

THE MASTHEAD PLANE

The Aeritalia AM.3C Bosbok is a development of the LASA 60, originally designed by Lockheed-Georgia and produced by AerMacchi. Aeritalia took the high-lift wing of the LASA 60 transport and put it on a smaller, more agile body to serve as an observation plane, originally for the Italian army. The majority of the planes were sold to the South African Air Force, which used them as utility planes in the mid and late 1970's. The plane spans 41 1/2 feet and can carry a maximum load of 3,750 pounds for 615 miles. The plane has two hard points under the wings for a variety of ordnance, ranging from gun pods to missiles and bombs. With the high-lift wing, it can clear a fifty foot barrier with a takeoff roll of only 560 feet.

For the modeler, what's not to like? There's a nice long nose moment, a generous fin and rudder, fixed conventional gear and a big greenhouse cabin. It beats the heck out of trying to do a scale version of the V-22 Osprey!

FIELD NEWS

The field is still too wet to drive on, so please unload your gear at the street, and bring it up to the pits with a cart!



PROPWASH

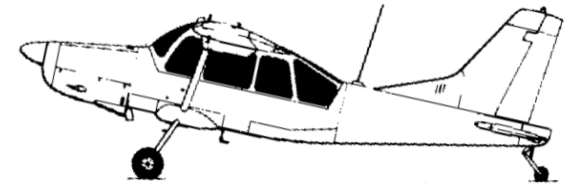
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DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE

Stan Spiewak won the Nankin Hardware & Hobby \$15 gift certificate door prize. Congratulations, Stan, and thank you, Nankin!



MEMBERSHIP

Membership chairman **Al Zerber** reports that we have 83 members and counting for 2008.

AUGUST FUN FLY

Vince Blasky has volunteered to organize the August Fun Fly. He's planning a streamlined event, with no food service for the public, and no merchandise raffle. He's looking into whether or not to get an AMA sanction for the event. It was pointed out at the April meeting that in addition to blacking out the calendar for other sanctioned events in the area, getting a sanction might have a positive effect on the insurance situation for visiting pilots. The event will be held the weekend of August 23rd and 24th. Vince will be looking for volunteers to make it happen!

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!

APRIL STATIC DISPLAY CONTEST

We had five entries in this year's Static Display contest, and five prizes! **Jerry Willim** brought in his new Corsair, the Angel of Okinawa. This plane has the authentic checkerboard pattern on the nose and rudder. The plane spans 110 inches, and weigh thirty-five pounds. The Sachs-Dolmar engine drives a 22/6-10 prop. The plane replaces one that Jerry flew for many years, before it was totaled a couple of years back.

Vince Blasky brought in a B-26 Invader built from Don Smith plans. The plane has an unusual red and white color scheme, weighs twenty-three pounds, and is powered by two Super Tiger .90 engines, each backed with a twenty-four ounce fuel tank. Control is provided by a Futaba 2.4 gHz radio with a redundant battery system. The plane is equipped with Robart retracts. Vince is apparently not in a hurry. He's been working on it for more than a year!

Stan Spiewak brought in a Moskito helicopter, a Robbe Schlueter kit. According to Stan, there were a zillion parts, all black! To keep track of which part was which, Stan color-coded the parts, resulting in quite an eye-catching frame! The parts all keyed together before being bolted together, so the frame is extremely strong (and heavy, at nine pounds!) The 1200 mm rotor disk is under CCPM control, and is powered by an OS Max .40 engine. You might want to upgrade that, Stan! This is a real vintage kit, being all of twenty-five years old.

Tim Kirsten brought in a Stevens Aero Modeler Squirt electric kit. This 38 inch span model is pulled along by a speed 400 motor, and a 2S 1250 mAh LiPo battery pack.

Mike Cuba brought in (not for the contest) a biplane that he picked up at the PMAC swap last year. The body is glassed (even though it is only about thirty inches long!), and the cowling is permanently attached and glassed over. The wingspan is about forty inches, and the plane is powered by a .40 engine. Mike had to put in new electronics, and reroute the throttle linkage, but he's looking forward to seeing this puppy in the air. Mike also brought in the bones of a Guillows SE-5A rubber-powered model that he's going to use as set dressing for his next play!

It may be time to rethink whether or not to hold a Static Display contest next year. It looks like ARF's are here to stay.

REDFORD STATIC DISPLAY

The Grand Dale Neighborhood Association is asking us to do a static display during their 2nd Annual Ice Cream Social & Bake Sale. The event runs from noon to three p.m., on Plymouth Road between Leverne and Southwestern. If you're interested in participating, contact **Mike Cuba** at 734-812-0102.

WILLOW RUN STATIC DISPLAY

Willow Run is once again open to the idea of a static display of R/C aircraft during their Memorial Day Air Show. **Vince Blasky** is the contact person for this event. You can contact him at 248-514-8532 for details.

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 28th and 29th. Mark your calendars!

Club meeting at the Redford Community Center

5/13	business meeting	7 p.m.
5/18	Fun Fly	noon
5/26	Willow Run Static Display	
6/10	business meeting	7 p.m.
6/15	Fun Fly	noon
6/21	Redford static display	noon
6/28-29	Helicopter Fun Fly	
7/8	business meeting	7 p.m.
7/20	Fun Fly	noon
8/8-10	Michigan Jets	
8/12	business meeting	7 p.m.
8/17	Fun Fly	noon
8/23-24	August Fun Fly & Air Show	

FLIGHT WISDOM

It's always better to be down here wishing you were up there than to be up there wishing you were down here.

The only time you have too much fuel on board is when you're on fire.

Learn from the mistakes of others. Life's too short to make them all yourself.

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