

THE MASTHEAD PLANE

The masthead plane this month is a Golden Age fighter from Consolidated, the P-30. It was the first plane built by Consolidated in San Diego, and it is distinguished by being the only two-seat monoplane to be used by the USAAC in the interwar years. The plane was armed with three thirty caliber machine guns, and generally proved the truism that putting a second crew member and gun in a fighter to protect the rear only resulted in a heavy, slow plane. It's probably a good thing it never got into combat! The wing spanned forty-three feet, and the plane maxed out at 239 mph at altitude. The only hassles for the modeler are the retracts and the relatively small cowl. There was a proposed radial version of this plane, the P-33, but it was never built.

DAM SWAP

Swap chairman **Charlie Thomas** reported that attendance at the swap was down fifty to 135 through the door. We still made a decent profit as a club, and lots of stuff got traded around!

ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual banquet this year will be held at the Papa Elias Pizza Buffet, at 29210 Ford Road at Middlebelt. The date is January 27th, the time is 6 p.m., and the cost is about \$10. We will have a private room, so noise control will be simplified. It should be lots of fun. See you there!



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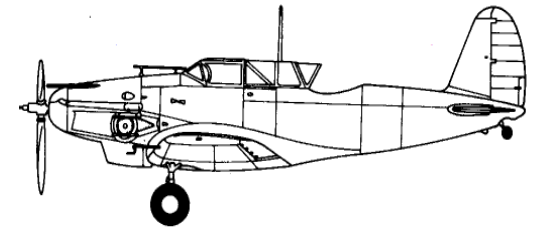
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DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE

The door prize this month was won by **Bill Gillespie**, and the raffle drawing was won by **Jeff Hall**. The door prize was donated by **Nankin Hardware & Hobby**, and the raffle prize also came from them. Thanks, Nankin, and congratulations, gentlemen!



SHOW AND TELL

Bobby Harmon brought in a Curtiss P-36 Hawk that he purchased from Black Hawk. The model spans sixty-four inches, weighs seven and a half pounds, and has retracts. The noisy end has an OS .61 in it. Bobby said the airframe cost him \$159. Nice price for a good looking plane!

Ron Wasielewski brought in plans for the XL-15 Scout. The original was designed as a pod and boom fuselage, with twin rudders and a high wing. The idea was to get the maximum sightlines for a reconnaissance plane.

Jeff Hall brought in a piece of memorabilia from his days at Northwest Airlines. It was a nicely mounted piece of a vertical fin from a 747-200 that had flown forty-six million miles before it was decommissioned.

MICHIGAN JETS 2009

The guard has been changed at Michigan Jets. DAM member **George Thomas** will now captain the event. It will be held August 7th through 9th at the Grosse Ile Airport, with proceeds going to benefit the Grosse Ile memorial and the Children's Leukemia Fund. George is looking for workers, both for the setup at noon August 6th, and during the event.

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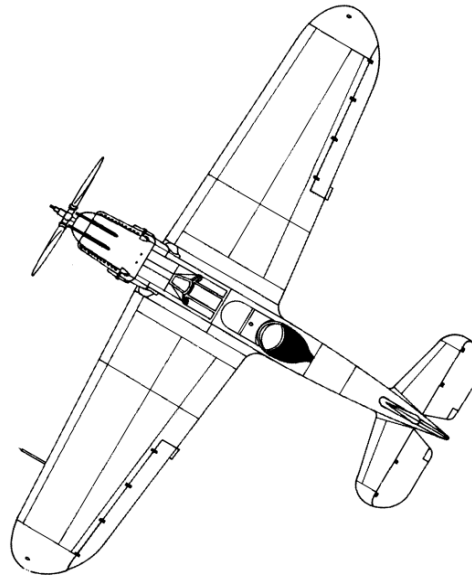
The club voted to donate \$150 to a youth group using the Redford Community Center. This will replace our annual donation directly to the center, as that is no longer possible. **Tom McNulty** will research the groups and make a recommendation on which group(s) to donate to.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership chairman **Al Zerber** reported that we have 42 paid up members as of the January meeting.

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Club meeting at the Redford Community Center

1/27	annual banquet	6 p.m.
2//10	business meeting	7 p.m.

Indoor flying every Friday at 6 p.m.