

EVA EXHAUST SYSTEMS

The Newsletter of the East Valley Aviators

March 2003

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Fun-Fly!



The above picture was taken on Saturday morning by , Bret Eklund, one of our long time members. He claims he was working and this was as close as he could get to our Fun-Fly. Just kidding Brett, thanks for the cool pic.

On Saturday February 22nd, 2003 the EVA held its' annual fun fly and swap meet at the club's field. The weather was absolutely perfect although a little chilly in the earlier hours. For the early birds, muffins for breakfast were provided to go along with your home brewed coffee. The turnout was fantastic with 57 members singing in and at least that many again in visitors and guests. At one point we counted over sixty cars in the parking lot.

Although only 12 competitors took part in the competitive events, three of those competitors were seniors proving that the younger generation doesn't have a lock on nerve power, and they took home their fair share of the prizes!. The wind (a nice cross wind out of the south) provided a few

tense moments with a couple of dead-stick landings but no crashes that we were aware of. For our intrepid dozen Fun-Flyers there were five events with gift certificates from D&D Hobbies for First and Second place finishers in each one; Autopilot - Olen Trenary, First; Tom Helman, Second.

Tanker - Doug Sharpe, First; Olen Trenary and Tom Helman tied for Second.

Bomber - Larry Srough, First; Olen Trenary, Second.

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March Membership Meeting

Valle del Oro RV Resort
Wednesday, March 5th
7:00 pm

Located at 1452 S. Ellsworth,
Mesa

Directions are: Go east on Highway 60. Exit at Ellsworth. Valle del Oro RV Resort is just north of the Freeway on the left. Tell the guard at the gate that you are here for the RC Club meeting and they will direct you to the Theater. You can't miss it.

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

Submitted by *John Pomroy*
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The February meeting turnout was great. We had a presentation on RC jet models by John Mangiono and Chuck Fisher who are members of the Arizona Model Aviators flying club on Meridian and Brown. They were kind enough to spend an evening with us and bring examples of typical ducted fan and turbine powered jet models. Everyone showed a lot of interest during the formal presentation as well as during the Q&A session that followed. John and Chuck demonstrated their in-depth knowledge of this high tech sector of the hobby. Thanks to John and Chuck for a very interesting and informative presentation! Thanks also to our vice president, Brian Sodt, for putting this presentation together. It was definitely one for the EVA history books.

We also had lots of interesting Show and Tell models. I expect the skies over our field to become more interesting to watch very soon. You can read more details on the various models in the meeting minutes elsewhere in the newsletter.

In the past, I've stated the field guest policy for the club. Although the club has no official rule defining how many times a 'guest' can use our facility before being asked to join, recently we've had a few 'guests' clearly taking advantage of our hospitality by flying on a semi-regular basis. Please approach these 'regular' guests next time you see them at the field and ask them their intentions with respect to becoming a member. It's not fair to you or your fellow paying club members to have these 'regular guests' using our facility for free. Just to refresh everyone memory, here's the guest policy for the club:

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 → 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. 2003). 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.

On another subject, the club would like to sponsor a day of flying and lunch on us for an interested Boy or Girl Scout troop (or other worthy youth organization). Please contact a BOD member if you have a contact you think might enjoy an RC adventure on us!

The last subject this month is on officer

elections. Even though it is March, there are only three meetings before the year-end business meeting when elections will be held. Positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary will be up for grabs. In the next newsletter (May) we'll publish a job profile for each position so that you can get an idea of the responsibilities and duties for each role. Please consider offering yourself as a candidate for nomination. Let one of the BOD members know of your interest in a position or as a nominating committee person as soon as possible so that we can begin the process.

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We have added a bunch (*or would that be a gaggle? - ed.*) of new members since our last meeting. They are: Larry Srough, Tom Helman, Melvin Anderson, Chris Christensen, Tom Curtiss, Don Birmingham, Scott Creager, Peter Van Allen, Robert Tilley, Bob Ward, Chris Oppelt, Ronald Jaenke, David Van Allen, George Heidel, Gary Mayberry, Gerry Schuler, and Troy Johnson

When you see a stranger at the field, take a minute to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome. We didn't get our reputation as a friendly club for nothing. #

March Meeting Presentation

submitted by *Brian Sodr*

Our guest speaker for the March meeting will be Mr. Richard Hanson, AMA District X, Vice President. Mr. Hanson is our elected representative to the AMA. He will be giving us a presentation on the current state of affairs in the AMA and be able to answer your questions. We are looking forward to having him as our guest.

Several really nice airplane kits have been donated for our Door and Raffle prizes this month. A Great Planes Tracer, donated by Hobbytown of Gilbert will be given as a door prize and two kits by Wattage, a Cazy Max and a Mini Max donated by Adventure Hobbies will be given away in the raffle.

What would you like to see presented at

future EVA meetings?

- Construction "How To's" such as building, covering, new materials, etc.?
- Hobby Company demo's from around the area you may know?
- Product Reviews?
- Guest Speakers on a given topic?
- Etc.

Notice: Please come the March meeting prepared with ideas...

I will be passing a list around to gather everyone's thoughts, so please be thinking of some topics / guest speakers. Collectively, we should be able to come up with some great ideas and contacts.

As I have mentioned in the past, the EVA Board's goal is to make the meetings as informative and interesting as possible, and your input is vital for this to happen. #

(Fun-Fly - continued from page 1)

2 Minute Precision & Spot Landing - Bryan Ferguson, First; Tom Helman, Second
Hi/Low Speed Differential - Tom Helman, First; Bill Wright, Second.



There was a lot of exceptional flying by all the pilots. Some of the highlights were; Olen setting (and leaving!) his transmitter on the chair and not touching it for a heart stopping 2 minutes and 39 seconds while his plane flew around the airfield in the Autopilot event. Doug Sharpe losing only one quarter of an inch of water in the Tanker competition, everyone else getting a free plane wash. In the 2 Minute Precision and Spot Landing event the idea was to take off and "guesstimate"

when you had been up for two minutes then land inside the Bull's-eye. Bryan Ferguson nailed it by not only hitting the target (without any help from the cross wind) and his time was a near perfect 1 min. 59 sec. And he did it flying his Phaeton II bi-plane! Congratulations to Tom Helman, one of our newest members, on placing in four of the five events. He flew a plane you don't normally think of as a "fun-fly" type aircraft, his Great Planes Cessna 182 Skylane.

If you haven't discovered for yourself, electric flyers are getting better and better all the time with several providing entertainment before, and after the competition. Hot dogs and soda pop were served with all the fixings and they seemed to disappear as fast as Gene could cook them. I hope everyone went home full.

Thank you to everyone for honoring the impound procedures and that is great since we do not want to cause unnecessary crashes. Prior to our next fun fly in November we would like to ask for a little help in handling the tasks necessary to put this event on. If you are going to be present, why not volunteer.

We would like to thank Mike Wyman for his excellent job as Contest Director and to all those that assisted him. Also we want to give a very special thanks to our friends at; Adventure Hobbies, D & D Hobbies and Hobbytown of Gilbert for their gracious donations for our fun fly and meeting in 2 weeks. It is imperative that we support those that in turn, support us. *By Gene Coleman and Doug Sharpe #*

Pilot Training Program Report

submitted by *Olen Trenary*

With the start of a new year for the club I have received the names of nine members wanting instruction. But, I have received *Student Pilot Enrollment* forms from only four of them. They have been assigned to instructors. I can only hope the other s are working with someone. As for the instructor part of the program, we lost four when they didn't renew their memberships. I have received names of four new members that have volunteered to be instructors, so we stayed even. I hope I can meet all the new members before very long. If I can help in any way please call me

at (480) 882-1388.

See you at the field. *Olen #*

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by *Don Manchester*

MEMBERSHIP Several members did not renew their membership for 2003. The good news is that we were able to offer membership to everyone on the waiting list bringing us to 234 plus 17 family members. This is a good time to encourage those guests and visitors to submit their application.

FINANCIAL REVIEW Russ Petersen completed a review of the Club's financial records and wrote to the Board that everything was in good order. A copy of the Annual Financial Statement and Russ's letter are posted on the bulletin board at the field.

RADIO FREQUENCIES We are currently updating our information about the frequencies in use at our field. In the meantime, if you are planning to purchase a new radio system, call or email Don for current information about the number of users on a particular frequency that you are considering.

THE COWS ARE BACK Cattle have been sighted in the area adjacent to our field. We need to keep watch and chase out any that manage to get inside our fence. Let Gene or Don know immediately so that we can locate any breaks in the fence and repair them. We sure don't want any cow pies. #

Minutes of EVA Meeting Jan. 2, 2003

Complied by *Gene Coleman*, Secretary EVA

The East Valley Aviators conducted their February meeting at the Valle Del Oro clubhouse on February 5, 2003. Board members present were President John Pomroy, Vice President Brian Sodt, Secretary Gene Coleman, Treasurer Don Manchester, Newsletter Editor Doug Sharpe and Field Safety Officers Gordie Mitchell and Larry Schroeder and 76 memebers.

President Pomroy made the membership aware of the upcoming Fun Fly/Swap meet at the field on February 22, 2003. The event seems to

get more enjoyable each time so a great time will be had by all. John also mentioned that if anyone was aware of a Boy/Girl Scout troop interested in being our guests for a day of instruction at the field, please make one of the board members aware.

Don Manchester, club treasurer mentioned that Russ Peterson had conducted an audit of our books and that they appeared to be in order.

Safety Officer Larry Schroeder related that he had found the gate to the field left open twice in the past week. The last person leaving must lock the gate to prevent damage or vandalism to our facilities. Larry also stressed the importance of calling out take offs and landings and following the prevailing flight pattern already in use.

Gene Coleman made members aware that we are in need of instructors for some of the new people coming on board this year. Please contact Olen Trenary at 480 882 1388 if you can help us in this department. Remember, someone helped you when you were learning.

Vice President Brian Sodt introduced us to the 3 members of the AMA Club at Meridian and Brown that were gracious enough and found the



time to introduce us to their jet aircraft, a ducted fan jet and a turbine jet engine. John Mangino and his wife Terry displayed their OS .91 ducted fan jet and gave us all an insight into the world of model jet aircraft. John is very knowledgeable in this field as he has been flying jets for 15 years. He and his wife both fly this jet aircraft. Next Chuck Stevens showed us his beautiful Blue Angels Euro Firebird with a turbine engine to propel it. It weighs 19 pounds and Chuck was nice enough to give us a handout explaining the

setup of the aircraft. We would like to thank both of these gentlemen for devoting their time and sharing their expertise with us.

The gate combination will change this weekend (*it was changed Feb. 8th - ed*) and those that have renewed their dues already have the new combination.



The "Show and Tell" department produced some very nice aircraft. Gordie Mitchell showed us his beautiful Stearman PT-17 that he says will be ready to fly in a month. We look forward to seeing it fly Gordie. Next Brian Ferguson shared his Hangar 9 CAP 232 with us that has an OS 1.60 engine mounted in it. He hopes to fly it this coming weekend and again we look forward to its



maiden flight. Don Methfessel brought in a very old 1.20 twin cylinder engine for us to see. Don never ceases to amaze us with his show and tell items. Joe Zahora displayed his non flying F-14 Tomcat that will make an interesting desk ornament. Joe also showed us the incidence meter that he made out of aluminum. Very nice indeed



Joe. Probably the most unusual and very pretty display was Ed Tinkler's gull wing "Swoose". Ed



mentioned that it was a racer in it's days of yore that some of us may remember!! Don Nelson shared his very old kit bashed Great Planes .20 size model with PT-17 colors. Don will fly this



beautiful plane with a .40 size motor. Larry Schroeder dazzled us with his Fokker D VII that



took a year to complete. I think all of us are fascinated by old warbirds and I, for one, look forward to seeing it fly. A special thanks to all who brought in models and other items to share with the membership.

As usual we wrapped up the meeting with 3 door prizes, several raffle prizes and \$44.00 in the 50/50 drawing. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

We would like to thank Valle Del Oro for the use of their facilities and their kind hospitality. Until next month, keep em flying...HIGH. #

General Membership Meeting Schedule

The East Valley Aviators general membership meets 6 times each year on the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held in the months of January, February, March, May, October and December. An issue of the *Exhaust Systems* newsletter will be published the week before each of the meetings. We are still looking for a permanent meeting place. Until that time the meeting location will be published in the *Exhaust Systems*. We are always looking for input from all of our club members. If you have any, articles, pictures or classified ads (free to club members) you would like to see published please contact Doug Sharpe (480) 288-6300 or dougsharpe@worldnet.att.net. - Doug Sharpe #

Lost and Found

Found on the runway, a combination tool with pliers, screwdrivers and more. Contact Don, 854-8396. #

Classified Ads

Top Flight P47 Thunderbolt Kit NIB \$125.00. A savings of \$25 plus shipping over the Tower price. Call Don 854-8396.

Super Tigre 90. Three flights and sold the airplane so it is available for \$75.00 OBO.

Call Don 854-8396.

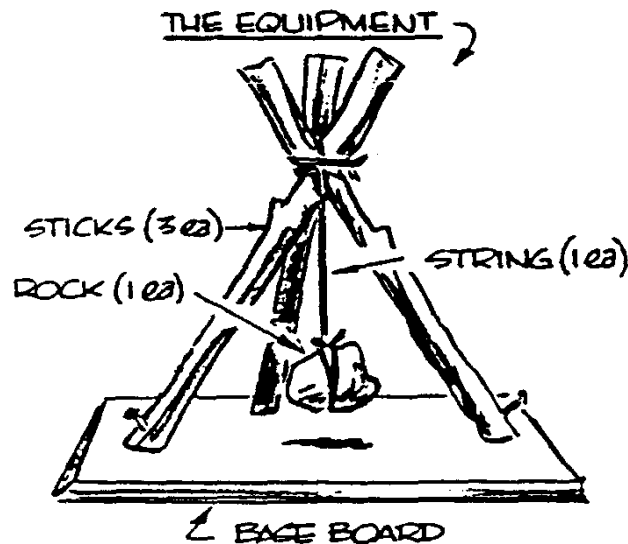


Aeronca: 70" WS w/ flat bottom airfoil. Sweet flier. OS .28 engine included. Just recovered. Add radio gear and go. \$100 OBO. Doug (602) 321-1937

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Thanks to Adventure Hobbies, D&D Hobbies and Hobby Town of Gilbert for their help in providing our raffle prizes. #

BACK-UP WEATHER STATION



HOW TO INTERPRET OBSERVATIONS

IF ROCK IS:	IT'S:
WET	RAINING
WHITE	SNOWING
MOVING	WINDY
HARD TO SEE	FOGGY
CASTING SHADOW	SUNNY
COLD	CHILLY OUT
WARM	HOT OUT

**PILOTS: TAKE THE GUESSWORK OUT OF
WX BRIEFINGS—MAKE YOUR OWN STATION!**

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