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♪ 'Tis the season... ♪ ♪ for INDOOR FLYING. And how best to do that? With a Helicopter! Our beloved comic duo, George (good lookin') Knight and Don Stedman, each bought one of these Art-Tec's Falcon 3D. Hobby-Lobby sells it for \$299, ...completely... ready to fly! It comes with a shaft-driven tail, and autogyro. I'm not sure who will have the courage to break it in it first, I mean, try it. :-)
Jim Fassino gave a few tidbits and suggested they take it out for a spin, I mean, flight. :-)

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Web Spots:

Here is a company that makes complete kits of “Old Time” models including the Viking.

<http://www.darehobby.com/airplane-electric-Y2.htm>

“Hello,

We’re **Archangel**, a company dedicated to the design and manufacture of airplanes. At the moment we are manufacturing **GILES 202** Airplane with the follow specifications:

- Wingspan: 1,21 mt
- Length: 0,91 mt
- Weight: 1,5 kg
- Fuse and wings: Balsa Wood, covered with Monokote
- ARF kit

The GILES 202 Kit is \$165 + shipping.

Payments can be done by Paypal to fif@capymes.com. Company contact information is available at our website www.bluearchangel.com

You can contact us at osaenzg@bluearchangel.com

Best regards, Oscar Saenz”

If you like Roger’s Giles 202 (shown later), this may be a source. More later.... Michael Seyfert

Coming Events

Saturday’s 7AM: **Member Breakfast** and sharing at LaPeep’s in Peoria. Check with the Prez or VP around the holiday’s.

Jan 1. **Numb Thumb fly**. Informal. Arrive at the field at 2pm, and if you haven’t the guts to fly like a man, bring a camera to catch the action of those gasses trying to start. Wax the ski’s!!

Jan 2. **Club Meeting**. 7PM. Leonardo’s at Shoppes of Grand Prairie. Food and drinks: 6PM. Lots of room for ‘show-n-tell’, or ‘For Sale’.

Heavenly Humor : -)

‘Tis the season....

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

Some minds are like concrete thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

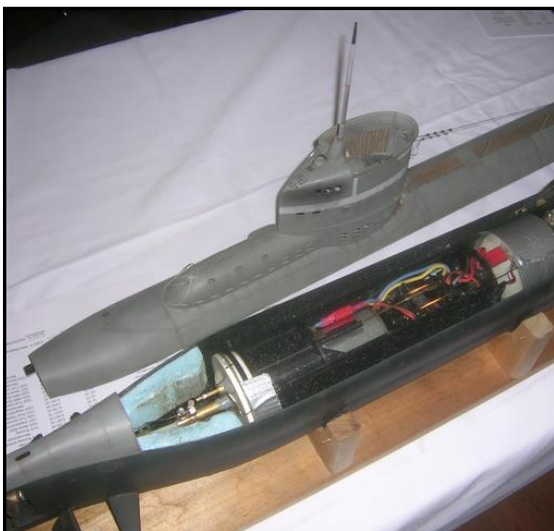
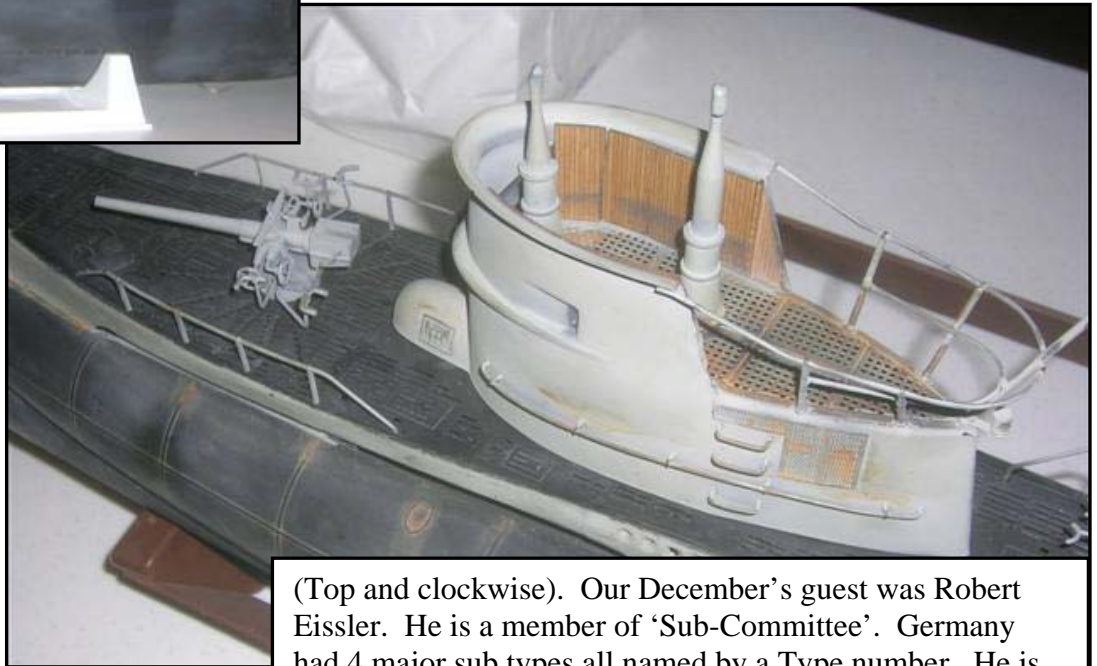
Editorial

While visions of 3D flying bounce around in our heads, the real meaning of Christmas is to love God as much as he loved us. He loved us as children, and sent his only Son, Jesus, as a sure and positive sign of that love.

A loving God is what makes Christianity so unique. And we are called to do good works for others to share that love. When we smile at those who challenge us at the field, when we give someone a little more flight time when we ourselves want to fly more, when we volunteer to help another who is not as gifted as we are, rather than wait to be asked, we imitate our Father’s love. Keep it up!

Michael Seyfert – Editor

Club Meeting Highlights



(Top and clockwise). Our December's guest was Robert Eissler. He is a member of 'Sub-Committee'. Germany had 4 major sub types all named by a Type number. He is shown with a Type 23's innards. Blood pressure cuffs are used for bladders to allow for static raise/lower. Diving planes are used for dynamic raise/lower. A Type 21, which came out at war's very tail end, is in the foreground.

Finishing hint: Walmart's cheap black primer works well. (Left) A Type 7, 1/40 scale, was the earliest WWII sub. It runs 45 minutes on NiCd's and brushed motors. Some models are 600 sized RC aircraft direct drive motors, and some are geared RC car motors.

(Above two) A type 23 outside and its' detailing. Weld lines are simulated by scratching a groove, then running CA down the seam.

We all enjoyed the presentation, models, and the video with underwater shots of various subs shooting torpedoes.



(Above) Jim Fassino couldn't wait for Mrs. Claus, and impulsively picked up this cute looking Tiny Tiger Moth made by Green Model. It came complete except for battery and radio, as I recall. Let's hope the air is calm on our Numb Thumb's fly on Jan 1, and see the maiden flight (IF Jim can wait that long).

(Below) Roger Stegall showed his Great Plane's Giles 202. It has one of his 8 45cc gas motors (I think he's saving the rest for a BIG multi-engine project next year). A wood 20 x 10 prop will pull the 14 lb through the air. It has a 76" span. It took only 20 hours to build so he now has time to help the wife stir chocolate chip cookies. It is 6 channels with dual elevator servos, and an engine cut off servo (nice safety device with gas power). All fitting are heavy duty and mount from only one side making for a clean look. It also had a shock isolated tailwheel. I wonder if he'll do the maiden flight on ski's???



Dear Amelia Airhead,

I know it's suggested for safety reasons that pilots should not fly at their field if others are not present during the flying session. Sometimes I hesitate to load my planes in the car because I don't want to have to open the gate and then sit for hours hoping others will show up. I'm sure there are other members who have forgone a trip to our flying site because they didn't want to be the only one there. It's not so much fun for me to really wring-out an aircraft and perform flawless maneuvers if nobody else is around to appreciate my prowess. What's a body to do?

Sincerely,

Male – seeking other like-minded males

Dear Like-Minded fellow:

First off – don't go around telling other guys you are looking for other like-minded males – it will make them think you may be into more alternate lifestyles than flying electrics. One high tech solution for your club to get more fliers on the flight line would be to install a web cam – you know those cameras that are on all day long and show the most intimate details of everything that's happening. You could watch everything from a hawk eating a field mouse to Becky riding your beat-up mower. Please be advised that you should not give your web-cam address to your significant others because they will get wise to your frequent excuses that you need to return to work on a sunny Saturday afternoon (especially if you have a gallon of glow fuel under your arm). If your club doesn't want to "spring" for the web-cam, consider a simple telephone tree where you call a few buddies ahead of a planned trip to the field and see if you can convince one of them to join you. At least have one buddy up and call you every so often. The Saturday morning 7 AM breakfast club is a great venue to plan the entire weekend of flying activities. The restaurant service is good, the price is reasonable and the company is the best – except for the occasional grump who shows up before he has had his happy pill.

Cholesterol Rising
Signed: **Amelia Airhead**

Dear Amelia Airhead,

With the Christmas season quickly approaching I have a lot of airplane-type goodies on my wish list but I feel shy about asking my wife to purchase these things for me when she is already complaining that I'm spending too much time at the flying field and not enough time helping her stir chocolate chip cookies. How can I discreetly ask her to further indulge my hobby needs without setting her off on some tirade about my reluctance to fix the flat tire that has been on her car for the past three months.

Sincerely,

Dreaming of Another Airplane

Dear Dreamer Guy

Hey – get a grip – haven't you heard of Teddies? Women like to be wooed with silky things – not 100-grit sandpaper and hot-stuff. Second thought – they do like hot stuff but it has nothing to do with glue. You need to do something really special for that "honey" of yours or you will be flying solo and having to launder your own dirty socks. Flowers are not a bad second choice but you can't be so transparent as to wrap the stems of a dozen roses in a Tower Hobbies monthly sales flyer. Women want to feel needed and special. Perhaps it's as simple as making a call to the little lady just to tell her you appreciate her or are thinking about her. If you can get in the habit of charging up your relationship about ½ as often as you charge up your transmitter – you can order just about anything you want to support your infantile hobby. Oh – and concerning that flat tire – a glob of epoxy in the area of the leak is only good for about 10 miles so don't even think about that unless you have the telephone number of a good towing service on your speed dial. Good luck with your Wish List. Personally, I can tell you that leaving your wish list under your wife's pillow is likely to cause your pillow to be permanently quarantined to a remote section of the house – it can get cold in the garage – so bundle up.

Advice-to-go
Signed: **Amelia Airhead**

Painting Foam Models

From the "Robbins Nest" by Dennis Robbins
Hi-Sky R/C Flyer, Midland, Texas
Taken from AMA Insider magazine, Nov 2006.

Many people are building with foam these days, and Blucore fanfold and Depron seem to be the material of choice. One drawback to scratch building with foam is the color choices. You get to choose from either blue (Blucore) or white or gray (Depron).

Most of us like a more visible color scheme, and painting is the only way to obtain the desired look. I paint most of my aircraft, and I'd like to share my simple techniques for painting foam.

The first step is to make a paper template of the design you want. I then place this on the airplane in the desired location, and mark the corners of the template. I use some type of colored permanent marker which hopefully matches the paint color being used, and connect the dots, more or less. This gives me a border, and paint can be applied between the lines.

The paint I use is the cheap, acrylic, water-based paint found at your local craft store. These come in small plastic bottles and only cost roughly \$.75 to \$1.00. You will be amazed at the color selection.

All you need to get started is a small container to squeeze a small amount of paint into, and several sizes of inexpensive paint brushes. I also keep some craft sticks on hand for stirring the paint if needed.

To thin the paint, add water and stir away! The last thing you need to know is be patient! Let the paint dry completely and you will be rewarded with a model everyone will be envious of.

Since many are building in the winter, and more of us do foam, here's a timely and appropriate article for the club.

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Good bye

I've enjoyed the experience of supporting the club as newsletter editor. I've learned some enhanced word-processing skills, that's for sure. One eye-opening comment, is that I've found the other club members giving me enough support that I never felt I was alone, or that I could fail. I was pretty nervous trying a new thing, especially in a position so visible in our club. It was also a commitment, which is always a bit frightening at first. So what have I learned?

- I learned when people try, others help.
- I learned when I quit complaining, and pitch in, things seem to go better.
- I've learned that commitment is the way to grow as a person, and helps the club grow too.
- I've learned that we ..all.. have to help in small ways to keep the club functioning. Funny, it works in our big family of 8 children too! Imagine that.

Someone always asks about the future as one leaves. So a few remarks on that question: I volunteered to assist another to have more club events, per our club survey. While that has not met with my hope, I'd like to challenge all the club members to volunteer in some capacity next year, and even to try something new.

To be more precise: we are heavily 'inward focussed'. We border on selfishness. We'll spend \$100 at a drop of a hat for a model or radio Rx, but we don't promote visitors to try flying. Ever buy a plane for the kid down the street? Maybe you could donate your old one? We could promote the hobby in a mall show. We could participate in local parades with our models. We could ask visitors to try their hand flying, invite them back, or sometimes just say "HI". We could hold a fun fly inviting people to visit or try flying for a donation of food to a local charity. If you already do some of these, great. If not, consider that our club membership has decreased, and so has the revenue to even buy necessities like land leases or to update the mower in future years. Do volunteer!!!!

See you at the field with (Sh-s-s) quiet gliders and electrics....
Michael Seyfert