike Forbes has graciously agreed to

Coming Events

March 31	Club Meeting, annual dues payment
April 1,2,3	51 st Toledo R/C Show
April 28	Club Meeting, Building Contest.

write a column on a pretty much monthly schedule. Mike will bring the fresh voice of a novice to the hobby and hopefully transfer some of his shock and awe as a beginner to us older members. He is good at surfing the web, so he will be adding a little of the results of his surfing skills to his column. If you want to take a peek at his web site go here:

<http://mattsrc.rchomepage.com/ssir/allinone.shtml>

Thanks, Mike.

Hitec has sent out a product notice that could be important to all of you who use their servos. The

information is also useful for all other brands of servos too.

Dues

Our annual dues are due during the month of March. Included elsewhere in this newsletter is a renewal coupon.

Dues are \$25.00. If you were a winner in the 2004 Building Contest, please note same on the coupon.

George Vetrecin will be accepting your dues at our March meeting. **Make sure you bring your 2005 AMA Membership Card to show George.**

If you mail in your renewal, send George a copy of your AMA card.

Auction

Hmm, a little early are we? Not really. Our annual auction is tentatively scheduled for the Middle of November 2005. That is coming up soon. And we need to plan. So, at the March meeting we will be discussing what we should do to improve this activity and or its future. This means that we want all of your thoughts and ideas. By "we" I mean the club, not just the officers. So, show up Thursday with lots of ideas. If you know

of a larger room that is available and its cost, that information would be appreciated.

From The Leader of Your Pack!

Last month's meeting was cancelled due to the weather (snow!) I think it has something to do with me since before my tenure as President this NEVER happened, and now it seems it is a yearly event, sometimes more than once too!

Snow aside, we try again at the end of March, and hopefully we are into the start of our flying season again. I don't know about you, but I am ready to get out there and exercise my thumbs!

Since last we have been together I made it to the annual WRAMS show in White Plains, NY. The show was, well OK, but not great. I just get the feeling it is losing steam. One of our acquaintances told us that 15 vendors pulled out this year. While no vendors' absence seemed significant, the show itself just seemed dull. After going there so many years, I am not sure I will attend many more if this trend continues.

This past weekend a few of us made the trek to Lebanon, PA. This one is a Flea Market format and anyone we knew was there including some of those guys we don't see so often anymore. There must have been more than 3,000 people there. The place goes on and on and there is plenty of stuff to pick over.

I bought a bunch of little goodies, cables, wires, bags of parts for dirt cheap prices and, Oh yes, 2 ST 40's at \$39.99 each (wow) and an ARF Twin to boot! We had an interesting day meeting old friends and looking at all the STUFF!

On the way back we detoured to Easton, PA and the Trains & Lanes store (38525 Northwood Ave, Easton, PA). This is a huge hobby shop in the middle of nowhere, and, as they said, "If you build it they will come."

Trains & Lanes is a place where you can find everything, more parts, paint, covering, engines, radios and whatever all literally scattered around.

Oh yes, there are also plenty of trains and cars too! While prices are nothing special, it is definitely worth a visit. Just don't ask for specific directions as we do it by feeling around and stumbling. I frankly don't know how we got there the first time several years ago.

I have been slowly finishing my airplanes for the annual building contest that goes off at the April meeting. Operative words were airplanes!

How about you, are you going to make an effort and bring something this year?

We usually get 10-12 airplanes which are not bad for a club of 50 people – we would love to see 50 airplanes, and only you can make that happen.

Anyway, enough dreaming – let's get those batteries cycled and get the dust off and let's go flying. The weather is about to break and you need to get ready.

I hope to see you at our meeting March 31st.

Regards/Norm

The Keyboard

Welcome to the first installment of The Keyboard. John asked if I'd be interested in writing some content for the newsletter – I figure it's some sort of New Guy Hazing ritual, but what the heck; I'm a good sport. My agenda is to sum up on paper some of the interesting stuff brewed up on the Internet. I promise not to pontificate, moan, whine' or otherwise be irritating. This will only focus on the interesting, weird and/or cool stuff you might find on a rainy day at the keyboard.

Laser beams & Balsa dust:

With the increasing popularity of Internet Forums and chat rooms has come a natural increase in collaboration among modelers. Recently on RcGroups.com I found a link that someone posted about a new Pitts Biplane some guy was working on.

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=308441>

In a nutshell, the builder appears to be just an average modeler who learned to use a Computer Aided Design program. He scanned a 3-view drawing of a Pitts biplane and then drew up all the stringers, formers, etc. He then sent his files to another RcG member for laser cutting. The idea of owning a \$10,000 laser cutter sounds well out-of-reach for the ordinary modeler, but not all. Among a community of tens of thousands of modelers, you can easily find a few. Like any expensive equipment, they want it to be put to use to get any return on their investment. Between the designer, laser cutter and the several dozen modelers following the discussion and providing input, a beautiful plane was born. Wishing to share his new pride & joy, he's offered to sell them. The short-kit costs \$40 + shipping. If he sells several dozen kits, he might make enough profit to buy a cup of coffee and a newspaper – but profit is rarely what motivates modelers. To those of you out there with a good idea gnawing at the back of your mind, a little internet research and discussion could make it a reality faster and easier than you might think.

If you have any interesting internet links, please send them to me at vanning@comcast.net.



Author's note: I've ordered this particular kit and hope to enter it in the April Builders' Contest.

February's Mystery Ship by Bill Keller



Our Mystery Ship last month was an offshoot of (obviously) the B-29 and was designated Boeing Model 367, which became the C-97 designation by the US Army Air Force. Boeing initiated this design study way back in early 1942 because, thank goodness, the manufacturer as well as the USAAF anticipated the need for cargo planes for critical use in WWII.

A contract for three prototypes was issued on January 23, 1943, and first flight was made on November 15, 1944, just 22 months later. The entire wing, engines and tail layout were from the B-29, and the lower "double-bubble" section was also derived from the "29." After flying the prototypes, ten additional test aircraft were ordered in July of 1945: 6 cargo transports, 3 troop carriers, and a single 80 seat "airliner." The most numerous variant was the KC-97G (592 built), which could be used both as a tanker or full transport/cargo capability.

Updating continued with the KC-97L which used J47-GE23 Turbojets to provide the kick to refuel thirsty B-47's.

Some of the above data taken from the Encyclopedia of World Aircraft
.....Bill Keller.

This Month's Mystery Ship by Bill Keller

Our Mystery Ship this month is obviously from what was once the Soviet Union, the land of the big red star. Not anticipated for long life, the wings were made of wood. This was probably their most popular model.

Whatzit???

For Sale

Thunder Tiger Profile Extra – with ST.51, JR 6 channel 24, ready to fly. \$175. (airplane only \$75)

Lanier 120 Size Stinger - with YS 120, JR 6 channel 40, ready to fly. \$400. (airplane only \$150)

Thunder Tiger Fun Tiger P51 – with OS40 (airplane w/engine) \$50.

Hobby Barn Avenger – 40-50 size aerobatic – (airplane only) \$75.

Great Planes U-Can-Do 60 size – (airplane only) \$125.

Z-Line Maddness 40 size – (airplane only) \$100.

Hobbico Battery Cyclers (3) \$25/each

Contact Norman Berger n_d_b@compuserve.com
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All planes are Super Kraft
SU-26 new in the box \$110
SU-26 assembled but never flown. (You would have to live close enough that we could meet to transfer the plane). \$110
The Extra 300 was flown three times. \$150
I also have a Super Kraft Monocoupe 96 inch still in the sealed box it came in. \$275
Dave Brown tricycle mechanical retracts. NIB \$50
TS.56 Engine NIB \$60
All items must be gone by the end of the summer.
Joe Redan njrcflyer@aol.com

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For sale

Hog bipe- plane only -\$200.00
Sky Bolt- plane only - \$200.00
Aeromaster-Complete (rtf) with engine and flight pack- \$380.00.

Charlie Parinello

Charlie's email is o32ford@optonline.net

He lives in Lake Hiawatha, NJ.

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Circus Hobby
North American AT-6 Texas Kit
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\$75.00

Sig
Space walker 2 1/4 Scale Kit
Wingspan 84"
Engine 90 - 120 2 cycle 120 - 160 4 cycle \$90.00

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Wingspan 47"
Engine 19 - 45 2 cycle \$15.00

Great Plane
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Wingspan 60"
Engine 19 - 25 2 cycle \$45.00

Ace
Cloud Dancer
Wingspan 60"
Engine 40 - 53 2 cycle \$45.00

Call Charles Skowronski 732-821-6174 or Email
Ctuna51@aol.com

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Charlie Skowronski's wife Linda has Hand Painted Pilots for Sale.
Linda uses a new technique of layering the paint for a realistic look.
Prices range from \$5.00 for a 1/12 scale pilot to \$25.00 for a 1/4 scale figure.

Call Linda at 732-821-6174 or email her at Ctuna51@aol.com

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April Building Contest by Jim and Pat Creed

We just want to remind all of you that there are only 30 more days before the building contest at the April meeting. The rules were posted in last month's newsletter.

Hitec Product Notice

Press Release 11/19/2004

It has come to the attention of the Hitec Product Service Department that some customers owning Hitec's KARBONITE gear servos are using thread locking compounds on the servo horn screws. Thread locking compounds such as the popular Loctite™ brand, are for use with METAL to METAL fasteners.

USING A THREAD LOCKING COMPOUND ON A PLASTIC OR KARBONITE GEAR SERVO WILL CAUSE THE GEAR MATERIAL TO FAIL..

Thread locking compound instructions typically warn against their use on plastics, as most plastic material will become brittle and shatter. If you or any of your friends have used thread locking compounds on plastic or KARBONITE geared servos, please cease using them immediately and contact a Hitec dealer for a replacement gear set.
Mike Mayberry
Hitec RCD Inc

Non Club Events

Toledo April 1, 2, and 3. Held at the Seagate Centre 401 Jefferson Ave
<http://www.toledoshow.com/>

That's all for this month. See you at the meeting.
John

2005 Tri County R/C Club Member Renewal Coupon

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