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Bill and Ray's USA trip



WARBIRDS OVER THE ROCKIES.

This event has been in my bucket list for many years and in company with Raymond Stitson 2014 was the year.

The event is held in Denver Colorado each year. With 130 pilots from the US, UK and Australia, 200 military aircraft from turbines to WW1 fighters it attracted more than 6,000 people over 3 days and would you believe it snowed the first day with all proceeds going to Mental Health America / Colorado a worthwhile charity.

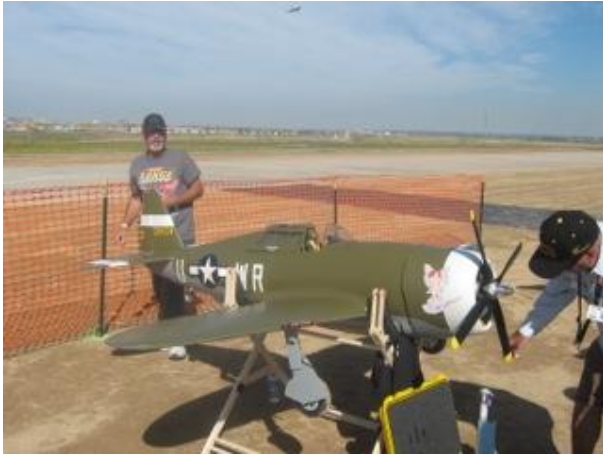
The Aircraft were all scratch built and a joy to behold for these old eyes. The standout aircraft was a 130" B26 blown up from the Jerry Bates plans and built by Phil Clarke of Fighter Aces in the UK. This model took I believe over 5 years to complete and was built for Brian OMeara the contest director for the event. The aircraft was flown by Dino Dilorgio President of Meister-Scale in a superb manor as was most of the aircraft there.

The airfield is situated at Golden an outer suburb of Denver. It is on 250 acres with a 750 Ft concrete runway and a 100 ft over run each end no cross strip. This made it difficult for the pilots landing in a cross wind with the aircraft skidding across the sealed surface and without brakes a hell of a job trying to pull up. I would have to say it wasn't a patch on our field. We have a lot to be thankful for and must at all costs look after it. Up upon this time I was in favour of a sealed strip but after watching this event and talking to the pilots I think grass is a far better surface, of course with out cockies!!

A banquet was held at the Wings Over The Rockies Air and Space Museum on the Saturday night a great meal served amongst full sized Warbirds doesn't get much better than that. All in all a great event, great people, great aircraft, wonderful part of the world and I had a great travelling mate in Raymond.

Bill Jennings





From the Editor

These are only a sample of the photos that Bill has from his trip, if you talk to him nicely he may put all of them on a CD for you.