

## ***More from the President***

### ***Toys For Tots***

Sorry for the belated news on this:

What a great day Saturday was. The burritos were excellent, the coffee hot, and there was a stack of toys and plenty of cash for some needy children. Thank you to Mike Hicks and his wife for the effort and to those that came out and showed support for the club. I was impressed with the generosity of our members to the most worthwhile cause this year. Not only that, but we did a bunch of flying despite the cool temperatures.

Flying wise, Jeff Powell brought out the most humungous Week's Solution biplane you have ever seen. It is a 50% scale model and is truly beautifully constructed and finished. Jeff put on a great show for us though the smoke system threatened Fort Worth's EPA air pollution standard during a ground run. Kurt Wicklund took to the skies with his racer and seems to be improving with every practice flight; even his landings are becoming less eventful.

### ***Laser Cutting***

At a previous club meeting, some laser cut parts were passed around for members to examine. Recently, I've seen a couple of electric "park-fliers" built from laser cut parts provided by the same company that supplied the parts shown at the meeting. They flew superbly, but what made them more interesting is that they were all original designs. The builders simply drew out the ribs, spars, and formers, and the drawings were then scanned into the cutting machine. You may also supply drawings as files such as an Autocad "dxf" or as a picture "jpg."

This might interest some of you so here is the address of the company:

AJT Laser Engraving  
4311 Broadway, Suite A  
Haltom City, TX 76117

☎ 817-831-1405

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### ***Great Planes***

Two months ago my OS 61SX-H decided to shed parts of its rear bearing. What really impressed me was how well it ran on the balls that were left, considering that the piston ring was useless and bits of ball bearing were imbedded in the cylinder head and piston crown.

The engine was pulled out of the Hirobo Freya and a letter drafted to Hobby Services. Hobby Services is the service center for OS Engines in the United States. It wasn't clear if the engine could be repaired under warranty despite being only 3 months old. The reason was that I did not have a receipt for it and all they would have as evidence was my letter.

Fortunately for me, the engine was repaired and returned to me completely free of charge. The time taken for this service, including the day it was shipped and received, was just 15 days. It certainly made me happy.

### ***Club Meetings***

The next club meeting is just around the corner. Take a look at the front page of your newsletter to find out where and when. If you haven't attended at least one meeting this past year, why not take just a little extra time this month to come along. Bring something with you if you like: A model, radio, engine, or anything you think is a cool addition to your collection. Chances are, we would like to see it too. The food is inexpensive and pretty darn good at the West Side Café so you won't miss out on your supper!

This month, Charlie Powell is going to bring in his 1/2 A racers and will talk about their design, build, and flying qualities.

Until next time, see you at the field.