

Warbird Debriefing:

Warbird 2014 has come to pass. 58 registered pilots with over 100 airplanes in attendance. Dispite initial forecasts of 20 to 25 mph wind conditions the winds were moderate at 10 to 15 gusting to 18. Fortunately they were straight down the runway.



We were honored by a special guest, congresswoman Kay Granger. Kay was a strong supporter of our move and development of our new field. This was her first visit to our site and I must say the troops were impressed with her sincere interest and enthusiasm about model aviation. Joe Jopling and Tom Blakeney introduced her to the attendees and presented Kay with a FW Thunderbirds monogrammed desk pen holder (The Pen Parker) and a well deserved donut.



We also had District VIII Associate VP Anthony “Tony” Breyen. This was Tony’s second visit to our field and always a pleasure to visit with him.

Safety briefing 0900 and immediately followed by a P-47 flight. Apparently the pilots were ready to go. The mid-day all-in-one max warbird flight consisted of 10 aircraft. This appears to be a crowd (and pilot) favorite. No mid-air or crashes. Lunch time agenda included pilot promotions, raffle drawings, and the P-51 kit specifically designated for registered pilots only. Tab Bowlin was the happy winner of the AGM 30cc gas engine donated by AGM Engines in conjunction with Skyward Hobbies. Pilot Give-A-Way tickets were drawn throughout the day and every registered pilot received a gift.

Lawrence Harville flew his great looking F6F Hellcat and with Kay Granger on the transmitter managed to drop the centerline Drop Tank and hit the mowed access road. Long time friends Ed Couch, Lane Crabtree, Lawrence Harville, and Bob Mueller showed up with Ed’s P-39 and Bamboo Bomber. Both of the aircraft are electric. Lane brought his F6F in bright Navy markings and Lawrence his F6F shown on landing approach and Bob his ever faithful ME-263.





Registered pilots represented many local clubs in addition of some Oklahoma pilots. These guys from OK have supported our event for many years. I'd like to think they come back because of Terry and me but they says it's the food.

Speaking of food, Gary, Jeanie, Tab, and the kitchen staff did a wonderful job preparing and distributing the chow. Obviously the new grill was agreat purchase.

This event would not have the success its been blessed with if it were not for the folks that support us every year. From registration, to raffle sales, to PA system set-up, to food services, to field maintenance a sincere and gratfull Thank You to all from Terry and Woody.

As much as I enjoy seeing the many planes it's the people we only get to see once or twice a year I look forward to. My apology for not being able to visit more with each and every one of you as your frendship and comararderie mean a lot to us. May your skies be forever blue with gentle breezes.

Woody





Above three photos show the remains of the F-4E after an in-flight ESC fire. YUCK!





Terry & Woody