

**THE MASTHEAD PLANE**

You say you want a simple jet , but don't want to be one of the crowd? Have I got a prototype for you! The Hindustan Aerospace HJT-16 Kiran II was contemporary with the HAL Gnat and Ajeet. First flight of this side-by-side trainer, originally called for in 1959, was in 1976. It was delayed by production problems with the HAL turbojet, and was eventually equipped with an Orpheus engine. The Mark II has two machine guns in the nose, and four hard points, two of which are exclusively for fuel tankage. It can hit 430 mph, cruises at 200 mph, and has a range of 460 miles. The plane is almost square at about 35 feet span and length.

### MISSING FEBRUARY ISSUE

There was no February issue of the PropWash this year. It costs about \$60 to put out an issue, and the February meeting was held on the night of a winter blizzard. Twelve members made it to the meeting, and no decisions were made.

### AMA INSTRUCTORS

**Ken Goodlesky** and **Charlie Thomas** have registered as AMA instructor pilots. This means that they can take non-AMA students up, with AMA coverage. Thanks for volunteering, gentlemen!



## PROPWASH

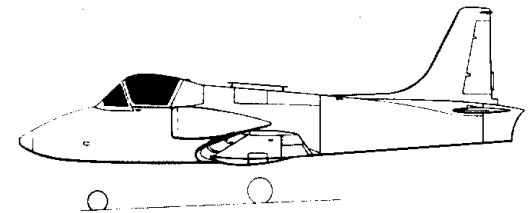
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### DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE

**Don Kay** won the Nankin Hardware & Hobby \$15 gift certificate door prize, and **Frank Hansen** won the \$50 gift certificate raffle prize, also from Nankin. Congratulations, gentlemen, and thank you, Nankin!



**FIELD NEWS**

While it is generally club policy to allow pilots to drive up to the pits to unload, Field Marshall **Bobby Harmon** asks that you do not do this until after the Spring thaw and dry-out. The ruts it leaves will be difficult to roll out! Consider it your exercise program!

The new flight box has been painted and will be installed at the field this Spring. The contract has been signed for mowing the field, at the same price as last year, \$155 per mowing.

**Stan Spiewak** has the frequency control pins for the 2.4 GHz radios, and will have them mounted in the frequency control box as soon as the weather moderates.

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership chairman **Al Zerber** reports that we have 72 members and counting for 2008.

### CLUB DONATION

The club voted to donate \$25 to the Jefferson Elementary School Petty Cash fund as a thank-you for allowing us to use their gym for indoor flying.

## APRIL STATIC DISPLAY CONTEST

There was some discussion of the April Static Display Contest at the March meeting, with the following results. There will still be a contest open to kit-built, plans-built, and scratch-built models only. First and second prizes (five and two special raffle tickets, respectively) will be awarded in Civilian Scale, Military Scale, and Sport categories. There will be two drawings for \$50 gift certificates, from the tickets handed out as prizes.

We also encourage you to bring and display your Winter Project, no matter whether it is an ARF, a rebuild, a non-R/C project, or even something that wasn't designed to fly! It's always fun to see what the other guys are building and/or working on!

## CLUB PHOTO ALBUMS

Club Historian **Bob Mayhew** reports that he has started the third album of club photos. Volume one covers the early days up to 1990. Volume two goes through 2007, and Volume three will be current pictures, 2008 and onward. Thanks, Bob!

## JACK SHELBY DONATION

**Al Zerber** gave us a final report on the proceeds from the equipment donated by **Jack Shelby**. Including the \$300 made at the January swap, Jack's contribution has come to a grand total of \$2,200. Wow!

## AUGUST FUN FLY

There were some interesting developments at the March meeting concerning our Air Show in August. The members present voted to hold the show, but when it came time to find a volunteer to organize it, no one spoke up! Several ideas that had been batted around prior to that point to simplify the organizational job.

If we do not offer food to the public, we do not have to jump through the City hoops concerning food preparation and handling. If we do not have a giant raffle, we don't have to spend a year soliciting prizes and hustling ticket sales. If we don't get an AMA sanction, we don't have to have an AMA-approved CD.

Public attendance has dropped consistently over the years, to the point where catering to the pilots should be a more important goal than worrying about feeding the "crowd" or spectators. The raffle has in the past been the big money-maker for the show, but it has become the tail that wags the dog, and we don't really need it and all the hassle it generates. The AMA sanction has never stopped other area clubs from scheduling air shows that conflict with our dates.

As near as I can figure it out, an organizer needs to be able to organize local publicity and field set-up, and food for pilots and workers only. That doesn't sound like too much. If we do not get a volunteer at the April meeting, though, we will have to cancel the Air Show. The ball is in your court!

## FUN FLY SCHEDULE

The Fun Fly schedule has been set for the summer. We will have one on the third Sunday of each month from May through October, at noon. **Bobby Harmon** will be our CD, and **Ron Wasiliewski** has volunteered to be our chef. Along those lines, it was voted that we increase the money spent for food from an average of \$50/month to \$75/month. It should be a nice picnic!

## HELICOPTER FUN FLY

**Darrell Bell** reported at the March meeting that plans for a helicopter Fun Fly are progressing smoothly. He's using a landing fee to generate cash to cover expenses, and food will be available only for pilots and workers. The event is scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars!

## JEFF SLABAUGH DONATION

Former member **Jeff Slabaugh** brought in two tables full of R/C equipment to be donated to the club at the March meeting. We decided that rather than attack it like vultures, we would draw door prize tickets and go in order or draw. Everything went! Thank you, Jeff!

## FLIGHT WISDOM

When in doubt, maintain altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky.

There are three simple rules for making a great landing. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are!

**Club meeting at the Redford Community Center**

4/4	indoor flying	5 p.m.
4/8	business meeting	7 p.m.
4/11	indoor flying	5 p.m.
4/18	indoor flying	5 p.m.
4/25	indoor flying	5 p.m.

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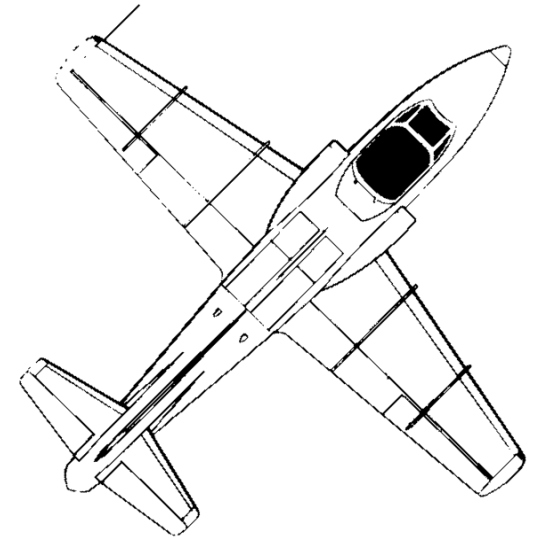
Please note that there will be no indoor flying on 3/21 or 3/28.

**MARCH SHOW AND TELL**

The March Show and Tell was very abbreviated, since the bulk of the time allotted for it was used in distributing the materials donated by **Jeff Slabaugh**. **Larry Stein** brought in his Hangar Nine Extra Easy, which he picked up used with radio and engine, all for \$100. Wow! **Bobby Harmon** brought in his SIG P-51B. This plane weighs eight and a half pounds, and spans 67 inches. There's an OS .91 at the loud end. **Mike Cuba** brought in a Fly Zone ARF electric Cub. This four-channel foamy hasn't been in the air yet, but Mike did note that balancing the prop made all the difference in how well the plane static tests. Not only does an unbalanced prop affect the durability of the plane, it also drops the top rpm by several hundred!

**PROPWASH**

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