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Big Time Fall Fun EVA TURKEY SHOOT FLY-IN

It was a picture perfect chamber-of-commerce fall day for our First Annual Turkey Shoot Fly-In at the EVA field on November 23rd 2002. Warm, sunny and not a breath of (cross) wind.

The weather was spectacular, the turnout was spectacular and the flying was spectacular. (*Is it just me? Or do you think Gene might have had a spec... good time? - ed.*) We had 55 members sign in and over one hundred flights logged for the day. Russ Petersen had the most flights with eight. Doug Sharpe reported that one of his Tiger Moths made eleven flights with four different pilots. Other flights of note included Bill Myers' maiden flight on his very pretty new Great Planes RV4. The purple and yellow color scheme and graphics were designed by his wife. The plane flew nicely. Bill can we hope to see it for show and tell? Diane Conrad was present and taking lots of video footage and hopefully we'll have a record of the event for the future.

The fact that this was strictly a non-competitive fun fly contributed to the large turnout we had. Hot dogs, soda pop, chips and muffins were served and all in all I think everyone had a great time. To add to the glorious weather, all the events went off without a hitch. 5 turkeys were given away in addition to door and raffle prizes. Winners of the events are as follows; Olen Trenary won his turkey in the "prettiest" category with his beautiful giant-scale red Pitts bi-plane. Most unusual category turkey was won by Tim Stefaniak with his para-

plane and John Berger won his turkey in the dreaded "ugliest" plane category with his Stick 40. The addition of a couple of donated aircraft kits enhanced our usual door prize drawings. Harry Taylor donated a DeHavilland Beaver kit and Hobbytown donated an LT-60 kit. Floyd Brown donated a pair of "Z" bend pliers and we also had a turkey to give away. Richard Kelly won the Beaver kit, Philip Wyman won not only the LT-60 kit but the turkey also. Dan Johnson, no doubt aided in luck by his beautiful dog,

January Membership Meeting

**Palmas Del Sol East
Thursday, January 2nd
7:00 pm**

Located at 3400 S Ironwood Drive

Directions are: Go east on Highway 60. Exit at Ironwood Drive as if you were going to the field. Go South on Ironwood and take the first right (200 yards) into Palmas Del Sol East park. The gate guard will know that you are coming and will direct you to the clubhouse which is 1/4 mile straight in on the left.

You can't miss it.

won the most flights drawing and took a turkey home to feast on.

The swap meet brought out a lot of planes, engines, and other paraphernalia associated with the hobby and lots of wheeling and dealing was going on.

In summation, I think everyone enjoyed themselves as well as the many guests that were present. The camaraderie displayed by all during the event was second to none and we would like to continue that reputation. We are looking forward to our Spring fun fly with much anticipation. - *Gene Coleman* ■

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

Submitted by John Pomroy

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Happy holidays to everyone. Hopefully Santa has brought you all the goodies you wished for. If you missed our December meeting at the VDO location you passed on a great presentation of electric RC. A lot of knowledge changed hands and lots of beautiful electric models were on display. My thanks to Gene Coleman, John Hiegl, Dave Litt (of D&B Hobbies), Russ Peterson, and Doug Sharpe for sharing their expertise on this fast growing segment of the hobby with all of us. It was a very interesting and educational presentation.

I'd like to welcome Gordon Mitchell and Larry Schroeder as our new club safety officers. Please take a moment to say hi to them (if you don't already know who they are) at the next meeting or the field. They are two very experienced modelers and really nice guys. Please show them your support by following the posted rules and being safety conscious when at the field. I'd also like to thank Bill O'Brien and Mike Wyman for their service to the club. They have done a lot to bring us all to a common level of safety practices consistent with the club's needs.

The next official club sponsored event will be the February Fun-Fly. As in year's past we will have several low-key competitive events, free lunch for everyone, and a generally good time. Please

mark your calendars for the weekend of February 22nd. The February newsletter will provide the final details of this event. However, we do need volunteers to step forward and help with putting on the event. Let one of the BOD members know if you are interested in helping out. Activity at the field has been slower than winters past so far. The weather is great and field isn't crowded so come on out and do some flying.

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

VDO Flyers Fun Fly

submitted by *Russ Petersen*

The VDO Flyers Model Airplane club conducted a fun fly for its members on Tuesday 10 December 2002 at Rusty Bolin's flying field. The event started at 1:00pm and concluded at 4:00pm. Chet Hubbart chaired the Fun Fly Committee with Ed Tinkler and Russ Petersen as additional members. Ed Tinkler, Gordon Miller, Bruce Pyles and Sherm Silbaugh served as timers and assisted with conducting the event. Dub Feth served as safety officer.



The fun fly consisted of each contestant flying the Loop, Land and Draw, 7-11, Bomb Drop and Lag the Line events. Eight club members registered and flew the events with another 15 or so looking on or assisting. Larry Howerter took first place with Russ Petersen, Dick Joslin and Dub Feth taking second, third and fourth places respectively. Modest cash prizes were provided to the winners. A drawing was also conducted for a gallon of fuel.

Rusty Bolin provided a great flying

demonstration during a break half way through the activities. Rusty flew his “Pussy Cat” and provided a great demonstration of close-in, slow speed aerobatics. Thanks Rusty!



The most spectacular (only) crash of the fun fly went to Larry Howerter on the bomb drop. (You should never watch the bomb fall!) Larry, lacking an airplane for the fourth event flew Russ Petersen’s Sig Kadet Senior (electric) for the last event securing first place for the day



All participants and spectators had a great time. Another fun-fly is tentatively planned for Spring 2003! *Since most of the Valle del Oro gang are also EVA members, we thought might like to see what they’ve been up too.* - ed. ■

Treasurer’s Report January 2003
Submitted by *Don Manchester*

2003 MEMBERSHIP DUES. Dues for 2003 can be paid at the January 2nd meeting or by mailing your check to the Treasurer, Don

Manchester – 2058 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206. Make checks payable to East Valley Aviators (EVA). Remember you must have your 2003 AMA/MCAA identification card. We send our membership list to the AMA in January so that they can verify our current membership.

AMA dues are delinquent on January 1, 2003. There is no grace period. Unless you have a 2003 AMA card you cannot legally fly at the field.

Our Club By-Laws specify that annual dues are payable on or before January 1st and are delinquent after the February meeting. Members whose 2003 dues are not paid by February 5th will be deleted from the EVA Club roster effective February 6th and will no longer be entitled to use the Club facilities or receive the Club Newsletter.

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. Members who fail to pay their dues must apply for reinstatement, pay a \$10.00 reinstatement fee and all dues that are in arrears: Call Don Manchester (480) 854-8396 if you have any questions about dues.

AMA INSURANCE Everyone knows that our club is insured by the AMA and that all members and guests must be AMA/MACC members. There is one exception, an individual without AMA insurance can be given a one time familiarization flight on a buddy box with a club member instructor. But, and this is important, the airplane must belong to the club member and not to the student. In other words, your AMA insurance is not valid if you use the student’s airplane for the buddy flight.

MEMBERSHIP We currently have 250 paid members including 3 youth members. There are also 23 family members. There are 12 applicants on the waiting list that we hope to enroll next month as vacancies occur. If you know someone who might be interested in joining our Club, encourage them to send in an application. No money is required until they are offered a vacancy. ■

Minutes of EVA meeting Dec. 4, 2002
Compiled by *Gene Coleman*, Secretary, EVA

The meeting of the EVA came to order at 7:00 PM at the Valle Del Oro mobile home park. Board members present were, President John

Pomroy, Vice President Brian Sodt, Secretary Gene Coleman, Treasurer Don Manchester, Newsletter Editor Doug Sharpe, and Flight Training Coordinator Olen Trenary. 65 EVA members were in attendance.

The first order of business was 2 proposals to the EVA by-laws.

(1) It was proposed that our membership CAP be limited to 250 members. It was voted on and passed unanimously. A change reflecting the CAP will be added to our by-laws.

(2) It was proposed that annual dues will now be delinquent on the day following our February meeting and delinquent members will be dropped from the rolls on that day and will have to re-apply for membership. It was voted on and passed unanimously. This change will also be written into the current by-laws.

The next order of business was to elect 2 new field safety officers to fill the vacancies left by Bill O'Brien and Mike Wyman. The following members were nominated for those posts.

- (1) Larry Schroeder was nominated by Harry Taylor
- (2) Brian Ferguson was nominated by Brian Sodt
- (3) Gordie Mitchell was nominated by Sherman Silbaugh
- (4) Gordon Briggs was nominated by Doug Sharpe

In a show of hands vote, Gordie Mitchell and Larry Schroeder were elected to fill the posts left vacant by Bill O'Brien and Mike Wyman. All members of the EVA would like to express our appreciation to Bill O'Brien and Mike Wyman for their tireless efforts to make our field a safe place for all to fly.

Next, Don Manchester gave a financial statement to the members and announced that we are presently at the CAP of 250 members, not including 23 family members. 9 applicants are on the waiting list for membership. It was also announced that our lease is still in limbo but should go through with no problems.

President John Pomroy informed the membership that there were renegade fliers flying approximately 2 3/4 miles to the south of our field. It doesn't appear to have caused any interference problems to the aircraft flying at our field.

Since the advent of electric park fliers, it was decided to have an informative type panel discuss the pros and cons of electric flying. The panel consisted of EVA members, Russ Petersen, Doug Sharpe, Dave Litts, Gene Coleman and John Heigel. All aspects of electric flying were covered and I think that most of the membership got an excellent insight as to what to expect should they venture in that direction.

Dave Litts, owner of D & D Hobbies at 63rd. and Main in Mesa mentioned the electric fun flies that were being held on Thursday evenings at 4:00 PM and Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM in the parking lot in front of his store. He noted that the ARC 3D electric flier that John Heigel was supplying to him had sold out and was awaiting the 2nd run of planes. John Heigel talked in detail of the 3D type electric flier that he had developed and was currently flying. I can attest that it is an awesome plane capable of any manuever that giant scale planes can do. Russ Petersen distributed an excellent handout concerning electric flying versus glow fuel type aircraft (a copy is included in the newsletter). The flier listed web sites that members can access for information. Overall it was a very good discussion.

In the "Show and Tell" department, several electric planes were displayed along with a gas version or 2. First to show was Russ Petersen who brought in a Kadet Senior and a Tiger Moth that were powered by electric motors. Both were very impressive. Doug Sharpe emptied his hangar and talked about his 2 GWS Tiger Moths that were air brushed in camouflage and red and white. Again both were beautiful. Denise Eckert, who hangs out at D & D Hobbies all week brought in an Electrajets and a Cub. I have seen both fly and both fly very well. Denise also designs and builds her own electric planes. John Heigel brought in 2 electric planes, his 3D type that he is commercially marketing and another high flier with a poly-hedral wing and covered with saran wrap! Can you believe it? Next Don Methfessel dazzled us with an oldie from 1966 that had won several awards for him over the years. Another beauty indeed. John Pomroy displayed his polyhedral "Sniffer" that he downsized from an old free style airplane of the past. It also flies extremely well and can soar to unbelievable altitudes. John Berger brought in his miniature Extra 300 powered by and electric motor. He is still working out the

bugs in it. It has flown but John says it still needs some work. I would like to say that this was an excellent "Show and Tell" segment and I don't know about the rest of you but I look forward to this portion of our meeting every time. You can learn a lot from others builders and their methods and innovations.

Our door prize drawing included 2 models, a Waco Biplane donated by Pappy Flora, and a GWS Tiger Moth donated by Dave Litts. 3 gallons of fuel were also designated as door prizes. The 50/50 raffle totalled \$25.00 and several gallons of fuel and covering and epoxy were raffled off to some of our lucky members.

Lastly I think it goes without saying that we are very appreciative of Valle Del Oro for lending us their facilities for our meeting. We always seem to have the greatest attendance when we have it there. We will visit Valle Del Oro again in February.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM. Thanks to all for coming. ■

Pilot Training Program Report

submitted by *Olen Trenary*

Not much to report this month. I have not received any requests for flight instruction. If anyone asks for instruction, please help them, but also advise them that the club has a procedure to follow for instruction. They should call me and I will get them with an instructor. If they request a specific person as their flight instructor I will get them together and the club will have a record of their training.

All instructors should remember there is much more to making a good safe flier than just getting them to control their plane. The instructor should cover safety rules, frequency control, pre-flight inspections and field security. This is all covered in the student training record. The student keeps this record and have each item signed by an instructor. When completed it should be returned to me. A copy is included in the newsletter. If anyone needs a copy of the training record please advise me and I will get one to them. While on the subject of what a new pilot should be taught, how many pilots that have been flying for years have never bothered to read the AMA Safety Code that came with your

new license? One item I see violated all the time is rule #5. Read the code yourself to see what it is. Remember at the top of the code it states these rules **must** be followed for your liability protection to apply. A plane crash in the pits could be bad for the club as well as the pilot if this rule is not followed.

Fly high and be safe. Remember the earth sucks airplanes. *Olen* ■
(*actually it's a proven scientific fact; There's no such thing as gravity - the earth sucks! - ed.*)

Rain Lock Procedures

Recently a new member arrived at the field only to find the "Rain Lock" in place and he could not fly. He was irate to say the least. The rain lock is a protection device we use to protect the interests of all the members. It saves the road going into the field and the runway. Whenever we have a big rainstorm and the field or road gets flooded, the rain lock is installed by Gene Coleman or Larry Schroeder to prevent damage to the road or field. You can call Gene at 480-982-4338 or Larry Schroeder at 480-671-9248 and they can tell you whether the rain lock has been installed. Generally it will remain in place only one day. This occurs only 3-4 times a year so it is not a major inconvenience. Happy flying.

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