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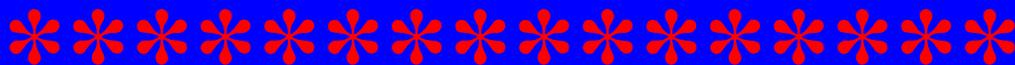
Where the spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. II Cor. 3:17

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A Savior is born



The year in review.



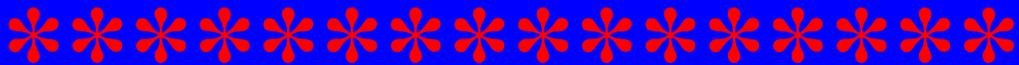
Two clubs offer training flights during a local festival.



Toledo Expo 2018.



A great place to go in early spring.



Greetings and Merry Christmas to all.

I am sitting here thinking about Christmas and many things are running through my mind. First is the thought of a little baby that was born that night on the first Christmas who became the savior of the world. His name was Immanuel, God with us.

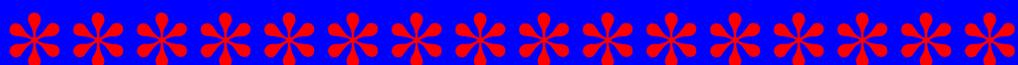
O how we have really let the world influence us in what we do and what Christmas really means. We are forgetting about what Jesus came and did because the world only wants us to think about the material aspect. Buying things and getting what we want and when we don't get what we want we pitch

a fit, especially our kids. Now I really love Christmas and I like putting up the lights, the trees, the blowups, going and shopping. But let me give you a different perspective on all of this. You see I grew up on a Christmas tree farm. My dad was a Forester with the state Forestry Commission and his dream was to grow and sell Christmas trees. I helped him during the 23 years of the selling of the trees and the Lord showed me some things that really put things in the right perspective on how we should keep in our hearts during this time of the year.

First is the Christmas Tree. What do you see in the tree, now I am talking about a real live one and not an artificial one. The Christmas tree is the first start at seeing Christmas as it really is. You did not know that did you. Well the Christmas tree is an evergreen tree. That means that it stays green all the time. It does not turn brown and shed its leaves, it always stays green, hence evergreen. In reference to this we look at the "Everlasting Life" that Christ brings to us as we accept him as our Lord and Savior, St John 3:16. And we also need to understand that being with Christ is every day, every year not just on Sundays, Christmas or Easter. Jesus wants us to be forever with him. Next is the lights that we place on the tree. This is in reference to Jesus being the Light of the World and the different colors represent the different people of different nations that Christ came to redeem. Then we put the presents under the tree. This represents the gift of giving and as Christ gave his life for us we are to give our lives to him and the gifts that we buy and put under the tree are not for us but for others and this is where we fall short for it seems that what Christmas represents is what I can get instead of what can I give. I think that we need to be looking outside the box, "US" and look to see who we can bless and give of ourselves, outside of our family, who is in need. We should not let the world influence us but we should influence the world as to the real meaning of Christmas.

My hope and prayer for us all is that we put everything in perspective and especially put Jesus first each and every day of our lives and to have the best Christmas ever. If you really want to have the joy of the Lord then put Jesus first, others next, yourself last. This will give you the real joy of the Christmas season.

God bless and have a very merry and joyful Christmas,
Tony Gaffney



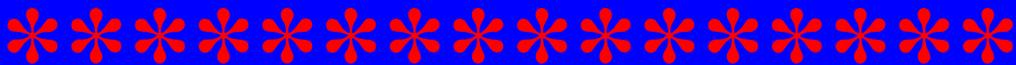
U S Nationals.



Ed Mason taking his Super Connie for a flight.



Mike Barbee appears to be making some adjustments on his King Air.

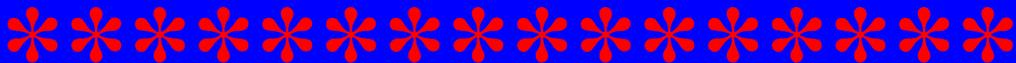


Scripture for the month.

Matthew 1:20-21

an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Saved from our sins, what a great gift, thanks Jesus.



We lost three FCM members this past year, Charlie Bauer, Jack Sheeks and

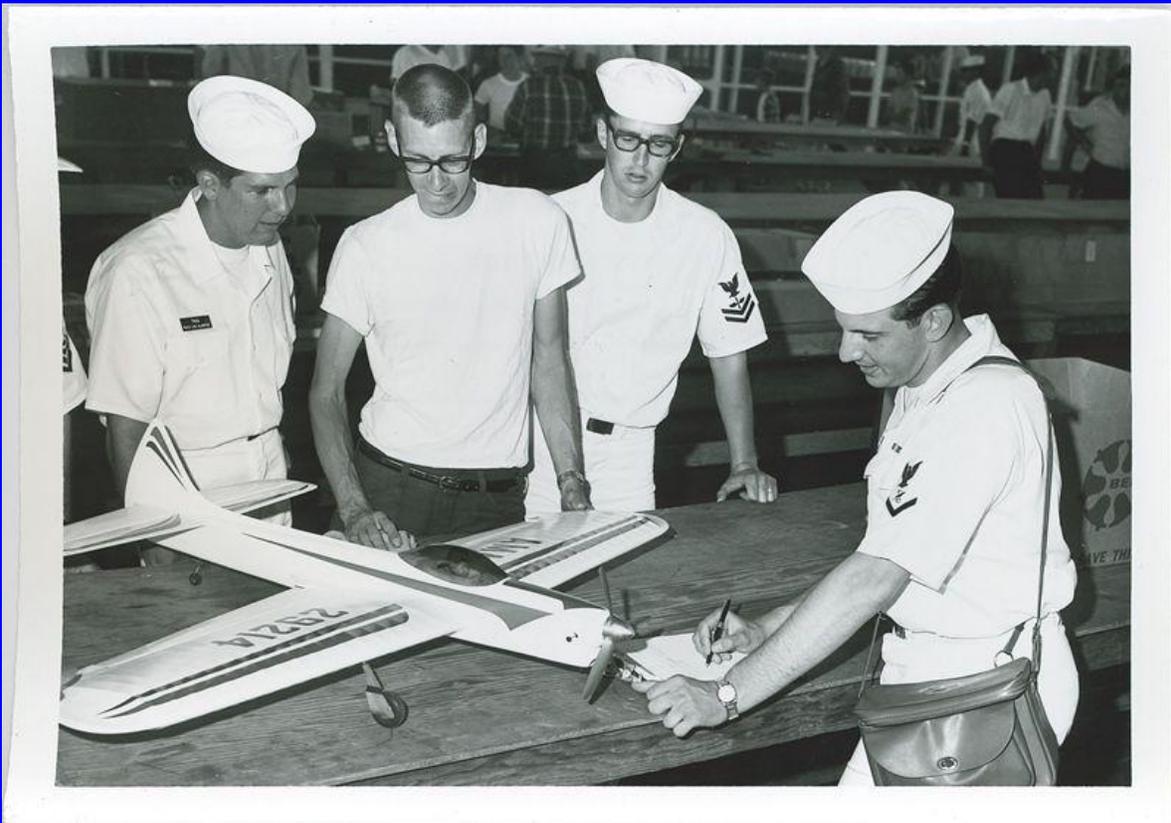
Roger Wildman. They will be missed.



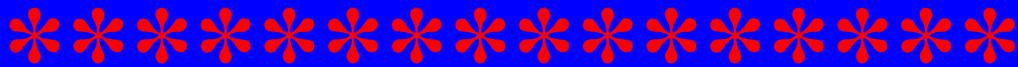
Charlie at the 2016 NASA Scale Classic.



Shirley and Jack always present at the Nats. My mentor.



Roger at the 196? Navy Nat's.



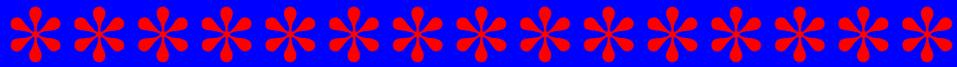
NASA Scale Classic.



Richard Schneider launches for Chuck Snyder.



Big and small scale, we love them all. Note the .010 powered airplane in this picture.



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