

# DISPERSALS

## INTERIM NOTES

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*Happy New Year!!*

...and what a better way to start the year than with news of a 'new' B-25 Mitchell in the air!

### IT'S A 'RUSSKI'

The craftsmen at Aero Trader have turned out another B-25 gem; this one reflecting the markings of B-25J 'Night Attack' Mitchells that joined Russian forces under the terms of lend-lease during WWII.

A part of the growing Rod Lewis collection in San Antonio, Texas, 44-30456 came through a number of owners after the war, performed various duties and once sported 'Silver Lady' livery. Rod Lewis bought and



turned her over to Aero Trader in 2007 for restoration and the result, released on 15 July 2010, is a head-turner to say the least! Only in Russian markings will you see a camouflage paint job in gloss finish; exterior restoration is authentic but the interior sports modern avionics to allow regular IFR flights and quilted padding on the walls reduces noise and blunts those sharp bits that tear at passers-by. The attention to detail in the

restoration is incredible...even for Aero Trader who have raised 'attention to detail' to the level of art form. Carl Scholl, after test-flying this new bird with partner Tony Ritzman, remarked "this is the smoothest Mitchell I have flown."

There's much more detail and a ton of photos of this 'new' Mitchell, in the Sep/Oct issue of Warbirds International.

*Photos by Doug Fisher via Warbird Depot <http://www.warbirddepot.com/default.asp>  
Information from Warbirds International (September/October 2010)*

## **BOSTON'S BACK IN THE SCHEDULE**

You'll remember the A-20 that Aero Trader was working on for Steve Searle; we reported on it back in November, 2007. Work was halted on it shortly after and the aircraft was put into storage.

Good news! Carl Scholl of Aero Trader reports that the A-20 has been sold to Rod Lewis (of the Mitchell story above) and there's a good chance she'll be flying by the end of this year. Regrettably, for our Aussie members, it's no longer headed for OZ; it'll be flying out of San Antonio, Texas.



It's buried in the hangar right now but will be pulled out for paint stripping next week; Carl will forward some progress photos for us then.

Just imagine...an A-20...flying! And with Aero Trader's reputation for detail, it'll be a beauty!

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