



CATALINA

R/C

MODELERS

FEBRUARY, 2009

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT SET PAYMENT DUE B4 MARCH 15

A special assessment has been set to pay for runway repairs at \$50.00 please mail your payment to:

Catalina R/C Modelers

P.O. Box 35831

Tucson, AZ, 85740-5831

New members joining our club prior to November 1, 2009 must pay the assessment in addition to the dues as well as providing proof of AMA membership.

2008 MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED THEIR CLUB MEMBERSHIP, MUST PAY \$125.00 IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING A COPY OF THEIR 2009 AMA MEMBERSHIP TO RESTORE THEIR FLYING PRIVILEGES.

FLIGHT SAFETY GUIDELINES

RECOMMENDED CALLS:

- ✈ TAKING OFF
- ✈ LANDING
- ✈ RUNWAY CLEAR
- ✈ AIRCRAFT ON RUNWAY
- ✈ MAN ON RUNWAY

RULE:

**FLYING LIMIT - FOUR AIRCRAFT
FORTH PILOT MUST PROVIDE
SPOTTER.**

(Spotter must guide all pilots)

2009 BOARD MEMBERS

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MEMBERS can place, For Sale or Wanted ads in this Newsletter for free.

Both optimists and pessimists contribute to society.

The optimist invents the aeroplane.

The pessimist the parachute.

NEXT MEETING FEB 14, 9am
RADAR FEB 21

Tuskegee Airman Visit

by **Randy Wegner** (Reprinted from old newsletter)

I had planned to stay home that Sunday and catch up on some much needed sleep, but Tom Hope called me requesting that I bring my P-51 Mustang to our club meeting—the Tuskegee P-51 pilot from World War II was coming out. I debated on whether it was worth the effort, but reasoned that the new Mustang needed a test flight anyway, so why not go?

As I stepped from my truck at the field, I could see Tom's guest. He was an older man, with a slight frame, nothing special about him. "Well," I thought, "Let's meet the guy, go fly, and go home—a nap would be good after flying."

I walked up to Lt. Col. Luke Weathers and shook his hand saying how nice it was that he could join us. As we shook hands, I could feel the passage of 85 years. His hands were bones, but his grip was as sincere and firm as ever. From his manner and words, you could tell he was a giver—not a taker. I knew he was a war hero, but he seemed uncomfortable with the attention and directed compliments and praise to us and our club instead.

I retreated to the club bulletin board, where I read up on our guest from a poster Tom had tacked up. I wanted more information about this guy. I had seen the movie Tuskegee Airmen, which was about the Black fighter pilots of World War II and the heroic acts for which they were responsible (you should see it, if you haven't).

I began to realize the uniqueness of this moment. I had shaken hands with a true hero—a man who went head-to-head with eight German fighters, who never lost a bomber under his protection, who forgot about self for the benefit of his country, and was willing to give his life for those who refused him his rights as he fought for theirs. Suddenly, there was no one on earth whose hand I would rather shake.

I approached him again with my P-51 wing and marker in hand. I told him that I would be honored to have his name on my wing. He assured me that the honor was all his as he reached out and wrote, "Thanks for caring, Luke Weathers." I thought how odd that he would write, "Thanks for caring." After all, who would not care? Here is a guy who fought for my freedom before I was even born—he perhaps could be the very reason that I am alive at all—of course I care.

Truly, I was humbled by his presence, thankful for his efforts on my behalf, and impressed by his humility and humanness. I know I speak for our club members when I say: "We are so thankful for Lt. Col. Weathers and the many who fought and served along with him."

There are a few words that are written on the wing of my P-51 that mean a lot to me. Although those words were directed to me, I would like to direct them back to a very special friend and guest: Thanks for caring Col. Weathers!

FOR SALE



Autographed by Luke Weathers. (Tuskegee Airman)

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