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Last months Mystery Airplane



Wow, it did not take long for Rick Sackman to correctly ID this as a F7F Grumman Tigercat! In fact it was approximately 10 minutes after I pushed the send button on last month's newsletter. Rick must have been online and correctly answered the question! . This twin engine heavy fighter was only one of the Grumman "Cat" fighter lineup. Grumman was often referred to as the "Iron Works" for their heavy and extremely durable aircraft. The design objective of the Tigercat was to produce an airplane which would "outperform and outgun" any fighter aircraft in the world at that time. They succeeded, the Tigercat had a top speed of 460MPH, carried 4 20mm cannon and 4 50cal. Machine guns plus assorted bombs and rockets. The Tigercat was the fourth "Cat fighter" in a lineup that stretched to 10 fighters.

- Wildcat
- Hellcat
- Bearcat
- Tigercat

- XF10F1 Jaguar Jet
- F9F Panther Jet
- F9F! Cougar Jet
- F-11 Tiger Jet
- F-11F super Tiger Jet
- F-14 Tomcat Jet (Tom Cruise/ Top Gun)

Okay that may be more than you care to know about the Tigercat F7F but it was and is one heck of an airplane.

Update on Bobby Vaught

Bobby has been in the Mercy rehabilitation hospital recovering from his back surgery. I have visited him a few times and he is making progress. He is scheduled to head home on Oct. 17th. Naturally he is anxious to get out of the hospital. He plans to get back involved in building his great flying model airplanes. Hopefully we will see him back at the field and in some of our meetings soon.

Christmas party reminder

Mark your calendars to save December 6th for the annual Blacksheep Christmas party! We will be holding the party at the Springfield Lake Boat house again this year. If you are not familiar with the boat house check it out on line. This event is lots of fun and a nice family outing. See you there.

Nominations for Springfield RC club officers.

At our last meeting the existing officers all agreed to continue in their positions throughout next year. At this time there has been no other candidates who have expressed a desire to be considered for one of these positions.



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Okay, this one may be too easy, I know of one of our members who has flown in one of these several times in the cockpit! In my opinion this is one of the prettiest airplanes ever built! Let me know what aircraft this beauty is!

Fall has arrived!

Well the brisk fall weather has finally arrived and serves to remind us that time is running down for flight time this year! Better get out to the field and hone up your flying skills before the snow and ice starts to do all the flying.

Airline Quotes and Jokes !

Announcements from the Captain

- Sorry about the delay, you folks did not pack enough baggage and we have to rebalance the aircraft!
- We have turned off the seat belt sign, feel free to wander aimlessly around the aircraft!

- The magic Quija board says we will be arriving on time.
- Ladies and Gentlemen, if you are standing right now. You should have an excellent view of the seat belt sign, which says sit down and buckle up!
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Tower and Aircraft communications!

Tower: Flight USA212, cleared ILS runway32L approach, maintain speed 250 knots!

USA 212: Roger approach, how long do you need me to maintain that speed?

Tower: All the way to the gate if you can.

USA212: AHH, okay but you better warn ground control!

Important mid term elections coming up!

Elections are coming up in November, be sure to get to the polls and cast your ballot! Just one of the many freedoms that we enjoy in our great country!

Well guys that wraps up the newsletter for Oct. If you have information you would like to see included send it to me and we will try to get it into the paper. See you at the field or at our next meeting which is **November 1st. at the Library center on South Campbell. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM.**

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