

EVA EXHAUST SYSTEMS

The Newsletter of the East Valley Aviators

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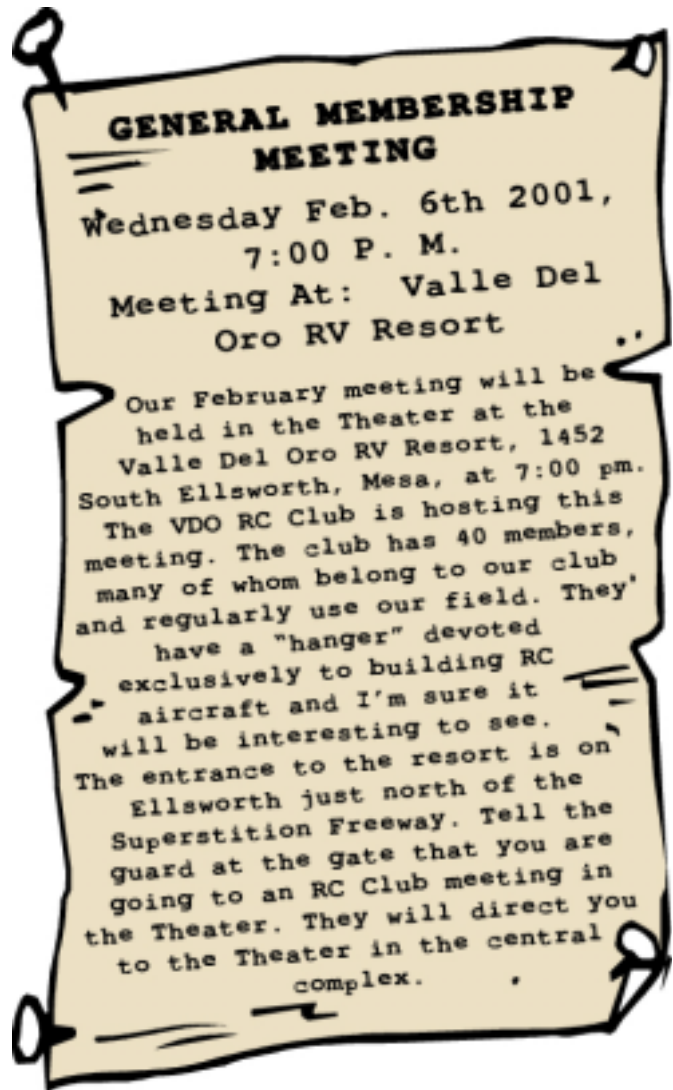
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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting Held January 2, 2002

Compiled by Gene Coleman

- President John Pomroy called the meeting to order at 7:10PM. 56 EV members were in attendance.
- The meeting was held at the Palmas Del Sol East ballroom thanks to Gene Coleman. Coffee and donuts were served.
- Eight new club members introduced themselves to the membership.
- Don Manchester, club treasurer, reported that we now have 267 members, 17 over the cap. He reported that a waiting list would be established to facilitate those who wish to join the club.
- Thanks again to Susan Campbell for her continuing wonderful job on the newsletter.
- Thanks to Mike Wyman for his revamping and repair of the frequency control board at the field.
- Thanks to Gordon Briggs for his donation of 2 new tables in the pit area that will be used to start airplanes for those of us who can no longer bend down.
- Thanks to all who participated in the cleanup of the field in December.
- Items that were discussed at the meeting included:
 - The deadline for 2002 EVA club dues is February 28th, 2002. Members who have not renewed by that date will be dropped from the roles.
 - The new carpet will hopefully be installed on January 12, 2002, Saturday at 8AM. We will drag the runway at the same time.
 - A new chain link fence will be installed between the pit area and the spectator area as soon as all the bids are in.
 - Gene Coleman mentioned that butt cans are in place at the field and is encouraging the use thereof.
- Jon Thompson questioned policies concerning helicopter flying at the field. Since we have little or no chopper traffic at the field, we have no policies concerning such. Jon was asked to propose some ideas that would make it safe to fly both planes and choppers at the same location.
- Close calls at the field: Recently we have several close calls at the field concerning aircraft out of control and threatening spectators. It was determined that anyone in need of additional or initial training must contact our training coordinator for buddy



President's Podium



Submitted by John Pomroy

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I hope everyone is getting out to the field lately. The flying weather could not be better. You will also notice the new carpet installed in the front half of the pit area adding to the enjoyment of our facilities. Thanks to everyone for helping out on the carpet installation. In addition, the safety fencing just in front of the ramada will be replaced with chain link type fencing in early February. The exact date will be posted at the field soon. The BOD has hired a contractor to perform this work and the field will be closed to flying while this work is being done. Otherwise, things have been going smoothly at the field. The only issue has been field use by people who are not club members.

As you all know, the club has instituted a membership cap of 250 members effective January 1st of this year. The current club roster has us at 267 members. As a result of the 250 cap, our membership will remain at 267 until the annual renewal process is completed on February 28. Until that time, the BOD will maintain a first come/first serve waiting list of membership applications. After the 2/28 date, the BOD expects approximately 30~40 non-renewals which would put us back under 250 and allow any membership applications 'in the queue' to be processed. In the meantime, it is important for everyone to review the visitor/guest policy below in order to prevent uncontrolled/unauthorized use of our facilities.

EVA is a private club and visitors/guests not escorted by a current member are not authorized to use our field. The member bringing a guest is responsible for him or her. The member must insure that all club rules are being adhered to and only use the sponsor member's badge to claim a frequency pin. No AMA cards or other identification is suitable in lieu of the EVA badge. The sponsor member must be at the field at all times while the guest is on the property.

There are several reasons for this policy. First, it insures that a non-member guest is aware of our club rules and flight line procedures à vital to insuring the safety of everyone's person and property at the field. Secondly, our AMA insurance does not cover accidents associated with non-members using our field unless they are on a buddy-box with a club member. Thirdly, it allows any member to easily identify a visitor as sponsored or not by a member by checking the badge (or lack there of) on the frequency board.

In the event you would like to verify if someone is a member or guest, I recommend the following:

1. Check the frequency board for a current EVA badge (i.e. 2001 or 2002 sticker). If a badge is posted, see that member about any concerns you may have about their guest. The sponsor member is responsible for the guest and should participate in any issues associated with their guest.

2. In the event you cannot locate the sponsor, ask the visitor who their sponsor is. If they have no sponsor or that sponsor is not present you have a choice to make.

- A) Explain the policy above and make it clear they can not operate their equipment without a sponsor present. They are welcome to spectate or apply to join the club. If they want to join, offer them an application to fill out and send in without money (forms are on the clipboard over the Tx impound).

- B) Offer to be their sponsor for the day and explain/show them the field rules. Remember, if you offer to sponsor them you must perform the duties of the sponsor detailed above. If you plan to leave and the guest would like to stay you must find another member to sponsor them before you leave. Make sure you introduce the guest to the new sponsor personally.

Please feel free to call me or any of the board members with any questions or concerns you have. Remember, it's up to every member to look after the club.

The next meeting will be at the Valle Del Oro location for Wednesday, February 6th at 7pm. Directions are located elsewhere in the newsletter. Lastly, the club Fun-Fly is on for Saturday, February 8th and the swap meet at VDO on February 9th. Please come out and support/participate in what will be a great time!

That's it for now. Fly safe and see you at the club meeting.



Training Program Status Report

Submitted by Brian Sadt – EVA Training Program Coordinator

As I mentioned in January's meeting, I will be passing on the responsibilities of the Flight Training Program to Jon Thompson starting February 1st. If you know of someone, or if you would like to start the process of learning to fly R/C please contact Jon at 480-218-5456.

Jon is an avid R/C pilot for a number of years – flying twins, helicopters, and many in between. Up until recently Jon worked at Falcon Field in Mesa building custom planes such as Wacos and Stearmans. In fact, when I last visited him at work over Christmas break he was completing the final steps on a pair of wings mated to a Waco fuselage – the 6,000th and last plane built by Waco in 1937. His building skill is evident in the planes he has in progress at home: Sig Smith Miniplane, custom B-17, and Waco. You can find Jon many times helping out in the Hobbytown located at Gilbert and Baseline road. At any rate, he is a great guy who enjoys sharing and helping others in learning to fly R/C aircraft.

I thank you for all the support I had while completing the task of EVA Training. It has been work, but also very rewarding.

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Membership

Submitted by Don Manchester

box instructor help. We want to discourage the use of friends helping friends learning to fly. We encourage the use of our instructor staff which numbers 15 at last count. Brian Sodt and Jon Thompson will coordinate all flying training.

- A special thanks goes out to the hobby stores that we use every day. Adventure Hobbies, on the southeast corner of Dobson and Ray, donated a gallon of fuel for our door prize and discounted several of our raffle prizes. Hobbytown, at Gilbert and Baseline also discounted raffle prizes for our meeting. Your continued support of these and other hobby stores is greatly appreciated.
- You are encouraged to bring your show and tell whether finished or not.
- The EVA fun fly will be held on February 9th, 2002 at the club field at 8 AM. This is always a really fun day for the entire family. Come on out and have some fun.
- A swap meet will be held at Valle Del Oro on Sunday February 10th at 9AM. Anyone wishing to have a table for his items should be there at 8AM. A \$1.00 entry fee is collected at the door for all who wish to view the items on sale.
- John Pomroy mentioned that the EVA reflector Web site is down due to lack of a webmaster.
- Bill O'Brien called attention to the spectator problem we are having at the field. All members are reminded that spectators must remain behind the tall spectator fence for their own safety. When all flying stations are in use, it is perfectly OK to have a spotter at the flying station with you.
- Brian Sodt introduced Jon Thompson as the new instructor and training coordinator beginning February 1, 2002.
- Gene Coleman apologized for Sam Edmonds not being present for the laser cutting desitation. Sam will be at the February meeting.
- Bob Ritchey gave a presentation on servo equalizing using the equalizing device he created. Bob is an electrical engineer by trade is is very knowledgeable on the subject.

Show and Tell

- It was limited to one item, Jon Thompson's beautifly modified Twin Star ARF, spoke for itself. His modified Twin Star has 2 OS .20's installed and was oohed and aahed by all. Jon mentioned that it had flew and handled nicely. Thanks Jon for helping us keep our meetings from getting too boring.
- Several prizes were raffled off and the 50/50 drawing was for \$29.00. Since we are having a larger turnout at our meetings, more prizes will be added to aour next meeting.
- Meeting was adjourned about 8:30PM.

2002 MEMBERSHIP DUES

2002 dues can be paid at the February 6th meeting or by mailing your check to the Treasurer, Don Manchester - 2058 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206. Make checks payable to East Valley Aviators and remember everyone must have a current AMA/MCAA Identification Card.

Our Club By-Laws specify that annual dues are payable on or before January 1st and are delinquent at the end of February. Delinquent members will be deleted from the Club roster effective the first day of March. The By-laws also establish a maximum of 250 members and provide for a waiting list of applicants **including reinstatements** when the maximum membership has been reached. We currently exceed the maximum membership limit. You cannot use the flying field if your dues are delinquent and more importantly, you will have to be placed on the waiting list for reinstatement. The gate lock will be changed after the February meeting



CLUB ROSTER

The Club Roster is used for the newsletter and other club business so it is important that you keep us informed about changes to your mailing address, telephone number and Email account. Several newsletters were returned or rejected by Email and it takes considerable effort to track you down. Send changes to Don Manchester, (480) 854-8396 or dmanchesterm@aol.com. If you received the newsletter by mail and would like to get it faster through Email, send Don your Email address.



FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

Doesn't the field look great. Thanks to everyone who helped with the cleanup and hauling the surplus (read that junk) to the dump. Also a big thanks to everyone who helped lay the new flight line carpet. The fuel, exhaust and summer sun take a heavy toll on the carpet and it needs replacing on a regular basis. Our lease limits what we can use for covering and we could not get approval for asphalt paving. We investigated various other types of covering, but could get no assurance that they would last more than one year and the prices were considerably higher than the carpet used.

The fence separating the flight line and spectator areas will be replaced with a new chain link fence of similar dimensions. The existing fence had deteriorated and did not stand up well as a spectator arm rest. The fence is the main safety barrier protecting spectators from maverick airplanes. The contractor will do the job in one day, but the field will be closed while the work is being done. We will post a notice when we learn the exact date.

The Club has acquired a drag that will be used to smooth the runway and remove rocks. This is best done before a rain so the water helps form a crust to reduce dust. Since it will be done in the afternoon, disruption of flying will be kept to a minimum.

Location: Valle Del Oro RV Resort
1452 So. Ellsworth Rd., Mesa AZ
(Hwy 60 & Ellsworth Rd.)

R.C. Airplanes
Radios, Servos
Kits
Motors
Equipment
Parts & Etc.

Located in the Theater building, just
ask for directions at the gate.

Date: Sunday February 10, 2002

Time: Sellers: 8:00am, Buyers 9:00—2:00pm

Sellers tables: FREE, Admission: \$1.00

Raffle Tickets: \$1.00

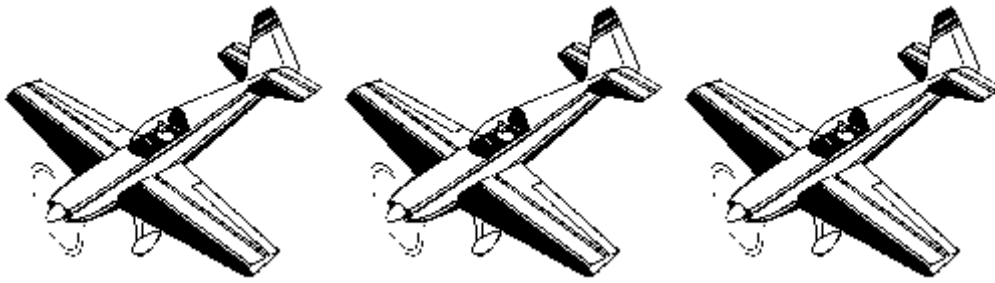
Third Annual R.C. Swapmeet

Information: Bart Phillips 357-8895

Ed Tinkler 986-2432

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East Valley Aviators
Annual
Fun Fly,
Cookout,
and Swap Meet

When: Saturday February 9, 2002
Where: EVA flying field
Time: Pilot's meeting at 9:00 AM

Events: To be announced at the
pilot's meeting

