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Last months Mystery Airplane



Well I thought this one might be too easy and sure enough it was! Rick Sackman again was the first one in with the correct answer. Several others advised me of the model. **A Lockheed Super Constellation.** I was pretty sure several guys would nail this, but the darn airplane is so pretty I just had to put it into the newsletter. Talk to Scott Clark about this one. His father flew them and Scott got to ride in several. Color me jealous.... Ron

Annual Blacksheep Christmas Party December 6th. Springfield Lake Boathouse.

Yet another reminder of the upcoming party! Check your schedule and plan on joining us for a fun evening at the Boathouse. Lots of good food and much discussion of airplanes, helicopters, gliders, kites etc. Basically anything that flies or just looks cool. Next year's club officers will be installed in a solemn ceremony. Cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per person and you are requested to

bring a dish for the potluck dinner. I will be sending out a list of the side dishes we will need for the dinner.

We will have door prizes for those whose winning ticket is drawn. We are also having a raffle for a Valiant RC ARF airplane. \$5.00 per ticket 3 tickets for \$10.00. Great looking and flying airplane. You know you need one of these for your air force...!!!!

Remember to send your RC photos and videos to Wes Parker for inclusion into the party Video.

Update on runway repairs.

The first step in repairing the cracks in our runway has been accomplished. George Ashley, Don Livermore and I filled the four largest cracks with a product called "Locking Sand". I was surprised at the depth of some of these cracks 6 to 8 inches in several places. We plan to let this sand settle and then top off the repair with a product called "Crack-Stix". It is sold at Home Depot. You can check it out on their website. It gets good reviews and is supposed to be "permanent". We will see about that.

How about taking a dip?

The lake is completely full so if you have a new or old float/ sea plane available it is a great time to get her wet before winter/ ice sets in for good. There should be a few more nice flying days available to us this year.

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- When the weight of the flight paperwork equals the weight of the airplane, you are cleared to take off.



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- Santa Claus was at the airport for his annual check ride. So he did his full pre-flight check on the sled and the reindeer. The examiner comes out with a shotgun. Santa asks "what's with the shotgun?" Examiners says "I am not supposed to tell you this, but you are going to lose one engine on take-off!"
- The crew (all Aggies) made a wrong turn during taxi and came up face to face with another airplane. The furious female ground control started screaming. "You made a wrong turn. It will take forever to straighten this mess out! You stay right there, do not move, you will get instructions in half an hour and I want you in EXACTLY the same spot. You will go where I tell you, when I tell you and how I tell you! You got that?" The frequency went very quiet until an unknown male pilot broke in. "Wasn't I married to you once?"
- Pilot to passengers, "We are about 13 minutes early and waiting for a gate agent." (A few minutes later) "The gate agent has arrived and is now accelerating the jet-bridge to full ramming speed!"
- Question: how do you know you are at a party with a pilot? Answer: Wait a few minutes, he will tell you.
- Pilot trying to make some light hearted banter with Sydney, Australia control. "Good Morning Sydney this is United 839, we are 50 miles out and have your island in sight: Sydney: Roger United 839... you are cleared to land. Circle the Island twice and then you may land.

Mystery Airplane for November



Tips: Built from 1937 until 1969 32 years of production. Over 9000 put into the air.

Well guys, that pretty much wraps it up for the November newsletter. In case we do not see you until after the holidays on behalf of all the officers of the club, we want to extend our best wishes to you and your families. Enjoy the holidays, it is a great time for family and friends to gather and reflect on the many blessings we have.

Hope to see you all at the Christmas party! If you are travelling over the holidays be safe! We need you back to help with all of the work days next year!

Time for us to sign off!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of the Blacksheep!

Rick, Darrell, Butch and Ron