



Warbirds over Delaware

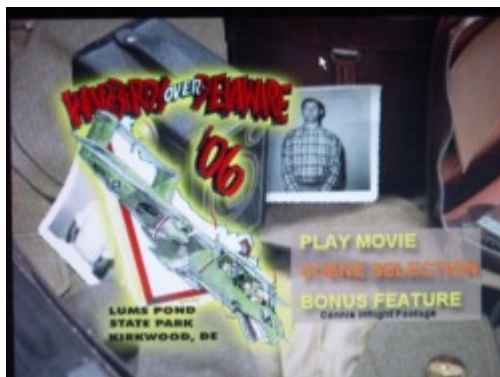
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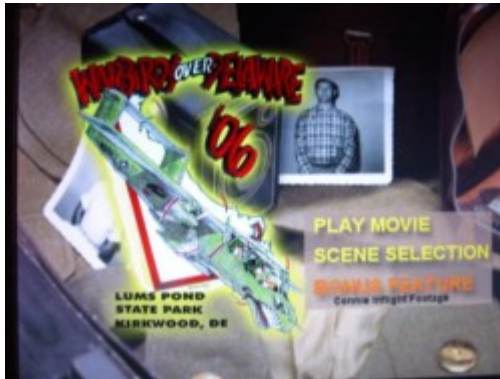
Is there a more exciting aspect of model aviation than watching a fully armed (simulated of course) "Heavy Metal" aircraft roaring out of a dive and racing across the field? Whenever non-modelers think about model airplanes, it is always the fighting Mustangs and the roaring jets that they picture in their minds. Most non-modelers just don't seem to appreciate the value of an [Ultra Stik](#), [ElectriStar](#) or a great sport airplane like the [Sig 4-Star 60](#). Nope, it is always the Warbirds they think about.

And Warbirds is what this video is all about. Warbirds are [scale models](#) of military aircraft, armed fighters and unarmed (C-47 or L-19 anyone?) targets. For a true fighter aircraft lover, there are only fighters and targets. Both types were well represented at one of the best model Warbird events in the country – Warbirds over Delaware.



The Warbirds over Delaware 2006 event was held at Lums Pond State Park in Kirkwood, Delaware. Warbirds Over Delaware welcomes pilots and aircraft from across the country. This year's event brought fun and excitement to thousands of spectators. Featured pilots and aircraft include: P.J. Ash's MB-5 , Greg Hahn's D7, Bill Fillmore's P-51, Steve Gallop's P-47 and Carl

Bachhuber's huge four-engined Constellation featuring inflight footage using Connie cams! Plus lots, lots more. The video's Run Time is 90 min.



There are 26 chapters on this DVD to choose from. Each one has a wonderful Warbird, or Warbird related airplane for you to view. There is also a bonus chapter where you can feast on the "Connie" in action using on-board cameras.



The DVD opens with 1920's music and a black and white rendition of a WWI fighter airplane in flight that switches to present-day color. The 88" span SE 5 from a Balsa USA kit, was built and flown by Willis Lewis. This airplane really looked like it should have been in a Howard Hughes movie!



The Video has great up-close detail of the business end of a Martin Baker MB5. Low passes and super flying with these big airplanes are crowd pleasers and make for some pretty good viewing. The low passes and close-in aerobatics makes the DVD “watcher” almost fell there, right on the runway’s edge.



SKS’s camera work is very good and allows the viewer plenty of time to absorb the realistic look of these models in action. Michael Vaughn from Hillsboro, NC came up north to show his Topflight P-47 with a G-62 gas engine to pull it through the air. It may have had a better climb rate than the full-size T-Bolt.



A Goethe G5A, which was the first strategic bomber to bomb England during WWI, taxis out to fly. The Goethe was soon followed by a WWII vintage fighter pilot trainer. The video identifies this as a PT-17 Stearman (soon to be Boeing) Kaydet, the trainer that taught a whole generation to fly combat in WW II.

But it just doesn’t look like a PT-17 to me. It might have been one powered by either a Jacobs (PT-18) or Lycoming (PT-13) radial instead of the usual Continental R-670 engine. That might account for the differently shaped lower nose and the cowling could have been added later by the

Coast Guard. But it is an attractive airplane no matter what it may be and the pilot says that it is over 30 years old. It flies well too.



Warbirds from the 1940's fly well and show their form as high speed propeller-driven models. The famous P-51 Mustang that won an air-war when a British Merlin engine was married to an American A-36 airframe is a perennial favorite at all Warbird events and Warbirds over Delaware was no exception.



Steve Gallup from Middletown, NJ brought his Yellow Aircraft P-47. This airplane is over 15 years old and really is a very gentle aircraft to fly. The full-size Thunderbolt could out-dive any enemy aircraft and was tough enough for air to ground work.



A Balsa USA fabric-covered Fokker D7, weighing in at 25 lb, flies just like the real thing with owner Greg Hahn at the controls. Walt Ernstberger came all the way from Canada with his 1/3 scale British Sopwith Pup to keep the German D7 in check! (Ed. Note: Right! Like a Pup could ever hope to stay with a D-7 in a fight.)



A P-40 Warhawk, with the expected machismo that goes with any wartime fighter pilot, just had to be called "STUD". The "STUD" was flown by Dave Malchione JR, who put on a very smooth aerobatic display that would have been quite at home in any full-size airshow.



Matt Chapman is a very skilled and well known full-size airshow pilot inside the cockpit of his Cap 580 (actually a Cap 231 EX). He came to the Warbirds over Delaware event and flew outside of the cockpit in a very relaxed manner with his large Bucker Jungmeister.



No WWI Warbird event would be complete without a Fokker DR-1 Triplane. This model of the Red Baron's favorite aircraft sported a 96" top wing and weighed 35 lb. It has shock absorbing landing gear to handle rough runways. Flight speed is very realistic.



Twin engine fighter bombers are well represented. This B-25 flew as if it was on rails, using two OS 70 four-cycle engines. It has a functional bomb-bay that can carry up to 15 scale dummy bombs.



A main feature of the event coverage is Carl Bachuber's impressive rendition of the MATS (Military Air Transport) four-engine 180" wingspan, military C-121A version of the Lockheed Constellation. You just have to see this airplane fly!



Warbirds over Delaware is a great event run by Dave and Pete Malchione. It is exciting to attend and to fly in. SKS Video Productions captured the essence and excitement of this event on 90-minute long DVD. It is a great introduction to an exciting aspect of model aviation.

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