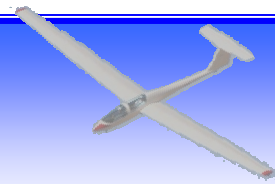


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From the Oval Office:

ISS President, Mike Lee



So, here we are at the beginning of a new year, and although I did not set off any fireworks at Midnight, I not only ended the year in spectacular fashion, but started out the new one just as well! Air Combat style! Yes, there we were on Saturday morning, with 6 pilots looking to make a streamer kill, and we went for it. First let me tell you, Denny was in a class of his own! I have bragged about some rare occasions where someone makes a double kill, meaning to get two (2) kills in the same sortie flight. Well, Denny did not do that. No sir, he did not get a double kill. He got a TRIPLE KILL! First, he nailed me in the first 30-seconds of the fight, then he nailed Steve Anderson and finally he cut up Les Ward. I managed to clip JR once and by that time, planes were running out of battery. I think Steve and JR also claimed kills, but at one point, it was raining bits of streamer from the sky.

Well, thinking that Denny was simply lucky, we put up a second sortie....that was a mistake! Denny was not joking, as he clipped me again just after I clipped JR...again. Denny then clipped someone else for a double kill sortie, making his take 5 kills in only two sorties. Talk about being a hot pistol! After most of the crowd departed for the day, Gary G. showed up and wanted some action, to which I obliged. Gary scored first, taking off half my ribbon, but I came right back and chewed off 5 pieces of ribbon in one pass! So, I ended the year with 3 kills in 3 sorties, Denny with his 5, JR had 2 and I think Steve had a couple.

Fast forward to Monday, January 2nd, and the gang is up for blood....again And again, Denny is hot, nailing my plane and Brian Starkey. I drilled the ComBAT of JR in the first sortie and again on the second sortie, plus managed to get some revenge on Denny with a kill on him. About that time, most everybody was down on the ground with exhausted batteries, except Denny and me. We took swings at each other, and I was just about to open up my mouth

and call for a knock-off, banked left and began to peel. The only problem was that Denny was right there, banked right and also peeling off. Yes, we did prove that theory of relativity about two bodies in motion cannot occupy the same space at the same time. WHAP! My plane came down like a dethermalized free-flight plane, and Denny simply went nose in. My plane actually had some control, but with the motor swinging loose under the nose, it wasn't going anywhere. Denny's plane got the main battery wire severed in the mid-air collision, leaving him with nothing and so his pilot had to eject. Still, Denny starts the new year with a fist full of kills, I get to start mine with 3 kills, and JR got a couple. That's a great way to end or start a new year!

On another note, Gary has shown us his latest evolution in combat fighters. Most all of the planes have been produced from construction grade foam sheet insulation. It's cheap to buy, and for what we do, it has acceptable quality. Gary has taken the combat wing design and made it from the tougher and almost indestructible EPP foam...and it looks good! He did not have one airworthy at the time, but I think it's only a matter of short time before we see this one ripping up some sky.



Field Info:

I sticker problem. This gent has an Agriculture license and can apply weed killer for much cheaper than any commercial provider heard rumor we have an interested pilot who wishes to join our club and he may be able to help us with our goatshead. Also, the club has vote to pay for surface disking of the field to remove the current crop of weeds and growth in preparation for applying weed killer. I will keep you informed of this development.

SC-2 NEWS:

The SC-2 season meeting has been held and the SC-2 will visit the ISS on two occasions. The first on June 17, hosted by ISS and conducted by The Downey Soarheads. The second time will be on August 19, hosted and conducted by the ISS. That leaves us with the RES Challenge, Gene Hay Memorial, which we are looking to hold on July 21. By the way, the new SC-2 President is our own, Chico Romero. Chico has some new energy and great ideas that should lead to growth in the SC-2 group. Mike Lee remains as the SC-2 Secretary, and so the ISS is well represented.



The President has declared WAR!

And so it was, on a windy day when Santa Ana winds came upon the field and only three of us showed up to possibly fly. George Gomez, Gary Gonzales and myself showed up despite the cross-wind conditions. It was pretty rough up topside, but Gary wanted to pick a fight in combat...so I obliged him. Our first round ended with no joy for either pilot. Gary wanted more, and so I obliged him with a fresh battery pack in the plane. Twisting and turning, weaving and bobbing, and anything else we could do still resulted in no joy for round 2. Gary still wanted more. He wasn't just itching for battle... he wanted blood! So, I obliged him.

This time it was cut throat. We almost flew into a direct head-on collision and how we missed each other is simply beyond me! While mentally recovering from that, I let my plane get in a position that allowed Gary to line up a shot...and he took it! Got a clean kill on me, but leaving about 7 ft of streamer to hold on to. The fight continued until I called 'Knock it off...RTB.' That's fighter talk for stop the fight, and return to base. At this point, my battery was depleted and I was coming back from the west at about 40-ft, level and slow. Suddenly, Gary's plane dives in behind and slashes across the tail, clipping the rest of my streamer so closely, he left only the tape doubler at the tip!! **HEY! I WAS RTB AND DEFENSELESS AND YOU KILLED ME!** You dirty dog! That does it!

Remember Pearl Harbor! General Yamamoto ate the dust for that one! Remember the Alamo! General Santa Ana got his share, too! Osama Bin Laden...double tapped, baby! Saddam Hussein...found his butt in hole in the ground! You're next, Gary!! This is WAR!! You don't nail the President on approach! I am profoundly insulted and you now represent a clear and present danger to my ego! **YOU'RE GOING DOWN, DUDE!**

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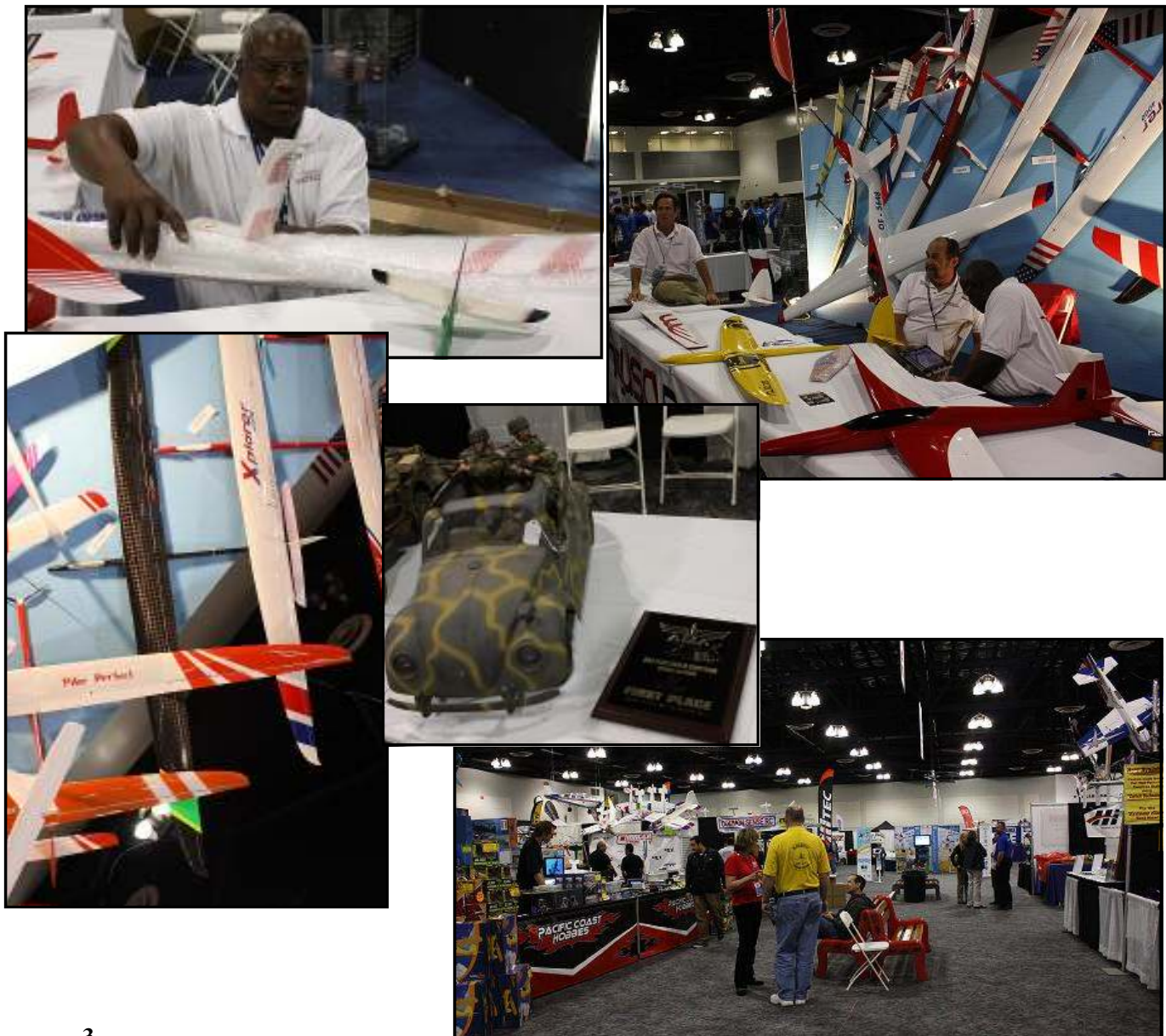


The latest edition of the AMA Expo is now history, and if you didn't go, you were lucky....lucky in that you didn't spend a fortune at this toy store for the flying adult! Oh my God, there was a load of new ARF and RTF models that were drop-dead gorgeous! Banana Hobbies had a superb B-25 electric that had a 78 inch wing, really well detailed, and equipped with retracts, gear doors, bomb bay doors, lights, scale struts, panel lines, accurate surface detail galore and it just screamed coolness!

I walked away with an Airfield Models T-28 Trojan from NitroPlanes.

Yes, we are doing this as a review for the magazine, but this is one nice looking Trojan. Great detailing, flaps, retracts with sequencing doors, nav lights, and it flies like a trainer! It weighs 6 pounds, but feels like 2 pounds in flight. I also picked up a Dynam Sbach 342 3-D model for aerobatic work. This one handles good, is very stable in the hover and harrier, starts and stops the snap roll instantly, plus lands like on tip-toes.

Les Ward picked up one of my all time favorites, an A-1E Skyraider. This model is very small, but has excellent detailing and plenty of power. It is an ARF, needing only the receiver and battery yet costs only \$60.00 at the show. They sold out early on Saturday. I shot photos of the plane in flight, and there is no way to know that this model has a wingspan of only about 20 inches. Other folks also picked up new models, and I'm sure you can spot them at the field, soon.



ISS Presidential Challenge

I've thought about it...pondered the possibilities...dragged ideas across my mind for this, and I have an idea. It's time for the ISS **PRESIDENTIAL CHALLENGE!** (I would have done that up in flashing colored lights, but could not figure out how to make that happen in print). As most of you know, the Presidential Challenge is the ISS Annual Fun Fly event, that is mostly for our electric powered models, but open to all members...and then some. This year I would like to propose the following events;

Black-Jack Landing - A scoring grid is chalked on the ground with the values of a deck of cards. Your job is to perform a minimum of two landing to get the value of the cards, just like the game of Blackjack, or 21. If your two cards do not have enough value to them, you may do another landing to draw another card value. However, if the total value exceeds 21, you have busted and you're out. The score of the landing is taken at the first point of touchdown by the plane... any part of the plane! Tie score at 21 or Blackjack will be cause for another hand of flying.

Chicken egg Bomb Drop - Yes, our ISS classic with a twist. The same card grid used for Blackjack will be used for the target. You get 2 bombs. A dead-center hit is an automatic Blackjack, otherwise wherever the bomb hits on the target is your score. High score wins

Drag race - I know what you're thinking...what the heck is that? Starting from the safety barrier, at the drop of the flag, two planes race 100-ft to the finish line. At least 70% of the run must be in basic contact with the ground. The plane cannot fly to the finish line. Planes must also remain inside their racing lane. If the middle of the fuselage goes outside of the lane line before the finish, the plane loses the race. Double eliminations. Once plane crosses finish line, they can lift off, or just stop. If the plane lifts off due to wing lift, it is eliminated. Small bumps or lifting because of small bumps are okay.

3-round Air Combat - Yes, it is 3-rounds of air combat, with each round being 3 minutes long. Any aircraft is eligible. All planes must launch with a minimum of 15-ft of crepe paper streamer with a minimum 3-ft leader for each round. Scoring is done by the number of cuts accomplished in each sortie. Example: Denny engages Mike and on a single pass, hits the streamer resulting in 3 pieces of paper. This is only one kill. HOWEVER, in this same situation, if Denny dove down, made the cut, pulled up immediately and made another cut, then that would give Denny a second kill. Streamers must be firmly attached such that the streamer will not fall away on its' own. If it does fall off without being hit, that plane is out for the sortie. If two planes collide and fall to the ground, the last one to hit is given a kill.

Timed glide -Each pilot is allowed up to 20 seconds or motor run time to get as much altitude as possible and then shut off the motor. Now, the pilot must glide for as long as possible. Time starts when the model leaves the ground and stop when the plane touches down for landing or the power is added for any reason. Longest glide time wins. F5, F3 and motor gliders are not allowed. This is for sport electric models. Novice pilots may fly motor gliders of the EZ-Glider types.

Now, this is what I have planned at this time, and so things may change. The idea, of course, is to enjoy and have fun! We are looking at the date of March 10, 2012 with first event flights starting at 9:00am.

That's all the yapping I can do for this month. Some of us will be going to Phoenix for the Southwest Classic contest event, during the week of February 13. Meanwhile, fly safely and be safe all the time.
See you at the field! Mike



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