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We're all excited about getting Johnson Field open and enjoying our hobby, once again, as soon as possible.

The Board appreciates your patience and the many suggestions and comments that we have received during the pandemic.

You should know that we have been working hard behind the scenes to establish safe flying rules that include issues about the number of pilots that can fly at the field at the same time, social distancing, mask wearing, hand sanitation and other plans to help to establish the best safety for our members that we can.

It is each of your responsibilities to determine if it might be safe for you to attend the field when it opens again. It is our recommendation that you continue to stay at home. You **MUST** stay at home if you are feeling ill.

We are presenting our proposed safety rules to our landowner and their attorneys on Monday afternoon. Given the recent openings of other RC flight venues, beaches, and golf courses, we believe that we have enough evidence to convince the owners to allow us to open the field again. The final say about the use of the field is up to the owner's decision.

We will be back with you on Tuesday to let you know their findings. If we get the green light, we plan to open immediately.

Additionally, the Board has agreed to allow a pro-rata credit of the dues that you have paid this year to be applied to next year's dues. The amounts of this credit will be determined based upon the length of time that the field has been closed due to the pandemic.

Finally, for those of you that ordered some club clothing, our order has arrived and we will announce plans to distribute your hats, shirts, and jackets when we can finally open the field.

While we wait for the determination on Monday, we hope that you continue to be well and safe.

—
Steve Gebler

Based upon a recent challenge by Mr. Joe Villarreal, a certain club member known for creating “interesting” aircraft was invited to see if he could make a favorite breakfast treat fly. Well, here it is:



Submitted by Steve Gebler

Editor (No comment)

LeggoMyEggo



Field Closure Update

Wednesday evening, (April 8, 2020) your Board met for the usual monthly meeting. As you might suspect, a lot of the time was spent discussing the closure of the field and potential alternatives to try to get the field re-opened even in a limited fashion.

Literally minutes before we began the meeting (via Zoom teleconferencing), San Diego County issued a new “Stay at Home” ruling that states that ALL non-essential gatherings are now prohibited. You can read the announcement here or at many other sources: <http://tinyurl.com/wqjoh9v>.

The key points in the County document on the ruling that pertain to us are:

2. All public or private "gatherings," as defined in section 17b below, are prohibited.

17b . "Gathering" is any event or convening that brings together more than one person in a single room or single indoor or outdoor space at the same time, including multiple vehicles in one location.

Despite this new ruling the Board continued the debate, that had been worked on since this past weekend, to draw a consensus on limited opening plans if allowed by the ruling authorities on COVID-19 stay at home issues.

One thing that we all agreed upon was that Pappas Investments (HQ in Sacramento), our generous landowner, must weigh in.

I reached out to our key contact at Pappas immediately after the meeting and here is his response:

"Steve, the directive is similar to one enacted in Sacramento County. It seems clear from the language of the directive that gatherings at, and the use of, the airport is prohibited until this order is either lifted or otherwise amended. For everyone's safety and well-being, this is the direction that we want to have followed."

As such, the field will remain closed until further notice.

We all miss flying at the field. I look forward to seeing all of you at the field and at our monthly meetings when it is safe to do so.

I hope that you, your family, friends, and co-workers are and will remain safe.

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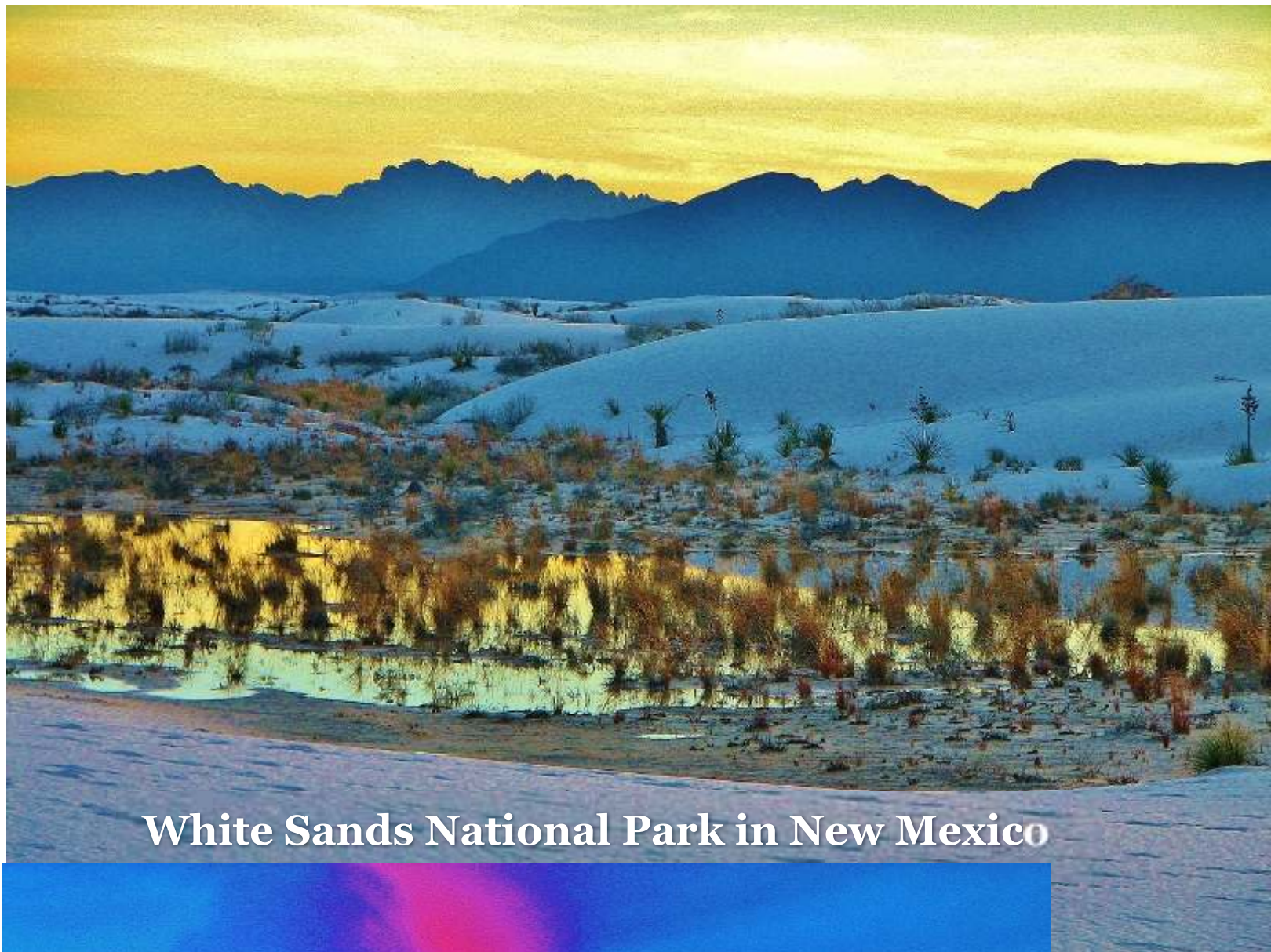
Steve Gebler

Editor's Note:

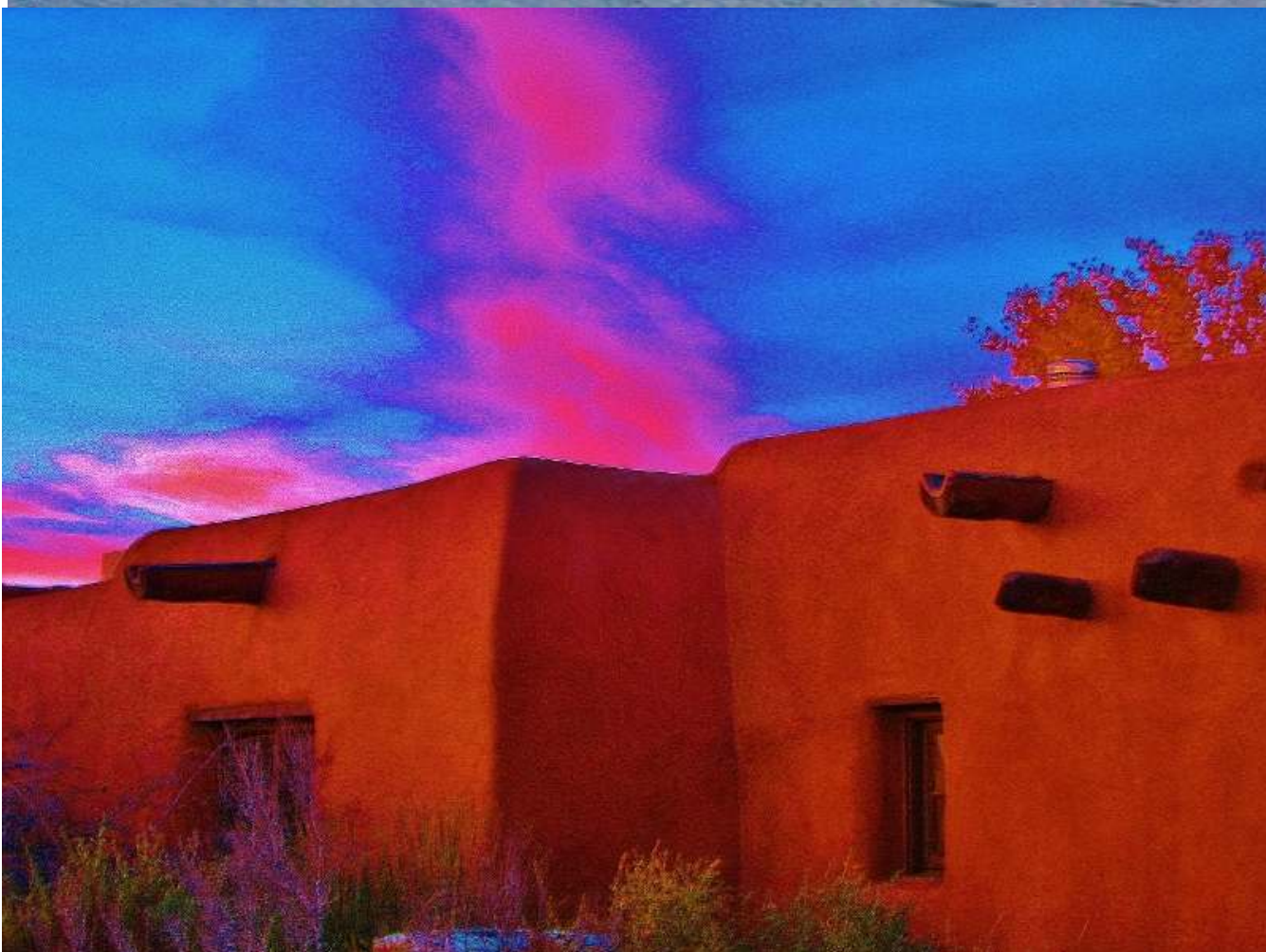
Given the world's situation and being unable to fly at our field, I have gathered a few interesting aviation and other photos for your viewing pleasure. The first is of a 3,000 hp Corsair pictured below! This is the smallest Transmitter I have ever published! We are still alive and still constructing airplanes. And wait patiently for the field to reopen. Joe Buko-editor

Just a PS: Senator Tom Johnston turned 90 on April 28, 2020. He is doing well. Happy Birthday, Tom! May you live another 90!!





White Sands National Park in New Mexico



Park Headquarters

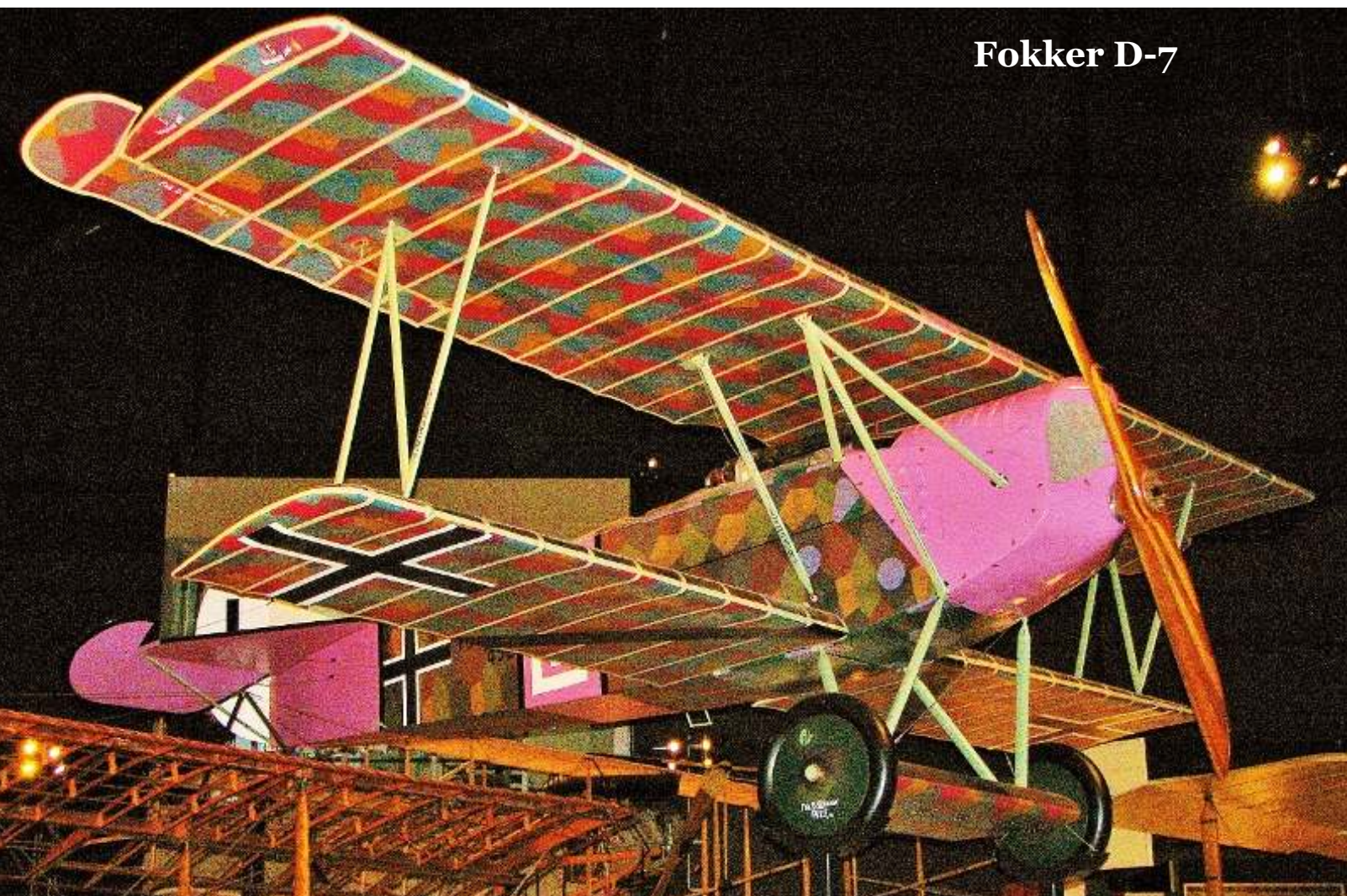


B-36 @ Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton Ohio @ the Air Force Museum

Full scale T-28 @ Wright-Patterson AFB



Fokker D-7





Upstate New York has gorgeous colors!



The Snake River



That's why these are called giant redwoods!



The Buzzard Bombshell at AMA Headquarters Museum in Muncie, Indiana



The Opera House in Sydney, Australia





Mitsubishi Zero at the Auckland Memorial War Museum in Auckland, New Zealand



Skyhook used to judge the old combat events.





Pacific tropical sunset.



Editor's DeHavilland Gypsy Moth 1/4 scale.

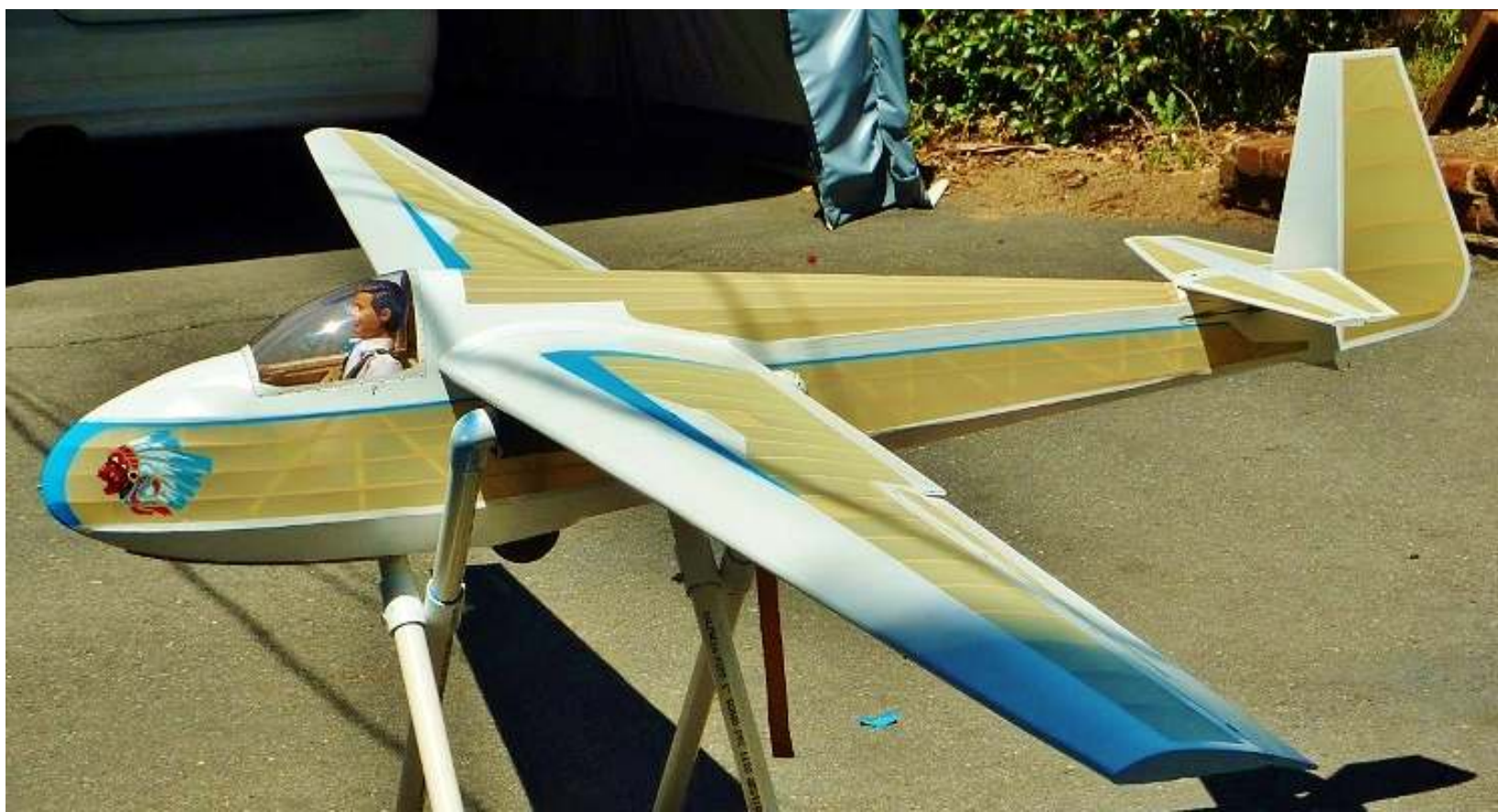
This is the model that was just mostly framed last summer. It is a 1/4 scale model of a Cherokee II. The full size was designed by a man named Hall and was sold as plans only, intended as a homebuilt in the mid 50's. Over 100 were built worldwide. It was built from a short kit, very short. Kit included wing ribs and fuselage frames. Rest was provided by modeler. No instructions and the plans were minimal, no section views or construction details. Took a little over a year but construction this winter was slow because it was so cold. My shop is not heated. It weighs just under 7.5 pounds ready to fly. The wing span is 135". It is covered with solartex. I had quite a learning curve with this covering, would do a better job if I could do it over, but solartex is unobtainable now. Servos are all high voltage MKS with a Savox for the tow release. Receiver is a Spectrum 9Channel power safe with dual 3700 2S batteries. Ailerons and spoilers linkages are all internal with no exposed arms or rods.

Mike Lonnecker



Mike builds outstanding airplanes and ships. He is 5 cuts above most of us! His attention to detail is superb. Just look at this beauty! Great job as always, Mike.

Joe Buko- editor







In January 2020, President Steve Gebler drove his earth mover to dress our roads. Thanks for all you do for us!

In happier days.





P-47 and a Corsair from E-Flite. Editor's models.



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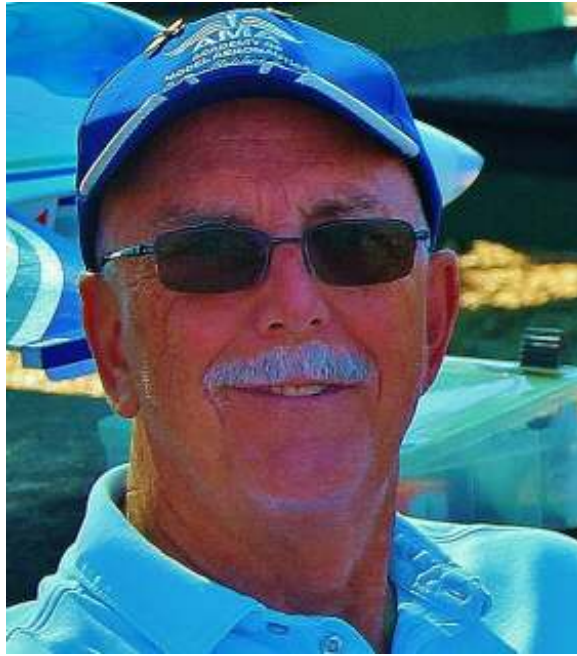
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