

### THE MASTHEAD PLANE

The Nakajima C6N naval reconnaissance plane was first proposed in 1942 as a twin-engined plane, with a prop on each wing, but the engines buried in the fuselage. When a more powerful engine became available, the design reverted to a more conventional single-engined design. Although designed to fly off carriers, by the time it became operational in September 1944, Japan had very few carriers left, so most of them were land-based. With a top speed of 380 m.p.h., the Saiun, or Myrt (Allied reporting name) was faster than most of the Allied fighters. Indeed, it was the fastest Japanese carrier-based plane of the war. Ironically, it was also the last Japanese plane shot down in World War Two, the last one going down just five minutes before the Japanese surrender.

The plane spanned 41 feet and was 36 feet long. It carried a crew of three with a range of 3,300 miles at a cruise speed of 240 m.p.h. It was armed with one machine gun in the observer's post.

This plane has some interesting challenges for the modeler. The wings are equipped with Fowler and slit flaps, as well as leading edge slats. All three wheels retract. On the other hand, the nose moment is acceptably long. When they ask you what you're doing with a long greenhouse on a Zero, tell them "That's no Zero, that's my Myrt!"



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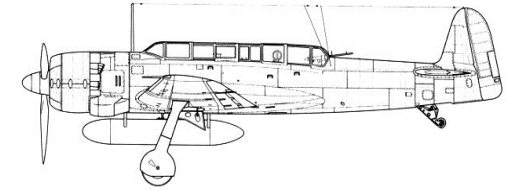
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### DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE

**Al Zerber** won the \$15.00 **Nankin Hardware** gift certificate from **Nankin Hardware & Hobby**. We did not have enough ticket sales for the raffle prize, so it will be held over for the March meeting. Thank you, Nankin!



### ELECTION RESULTS

There were no contested positions at the elections, except for Most Improved Pilot and Most Valuable Member. Thus, the results are as follows:

**Mike Cuba** for president  
**Mark Blair** for VP  
**Tim Kirsten** for Secretary  
**Bob Huard** for Treasurer  
**Charles Henry** for Safety  
**Bobby Harmon** for Field Marshall  
**Al Zerber** for Membership  
**Ray Piper** for Member-at-large.  
**Jim Hill** for Member-at-large.  
**Bill Gillespie** for Member-at-large.

**Bob Huard** got the nod for **Most Improved Pilot**. **Mark Blair** won the race for **Most Valuable Member**. Congratulations, gentlemen!

### ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual banquet this year was held at the Redford Community Center, with pizza, pop and salad. The leftover food was donated to a local family. Due to low turnout at the January meeting, the voting on Most Improved Pilot and Most Valuable Member was done at the banquet.

<b>Flint Swap</b>	<b>3/6</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>
<b>Business meeting</b>	<b>3/8</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>

## INDOOR FLYING

Indoor flying is being done at the VFW Hall on Joy near Middlebelt on an irregular basis. **Bob Huard** will contact the people who have expressed an interest in it.

## MEMBERSHIP

Memberships are now being taken for the 2011 flying season. As of the February meeting, we have 37 members paid up. This is 7 less than at the same time last year. Do it now! After the April meeting you'll have to pay a late fee.

## UPCOMING SWAPS

**Flying Aces** of Flint, has a swap on 3/6 at the Lake Fenton High School, 4070 Lahring Rd, Linden, Mi, 48451 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Check the website [www.rcflyingaces.com](http://www.rcflyingaces.com) or call **Bill Gerald** at 810-655-6420 for more info

Speaking of swaps, **Charlie Thomas** reports that we made \$705 at the January DAM swap. Thanks, Charlie!

## APRIL STATIC DISPLAY

The annual Static Display contest will be held this year in April. ARF's and planes purchased at swaps, etc. will be shown, but only kit-built, plans-built, or scratch-built models will be eligible for prizes. The grand prize this time is an extra ticket for the door prize drawing! If that's not an incentive to build, I don't know what is!

## FIELD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Although it is too late this year to apply for one, **Tom McNulty** found out through Sally Petrella, of the Friends of Rouge Park, that we

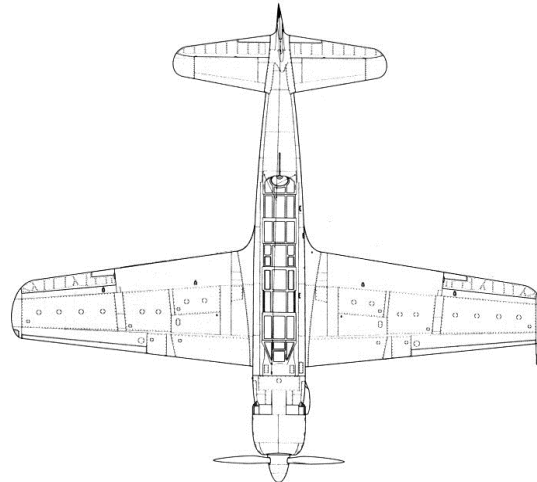
could apply for a field improvement grant from the AMA. Start thinking about what we could do to improve the safety and convenience of the field now!

## WHERE'S THE JANUARY ISSUE?

The January meeting was held on the evening of one of the two worst snow storms of the season. There were only six people in attendance, so no business was discussed. Instead, they solved all the problems facing the world... and forgot to take notes!

## HARVEY

For those of you wondering where **Mike Cuba** has been, the play he's directing, **Harvey**, opens this weekend at the Village Theater in Canton, at Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads. Matinees are 2/19, 2/20, 2/26 and 2/27 at 2 p.m., and evening shows are 2/18, 2/19, 2/25 and 2/26 at 8 p.m. Come see Mike's take on the invisible six foot rabbit!



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