



Fort Worth Thunderbirds Radio Control Association Inc. **The Pilot's Log**



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Next club meeting: May 23rd, 2016, 7:00 pm, Buffalo West Restaurant, 7101 Camp Bowie Blvd

Warbird Fly-In May 14th: by Ed Kettler

May 14th marked the 20th running of Warbirds Over Lake Benbrook, and also was a major club occasion as we dedicated the new plaque recognizing the field as a model aviation historic site. We had 37 pilots registered, and over 80 planes ranging from World War I to modern and historic jets.

The weather wasn't very cooperative in the morning, but by lunch the wind moderated and more pilots put their planes in the air. Paul Curry, Randy Larsen and Greg Yancey tore up the sky with their Mustangs, we had a gaggle of B-17s led by Randy's giant scale "Fuddy Duddy", Tom Blakeney defied the wind with his Lancaster and other electrics, we had a minor furball of flat foamy combat, and the day wrapped up with CD Ed Kettler running a carrier landing contest with his tail hook equipped T-34.

An event like this takes a lot of preparation and support, and a big "Texas Thank You" goes out to the Field Maintenance team for making the field gorgeous, the cooking crew who kept a group of hungry folks well fed, Woody for donating the T-6, and Robin Blakeney and Mercy Kettler for running the registration/raffle booth. We'd also like to recognize our sponsors: JT's Hobbies for the T-28 and Stearman; Roy's Hobby for the small T-28 and lots of goodies; and Tower Hobbies for the gift certificates.

Thank you again to all who attended and made this a great event for the club!







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