

# EVA EXHAUST SYSTEMS

The Newsletter of the East Valley Aviators

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## Summer Flying Safety

As the weather warms up and our winter visitors head north, those of us that live year round in the valley need to be aware of changes out at the field. The *real* permanent residents, the wild critters, start to become more active. The main concern are, of course, snakes. Rattlesnake sitings are not uncommon. When you're out in the desert, looking for that lost plane or part, pay attention to where you walk. Also remember that with the decrease of human traffic the critters might be in places you would normally not expect them, like the nice cool shade under the ramada, tables or chairs.

The other concern is the heat. Be sure you take plenty of cool or cold water with you. Even if you're only going to be there for a short time. Heat stroke and heat prostration are real and not much fun. Be sure to keep an eye on others and say something if they start to look sick. *Doug* ■

## PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

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There are several subjects I'll touch in this month's column so let's get started.

We had a visit from the Pinal County Sheriff's Office regarding RC planes and their possible use as a terrorist weapon. The officer who visited us was inquiring about how well we knew our membership, any suspicious members and/or modeling projects/activities at the field that

we may think could be connected to possible terrorist planning. An example of what he asked us to be on the lookout for was someone new who only wants to learn to fly large models capable of carrying significant payloads. The BOD and I feel we know everyone in the club well enough that we don't consider this as a credible possibility within the EVA ranks. However, it's everyone's duty to beware of activities at the field and let a BOD member know of anything unusual along these lines.

A nominating committee has been formed in support of the year-end officer elections. The chairman is Doug Sharpe with Olen Trenary and

## *May Membership Meeting*

Palmas Del Sol East  
Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup>  
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.

Don Manchester as committee members. Elsewhere in this newsletter are descriptions of the BOD positions we'll be filling at year-end. Please take a moment to read these profiles and consider contacting Doug, Olen, or Don with your interest in running for office as soon as possible. We'd like to get all candidates identified by September so we can provide information about them to the general membership in the October/December newsletter.

In the fall (date TBA) we will be holding a work day at the field. Beyond replacing the worn out carpet and performing other annual maintenance work, we will be changing our flight station and middle safety fencing configuration to improve safety associated with flight/taxing operation beyond the chain link fence. Final details of the new layout will be provided in the October newsletter.

The last item I have is related to the surge in E-models and how they are commonly flown at the field; particularly the small ones. It is important that members flying these types of models adhere to all the flying rules of the field. Almost without exception, E-model flyers have routinely violated one or more rules about take-off and/or deadline violations. Ask yourself these questions 1) Have you performed cross runway takeoffs (and from the carpet next to the flight station)? 2) Were you violating the deadline (centerline of the runway) while in the air? 3) Would you do these things with your gas models?

I have observed instances of members with gas models, after seeing other members with electric models taking off cross runway from the carpet next to the flight station, doing the same. This point illustrates how easy it is to set a bad example for others and not realizing the consequences. I've also observed many E-flyers camping out over the runway for an entire flight (and spending half their time violating the deadline). This point illustrates how other gas fliers who are obeying the flying pattern become frustrated because these models are not flying any 'pattern', making coordination of landings and take-offs unpredictable.

The BOD and I recognize the small E-models are most fun when flown close in and some don't taxi well on the ground leading to 'zero taxi take-offs'. However, until the club determines how best these models can be operated

along side the larger gas models operations, everyone is required to follow all flying field rules regardless of model type and/or size being flown.

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

## Welcome New Members

We have several new faces since our last meeting bringing us to our ceiling of 250 members. They are: Loran Davidson, Michael Martin, Bill Ladas, Stanley Hieb, Larry Smith, Laurant Hamann, Tony Wurm and his son Sean, Eric Huffman, Chuck Lucas, Aris Scarla and Michael Harrell.

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. ■

## Pilot Training Program Report

submitted by *Olen Trenary*

The Pilot Training program is doing great. We have nineteen students and seventeen instructors. In the last two weeks several students and instructors have left the valley to return home for the summer.

Three of our students have soloed since the last news letter; Doug Baxter, Merlen Anderson and Mike Martin. If you see them congratulate them on their accomplishment.

On March 21, Ron Hancock lost his plane and didn't know where it went down. Many people, even some visitors helped search for the wreck. Ron wants to thank each of you that helped. I also add my thanks to all. It's great to be part of a club that has members and visitors who care about each other.

For those of us who remain year round in the valley, try to fly early in the morning before the temperature gets to high (and also remember to bring water with you, *ed.*). I'm looking forward to seeing you at the field. Fly safe, *Olen* ■

## Minutes of EVA Meeting Mar. 3, 2003

Complied by *Gene Coleman*, Secretary EVA

The East Valley Aviators held their March 2003 meeting at the Valle Del Oro clubhouse on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003. Members of the board present were President John Pomroy, Vice President Brian Sodt, Treasurer Don Manchester, Secretary Gene Coleman, Newsletter Editor Doug Sharpe, Training Coordinator Olen Trenary and Safety Officers Gordie Mitchell and Larry Schroeder. There were 74 members present for this meeting.

President John Pomroy welcomed the new club members and asked them to stand and give us all short talk on their experience and where they came from. If you see any of them at the field, please introduce yourself to them and make them feel welcome.

Don Manchester gave us all a membership status and announced that there were 10 openings after purging the rolls of non renewals. Don will update the frequency list for the membership. It pays to check this list before ordering new RX's or TX's. Some frequencies were overloaded and some were sparse.

Gene Coleman announced that several items were found at the field without identification attached. We all need to check our equipment and make sure it is easily identifiable in case we have a "senior moment" and leave it at the field.

Vice President and meeting activities coordinator, Brian Sodt, introduced Mr. Richard Hanson, District 10 AMA representative who



gave us all a talk on what the AMA is all about and what it does for us. Richard also gave us a brief history of the AMA since 1972 and what the

hobby has evolved to. Richard is an experienced flyer of both military and civilian aircraft and is a retired military veteran. He explained that any one time the AMA has 170,000 members on board and district 10 is one of the largest with over 300 clubs. We would like to thank Mr. Hanson for his participation at our meeting.

Next, door prizes were drawn for. We had a Tracer kit and 3 gallons of fuel that were drawn for by merely showing up at the meeting.

The raffle had 6 gallons of fuel, 2 rolls of covering, and a couple of epoxies that were raffled off. Dale Miller walked off with the 50/50 prize of \$37.00.

The "Show and Tell" department produced some very nice models indeed. Steve Porter showed off his beautiful P-51 with vacuum bagged wings. It sports a 3W-50 engine and will



have Futaba 8UA equipment installed. Larry Schroeder brought in his P-51 \$30.00 rummage sale special that is constructed of fiberglass, ply





and balsa with foam core wings and measures 7'8". It will have chain saw engine comparable to the Zenoah G-62. Gordon Briggs displayed his 1/4 scale Piper Cub that I have seen flown very well. Gordon continues to bring aircraft to our meeting every month except last month. We missed you Laddie. Verlin Boeder proudly showed his modified Tiger 60 with the engine cowl



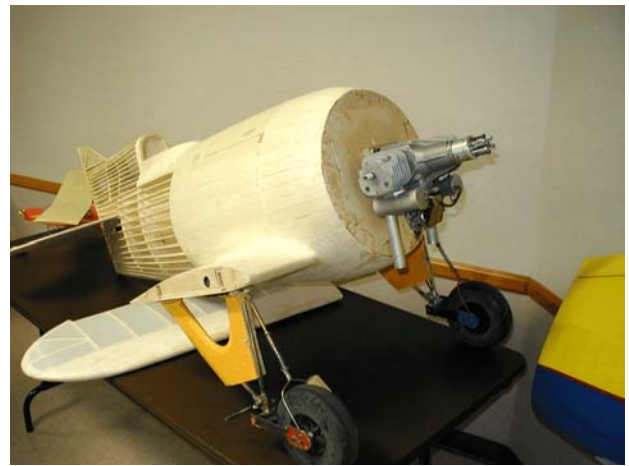
beautifully shaped. Verlin also excels at covering with could easily be seen. Verlin has a YS .91 in the nose. I look forward to seeing it fly. Don



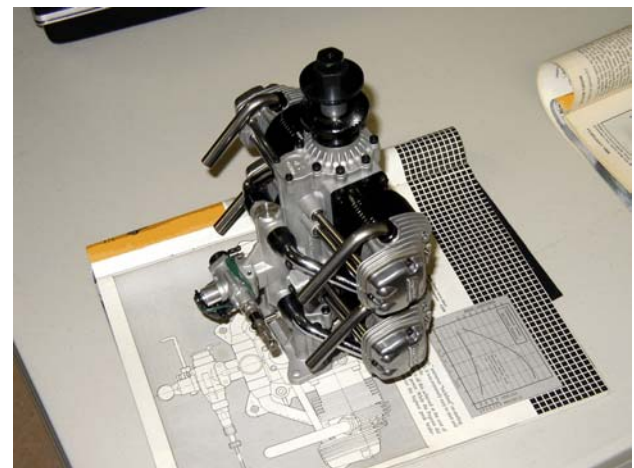
Machester, another prolific scratch builder amazed us with his sleek 80% Senior Kadet that uses flaps and ailerons and covered expertly in yellow and blue. Don has an OS .70 in the nose. President John Pomroy, an excellent scratch



builder himself showed us his scratch built electric park flyer. It sports a 180 motor and 5 cell, 650 mah battery setup. John proved it doesn't have to be big to be beautiful. Dave Boldt



brought in his huge framed Gee Bee. Don



Methfessel brought in 2 engines. The first an old O.S. Pegasus 320 4 stroke flathead 4 cylinder rated at 4 H.P. that is a glow engine. Don also brought in a Super Tartan 2 cylinder M-77 built in Italy that was a 4 H.P. and was popular 20 years ago. This will give you an idea how long Don has been playing with these things. Thanks to all of the people that took the trouble to bring in their projects.

Overall I think it was a great meeting and enjoyed by all. Our next meeting will be held at Palmas Del Sol East clubhouse at the corner of Ironwood Drive and I-60 on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

One last tip for all. There have been 4 fatal accidents on Ironwood Drive, south of Baseline Road in the last year. I suggest to all members that they turn on their lights while traversing Ironwood Drive to and from the field to make us all more visible to oncoming traffic. Enough said. Keep em' flying...High. *Gene* ■

### **Treasurer's Report**

Submitted by *Don Manchester*

The Club has 249 active members and 20 family members. After filling the remaining vacancy, we will start compiling a wait list to fill future vacancies. Being on the wait list does not entitle use of our facility nor flight instruction. They will have to wait until enrolled as members.

Our finances are in good shape at the end of the first quarter ending March 31. Income was \$14,857 and expenses were \$3,522. Income was slightly higher than budgeted because of increased initiation fees. Expenses were pretty much on target, but several big budgeted expenses such as the lease payment and replacing the carpet will come later in the year. We should end the year with a balance of approximately \$1,700.

We have added some set up tables under the ramada. I hope the paint will prove to be fuel resistant, but please make the effort to wipe up spills. Resistant doesn't mean fuel proof.

We are planning on improving the center safety fence and flight stations. The temporary sections of the center safety fence will be replaced with permanent pipe and all of it recovered with the red plastic netting. The temporary flight box fencing will be replaced with black plastic UV

resistant pipe and the red netting. We need to restrict the amount of metal being used closer to the flight line.

There are cows all around us so keep a sharp eye out that they don't get inside the fence. They got in a few years ago and left cow pies everywhere. Chase them out and let Gene or Don know right away so they can get the fence fixed.

If your Club badge is worn out let Don know and he can make you a new one.

Everyone have a great summer and we'll look forward to seeing you winter folks in October. *Don* ■

### **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](mailto:dougsharpe@worldnet.att.net). - *Doug Sharpe* ■

### **Classified Ads**

Classified ads are free to club members. For more information or to place an ad contact Doug Sharpe at (480) 288-6300 or email to [dougsharpe@worldnet.att.net](mailto:dougsharpe@worldnet.att.net) ■

### **Please support our local Hobby Shops**

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

**Excerpt from Current By-Laws**

**ARTICLE IV  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Sec. 1 GOVERNMENT.** The management of the affairs and business of EVA shall be vested in the Board of Directors heretofore provided. The members of the Board shall, upon election, serve without compensation. Board members shall enter upon their duties in January, and shall continue in office until their successors have been elected and duly installed.

**Sec. 2 COMPOSITION.** The Board of Directors will consist of the six (6) duly elected officers of the EVA.

**Sec. 3 DUTIES.** The Board of Directors shall have control and management of the affairs of EVA, with authority to make any expenditures it may deem necessary for the welfare and best interests of EVA, to suspend or expel members, create committees, and shall have power in everything necessary and desirable in conducting the business of the EVA, if in accordance with these By-Laws and the laws of the State of Arizona.

**Sec. 4 MEETINGS.** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held periodically at a time and place designated by the President. The President, or the Secretary, at the written request of at least three (3) members of the board, may issue a call for a special meeting of the Board. A minimum of five days notice will be required for such meetings. Members of the Board of Directors may hold meetings without notice where such notice is waived in writing.

**Sec. 5 QUORUM.** Three (3) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. Absent members of the Board may vote by proxy, but an absent member does not apply to satisfying the requirement for a quorum.

**Sec. 6 ABSENCE.** If any member of the board of Directors shall be absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board, unless excused by the President or by the Board, a vacancy may be declared to exist.

**Sec. 7 EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.** The President, upon relinquishing his office, shall become an ex officio member of the Board of Directors for a period of one (1) year. He/she will serve in an advisory role and will not be a voting member of the Board.

**ARTICLE V  
OFFICERS**

**Sec. 1 OFFICERS.** The Officers of EVA shall be as follows:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary

D. Treasurer

E. Member at Large/Safety Officer

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**Sec. 2**      **COMPENSATION.** Officers shall serve without compensation.

**Sec. 3**      **DUTIES.** The duties of each officer is as follows:

A. **President.** The President shall be the Executive Officer of EVA and shall preside at meetings of EVA and of the Board of Directors. He/she shall be a member ex officio of all committees except the nominating committee.

- (1) The President is empowered as Executive Officer of the EVA and may delegate any or all of his powers to other officers from time to time as may be in his/her judgment to be in the best interest of EVA.
- (2) The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and shall have general supervision over all officers of EVA.
- (3) The President may require, from time to time, special reports from officers and committees to be made to him/her, to the Board of Directors, or to the membership of EVA.

B. **Vice President.** The Vice President shall act for the President in the President's absence and shall be the successor to the President should he/she become incapacitated or otherwise unable or unwilling to continue to serve in the office. The Vice President shall also preside at meetings of the Board of Directors and EVA general membership meetings in the absence of the President. The Vice President is also designated as the Chairman of the Membership Committee.

C. **Secretary.** The Secretary shall record and maintain records of all club business in the form of minutes and present such to the Board or membership at each meeting. The Secretary shall be responsible for club communications with the AMA as well as all official outside communication relating to club business and activities. The Secretary shall keep the President and Vice President informed of all communications received whether or not executive action is required.

D. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall have charge of all EVA funds keeping the club funds in a bank checking and/or savings account in a depository the Board of Directors may from time to time designate. The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping an accurate, detailed record of accounts in books belonging to EVA. The records shall be open at all times to inspection by the President, Vice President, or the Board of Directors. He/she shall report the financial condition of EVA whenever requested by the President or Board of Directors and shall make a full report to EVA at its annual meeting and regular meetings of the membership and Board of Directors.

He/she shall also act as the statutory agent for EVA providing the annual reports required by the Arizona Corporation Commission and completed tax returns and forms required by the Federal and State Internal Revenue agencies.

He/she shall collect all dues and assessments as well as other monies EVA may be entitled to giving his receipt thereof.

He/She may be designated the EVA Membership Chairman.

**C. Members at Large (2).** The two Members at Large shall serve as Club Safety Officers responsible for maintaining a safe flying atmosphere at our flying field. They will report at each meeting how the membership is adhering to the adopted safety rules and regulations. The Safety Officers have the responsibility and the right to request any individual using any of the Club's facilities to cease such use due to violations of either the AMA Safety Code or the one adopted by the club.

## **ARTICLE VI NOMINATIONS**

### **Sec. 1 NOMINATING COMMITTEE.**

**A. Members of Committee.** The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members to be selected in the following manner: At the October meeting of the Board of Directors the President shall select a member of the Board of Directors and/or membership of the EVA to serve as a member of said committee and who shall serve as the Chairman of said Nominating Committee. The members of the Board of Directors shall select from their number, or from the membership of EVA, the second member of said committee, thereupon, said two members of the committee shall select from the Board of Directors, or the membership of EVA, the third member of said committee.

**B. Duties.** It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate candidates for Directors to be elected at the next annual meeting. They shall report to the membership at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting the names of such candidates, and these names shall be published in a newsletter, or other appropriate written form of notice to the membership as may be necessary. No nomination shall be made without the prior consent of the nominee having been obtained and verified that he/she is a member in good standing.

**Sec. 2 INDEPENDENT NOMINATIONS.** Such nominations shall also be made from the floor at the annual meeting, provided prior consent of the nominee has been obtained and it has been verified that he/she is a member in good standing.

**Sec. 3 NOMINATION FOR ELECTION.** Any person in nomination will first be qualified by the Secretary before his/her name will be placed on the ballot.

## **Office Duties Discriptions:**

- President**
- 1) Attend and moderate all club meetings
  - 2) Schedule agenda of BOD activities in preparation for each meeting (i.e. set BOD meeting dates, newsletter deadlines, newsletter mailing schedule, club meeting time and location, etc.)
  - 3) Be present at club scheduled field events such as Fly-Ins, Fun-Flys, and Maintenance/Work days.
  - 4) Final authority on all issues and their manner of resolution raised by the BOD and/or general meeting when a consensus cannot be reached by the BOD and/or general membership
  - 5) Prepare a column for each issue of the newsletter discussing issues of importance from the perspective of the president.
  - 6) Introduce yourself to each and every existing and new member; be accessible!
- Vice President**
- 1) Take over all president duties when the president is unable to perform them.
  - 2) Prepare the club meeting agenda. This task includes finding and/or preparing a featured special topic for each meeting of interest to the general membership.
- Treasurer**
- 1) Maintains custody of all Club funds and is responsible for keeping an accurate detailed record of accounts in books belonging to the Club.
  - 2) Acts as the statutory agent for the Club providing annual reports and other documents to the AMA and various Federal and State agencies.
  - 3) Maintains the official Club roster containing the names and personal information for all members.
  - 4) Maintains the Excel automated membership roster.
  - 5) Maintains records of all income and expenses by category.
  - 6) Receives and accounts for dues, initiation fees and raffle income.
  - 7) Pays Club bills and maintain records for all expenditures.
  - 8) Prepares the quarterly and annual financial reports based on the income and expense records.
  - 9) Arranges for an annual independent audit/financial review.
  - 10) Prepares the annual Club budget.
  - 11) Collects the annual dues and issues validation stickers.
  - 12) Processes new members, issuing membership numbers, Club information packets and membership badges.
- Secretary.**
- 1) Record and maintain minute records of all Club meetings.
  - 2) Record and maintain minute records of all Board meetings. The Secretary shall be
  - 3) Responsible for club communications with the AMA as well as all official outside communication relating to club business and activities.
  - 4) Keep other board members informed of all communications received whether or not executive action is required.
- Safety Officers**
- 1) Provide recommendations to BOD regarding improvements to field safety operations and lead activities related to implementing BOD approved safety procedural and/or field facility modifications.

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