



CAF SoCal Wing A6M3 Model 22 Zero Notes

- **Serial Number 3869. Constructed in March 1943, making it the 34th from last A6M3 Model 22 built.**
- **Recovered from Babo airfield Indonesia in the early 90's**
- **X-133 on the tail. X was the Unit code (3rd Air Group). 1 means it's a fighter. 33 indicated the Zero's place in that unit.**
- **Our Zero is powered by a Pratt Whitney R-1830-75 Engine that puts out 1200 HP and is almost Identical to the Sakae 21. (The Alaska Zero that was recovered in June of 42' had a Nakajima Sakae 21 engine with an exact replica Pratt Whitney logo complete with the Eagle and the Words "Dependability and Reliability" in English).**

General Mitsubishi A6M Notes

- **A6M3 Model 22 (Two, Two not Twenty Two)**
 - A = Carrier Born Fighter**
 - 6 = 6th type accepted for that role**
 - M = Mitsubishi (responsible for the design)**
 - 3 = Variant**
 - Model 22 = 2nd Airframe and 2nd Engine**
- **10,815 Zero's were produced from 1939-45'**
- **Were built by Mitsubishi , Nakajima and Hitachi**

- **Main focus was light weight and maneuverability.**
- **“Zero” name came from the last digit of the Imperial year in which it entered service (Imperial 2600 or Gregorian 1940)**
- **Referred to by its pilots as the “Reisen” which was short for “Rei-Shiki-Kanjo-Sentoki, translated to (Navy Type 0 Carrier Fighter).**
- **Allied code named “Zeke”**

- **Only the outboard 2 feet of wing folds in order to fit on the Japanese Carrier Deck Elevators.**