

CROSSWINDS

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

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NASA Scale Classic 2017.



Muncie was the site for the 4th annual NSC event and what a great event it was. Weather was not the best for the three day competition, but that's Indiana weather in Oct.

Here Jack Buckley preps his P-38 for his 1st round flight. Sad to report the winds were 15 gusting 25+ mph and his P-38 was lost. Sorry Jack.

Smile Al.



Al Kertz readies his Folger for static judging. Wish we had more room on this newsletter to view all the really great looking models, Al's was just one of 56 that entered. This event combines both R/C and C/L scale competition.

Crowd favorite.



This Piper Tri-Pacer and pilot Jack (sorry for forgetting his last name) was competing in only his second contest ever. Jack is new to C/L scale competition and we must say he did a fantastic job. Jack placed forth in sport scale, and received "best civilian" aircraft award too. Pete Klepsic assist as Jack starts the engine for his first flight.

Four generations.



Our good friend Rodney Maier sent us this photo of grandfather, father, son and grandsons. Great crew and a nice looking Tri-plane behind them.

**What's next?
by Will Hinton**

This time of year a lot of folks are contemplating the great fall colors and then thinking about what winter is going to be like this year. Will the colors be vibrant? Will they be muted? Are the leaves going to fall all at once as sometimes happens, or will they drag out the raking season?

Lots of snow? Very little snow? What does the infamous Farmer's Almanac say? We find all sorts of things to think about as far as the future, whether near or distant, but we do have access to some very good information on our personal future. It's called the Bible, or God's Word, or the Scriptures, whichever name you want to use. It is accurate and absolutely true in every sense of the word. God promises the accuracy, and also promises the, well, promises, will be kept.

Those promises include the awesome and awful sacrifice Jesus made on the cross. Awesome because He loved us enough to become sin for us after living a perfect life for some 33 years. Awful because of the terrible beatings, mocking, and the final torture of that cross. Thing is, those all pale in comparison to God the Father actually turning His back on His Son when the time came for Christ to become the sin of EVERY PERSON WHO EVER LIVED AND EVER WILL!! (Emphasis mine.)

How in the world can we ever live up to that kind of love? That is the greatness of our Lord and Savior - we CAN'T! Nor do we have to. All we need to do is accept Him and receive Him as our Savior and Lord and then live for Him. Wow. Done deed, right? I realize I'm probably preaching to the choir here, but I think we all need these little reminders to spur us to a more

attentive relationship with Him.

Let's devote the rest of the remaining seasons of 2017 to reading the Word and walking expectantly with Jesus, Savior of our souls. I repeat, WOW!

Shalom

Can you find Mike Barbee?



Talk about a great scale airplane. We looked this model up, down and sideways, great detail everywhere. Got to see it fly and that was a treat too.

This King Air C-90 electric powered and painted in U S Navy colors has a great record. Mike and pilot Frank Noll's took 1st place team at "Top

Gun", U S Nationals and the NASA Scale Classic this past year. Great job guys.



Supper Connie on the static table. Mike Eber and Wayne McDanials judging while pilot Ed Mason and Charlie Bauer chat over the day's events. Ed is a master at getting four glow engines to run and stay running, more patience then I have.

**Where the next generation of modelers?
Have you ever looked around your local flying field or within your club and wondered where the next generation of modelers will come from?**

Most clubs and flying fields have memberships that consist primarily of older, (over 50) males. Want to change this and maybe make your local club a bit more "family friendly" and Christ oriented in the process? Here is something we are doing toward that end.

In the summer of 2012 the theme for Vacation Bible School was "Amazing Wonders Aviation". This theme became a great way to introduce aviation to kids from 4 years old to 5th Grade in a church setting. In our church we used donated laptops, (from a company in Lexington Kentucky) to run RC Model Flight Simulators and also had kids build and fly the AMA FPG-9 gliders. The kids loved it! We always had long lines for the flight simulators. This really sparked an interest in me to try and develop a program for use in churches with kids and their parents to introduce them to model aviation. (Think of an aviation version of Upward Basketball.) This program would be similar to a program developed for 4H in Indiana by Mr. Jim Love.

To help jumpstart interest, this past March, we took six flight simulators to the "Kentucky RAMCON East", (Royal Ambassador Missions Congress) in Russell, (near Ashland Kentucky) and two weeks later, RAMCON West, at Beaver Dam Kentucky. We had over 40 boys attend the Russell event and over 80 attend at Beaver Dam. The boys at these events ranged in age from 6 to 18 years old. We had so many kids at the Beaver

Dam event it was very difficult to allot enough time for each child to have time on a simulator. We are planning on making this activity an ongoing part of RAMCON so to this end we will need more flight simulators. I have purchased RC controllers and other materials for twelve flight simulator stations but I only have operational laptop computers for six of those stations. We really need at least 6 additional laptops capable of running a flight simulator like Phoenix. We have found that any laptop with a 2.2Ghz Intel duo processor or better, 4Gb of memory, a 15" to 17" screen and capable of running Windows 7 or better will work. We do not need the hard drive since we change out mechanical hard drives to SSD drives because they will better survive kids and rough handling. This also takes care of the potential problem with any information that may be on the existing hard drive.

At present, other than VBS, we have only used the flight simulators with the RA's which is a boy's only group. The program we want to promote with churches will be open to any child and their parent or adult guardian. If you are interested in starting a program like this in your local church or helping us in any other way, please email me at mcmattingly2@twc.com



Allen: Here are some pictures from March 2017 RAMCON. . Since last year I have completely reworked the workstations so that everything for 6 workstations (with the exception of the laptops and the RC transmitters) will fit into a Rubbermaid Under the bed storage bin for transport. Everything is modular so it is easy to scale down to two or up to as many as will fit on the available table. During the RAMCON West event we also had a projector with the FCM and some of the AMA promotional videos running.

**Blessings,
Marvin Mattingly.**

Scripture for the month.

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. James 1:12 NIV

FCM National Prayer Chain;

**If you would like to be a member on the FCM prayer chain contact Will Hinton;
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Have pictures?

Lets share them with the world, member or not.

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