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Reminders:

- JaxCon '04 September 17th and 18th
- Make your reservations for Pelican '04

A WEEKEND AT THE BEACH AND A MODEL SHOW!

As many of you already know, we have the very best location for a model show that can be found. People from all over our country, and indeed from many parts of the world, come right here to the Sun Coast beaches for vacations. The fact that we have hold our show at the Dolphin Resort right on the beach is truly awesome. There are very few model shows in this country with locations that can complete with this. Not only do you get a model show, but you get a weekend at the beach for a very reasonable price.

While the guys get to cruise the vendor tables and check out the amazing work that the best modelers in our area bring, the rest of the family can enjoy fun in the sun and have a relaxing weekend at the beach. With rooms starting at just \$78 a night, you really can't beat it. Even if you live close by, this is a weekend get away for the whole family that far less expensive than any of the theme parks.

So why tell you what you already know? Simple - we need people to make their reservations. I know some people just will not part with the money, except to buy more kits to add to their collections, but there are many people who will take advantage of this opportunity and stay at the hotel for the show. Sure, we will get some folks from out of town, but we need our club members to get their reservations made. This is especially true for people like me who are getting the deluxe suite on the beach (my reservation is already made). There are not that many suites available. If you are going to make a fun and relaxing weekend out of it, get your reservations made now so you are sure to get a room.

COOL AIRSHOW PHOTOS

FROM HANK KRAMER

Hank sent a link to some really cool photos from the air show at Edwards AFB. Below is a sample. To check out the rest of these, and even buy prints of something you really have to have, go to: <http://edwards.airshowjournal.com/2003/>



BOOM!

FROM HANK KRAMER

Here is another cool picture from a series of high speed shots that Hank forwarded. I had to include this one, since usually Hank sends aircraft pictures. This one is for the tread heads. I think this is the experimental new self propelled gun the Army was working on. If I remember correctly, it was going to be called the Paladin, but Congress halted development of the project.



MILITARY HUMOR

FROM BERNIE SCHULTE

IF SHE ONLY KNEW

In WW II I took my Basic Flight Training at Gunter Field in Montgomery, Alabama where we flew Vultee BT-13's. To promote good relationships with the Montgomery civilian population, it was decided to hold an "Open House" at Gunter to let the locals see how the base operated. The Base arranged to have examples of most of the current combat aircraft fly in for the two day show. This included a B-17 and a B-24. Because there was no flight training during these two days we cadets were used as guides to the exhibits and other duties during the Open House.

I was assigned to be a guide in the waist of the B-17. They had ramps placed in the bomb bay to allow visitors to get into the waist position and see into the flight deck. While I was on duty, two middle aged women climbed into the aircraft and were looking around near the waist gunner's position. Before I could stop her, one of the women picked up the gunner's relief tube saying to her friend that this was a microphone and tried to talk into it. I told her that while the plane was on exhibit all power was turned off to prevent accidents and this seemed to satisfy her.

To this day, I still wonder what would have happened if I told her what it really was that she held up to her mouth.

A BLIMP BUZZ JOB

During WW II I took my P-51 Transition Flight Training at Sebring Air Base. One day we were practicing formation flying with the instructor in the lead ship and we had eight cadets on each side of him in a V formation. We were flying along the beach south of Daytona and noticed that at the Banana River Naval Air Station, (Now Cape Canaveral), there was some sort of a formal review going on. In those days, the Banana River Naval Air Station was an anti-submarine blimp base and on this day all five blimps were neatly lined up.

On a whim, our instructor said, "Let's give them a little demonstration of what the Army Air Force can do" and with that we buzzed the flight line including all 5 blimps.

When we got back to Sebring orders were waiting for us to report to the Base Commander. He told us that he had gotten a report from the Banana River CO about our "rude behavior". When he heard our story he could not help but smile and said, "I wish I could have been there and seen that" and no punishment was administered.

About three weeks later, we were graduating on a Saturday morning with all the pomp & ceremony of a graduation. Suddenly, out of the east came five blimps in formation and they proceed to buzz our P-51 flight line. As the 5th blimp passed over a streamer was dropped which said, "What is OK for the Army Air Force is also OK for the Naval Air Service". The blimps then turned back to the east and disappeared. Ah Yes! They were the days. I thought you may enjoy hearing about these crazy things that happened during those hectic days.

COOL LINKS

Hank Kramer forwards me all kinds of interesting stuff, like the photos included in this edition of the newsletter. Recently he sent me a media player file with camera footage from the cockpit of US jet doing close air support in Iraq. This was really cool, but I have no way to include it in the newsletter. For those of you who would be interested in receiving stuff like this from Hank, let me know and I will get you in touch with Hank so you can get cool stuff like this from Hank himself!

SHOW STUFF

There are a few new things to report on our progress for the show. These items are as follows:

I received the contact list for the Region 11 clubs and have e-mailed our show information to them. We have a trophy sponsorship confirmed from the club in Miami. I will be sending hard copies of show material out to the club contacts as well.

We have a few vendors confirmed at this point, but are still looking for more. If you know of anyone who would like to be a vendor at our show, please get the word out.

We will be getting the trophy information to Dudley shortly so he can get started. The idea is that Dudley can make the trophies with the main plate with the logo and category and then we will attach a second, smaller, plate latter with the sponsor information on it. We will have a batch of "Sponsored by Pelikan Model Club" plates made and then have Dudley make up the rest of the plates with our sponsor names closer to show time. We will just need to put the sponsor plates on the trophies a few days before the show.

We have been doing pretty good with trophy sponsorships, but we can use all we can get. Again, please get the word out to anyone you know who might want to sponsor a trophy package.

We should also be getting materials out to the local hobby shops shortly. I just got the latest Fine Scale and our show is not yet listed. I received e-mail confirmation from them that we should be listed in either the September or October issue. Looks like it will be October. The magazine goes out at least a month early, so that should be OK. We are listed in the latest IPMS Journal.

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