

EVA EXHAUST SYSTEMS

The Newsletter of the East Valley Aviators

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July 6th, 2003

To the Membership,

It has been many years since an evaluation of overall flight operations, especially with regard to safety, has been performed. As you all know, the club has grown substantially and experience with our current layout and flight operations that has pointed out some weaknesses in our current system.

Over the summer the BOD has performed a review of safety issues associated with flight operations in order to determine if operations can be improved, especially from a safety standpoint. As a result, we feel some modest changes in the pit area safety fencing and flight station layout combined with some changes in starting and taxiing procedures are in order. The attached information details the changes that we believe will insure improved efficiency and safety operations for everyone in the club. Please show your support by taking the time to educate yourself on the coming changes and implement these changes in your daily flying practices. It will take everyone's effort to maximize the benefits of these improvements to our facility.

Thanks again for your support and continuing to making our club one of the best in the valley,
John Pomroy.

Realignment of the Flight Stations and the Middle Safety Fences.

The EVA Board of Directors, at a special meeting on May 26, 2003, reviewed safety issues and decided that changes to the safety fences, the flight stations and flight line procedures would be implemented to provide a safer operating environment at our field.

The plans showing the new middle safety fences and the revised alignment of the flight stations will be available for inspection at the October membership meeting. There will be an individual engine startup pad for each of the five flight stations. The two end startup areas, 1 and 5, will have low tables set up for starting aircraft. The three center stations, 2,3 and 4, will start on the ground. Suitable aircraft tail holding devices will be available at each startup location including the tables.

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October Membership Meeting

**Palmas Del Sol East
Thursday, Oct. 16th
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.

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

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Although it's the 1st of October as I write this it doesn't seem like summer is over quite yet. Today's high was 106°F! I sure hope it starts cooling off soon or summer will be here again before we know it. Things at the field this summer have been going smoothly along with a good amount of flying activity as well.

A nominating committee was formed back in April in support of the year-end officer elections. The chairman is Doug Sharpe with Olen Trenary and Don Manchester as committee members. In the last newsletter were descriptions of the BOD positions we'll be filling at year-end (i.e. President, Treasurer, 1 Safety Officer). 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 before the October meeting so we can provide information about them to the general membership at the October meeting and in the 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 are provided elsewhere in the newsletter.

I will not be at the October meeting because of a work commitment I have scheduled for that week. Brian Sodt, our Vice President, will preside over the meeting.

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

PROPOSED AMENDED BY-LAWS OF EAST VALLEY AVIATORS, INC.

This amendment will change the election cycle for Club officers so that three officers, the President,

Treasurer, and one Officer At Large (Safety Officer) will be elected one year and the Vice President, Secretary and the other Officer At Large (Safety Officer) will be elected in alternate years. Officers will continue to serve for two year terms. Good management dictates that electing club officers in alternate years will provide continuity in management of EVA affairs rather than having key officers all replaced at the same time. This amendment also provides for how this transition will be implemented. These changes will become effective upon approval by the general membership at the December 2003 meeting and will supersede the sections as noted. If they are approved, the provisions for transition to this new system will affect the election officers at the December 2003 general meeting.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 3 ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

1. Club officers normally serving two year terms of office will be elected in alternate years according to following schedule. The President, Treasurer and one Officer At Large (Safety Officer) will be elected one year and the Vice-President, Secretary and the second Officer At Large (Safety Officer) will be elected in alternate years.

2. Implementation of this provision will require onetime adjustments in the terms of the officers affected by this amendmen.

A. The President and Treasurer will be elected and take office effective January 1, 2004. One Member At Large (Safety Officer) to be designated by the current Board of Directors will continue to serve and his term of office will be extended by one year to coincide with the new two year term of office for the newly elected President and Treasurer.

B. The terms of the current Vice President and Secretary will be extended for one year to terminate on December 31, 2004. The remaining Member At Large (Safety Officer) will serve out his current term which also ends December 31, 2004.

C. Each group of these officers will henceforth stand for election in alternating years.

Existing Sections 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 are number as Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 without any change.

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Running engines in the pit area or under the ramada will not be allowed. There will be an engine test area with a table at both ends of the field, at least 100 feet east and west of the pit area. They should be used for testing or extensive adjustment of engines. The appropriate frequency should be claimed if radio transmitters are used at the test stands.

Flight line operating procedures will be changed. When a person wishes to fly, they should move their aircraft and startup equipment to a vacant designated flight station startup pad. There is one for each flight station as shown on the plan. **Do not start your engine in the pit area.** After starting your aircraft, turn it towards the runway and taxi it onto the field while at the same time moving to the related flight station. You are still required to coordinate your takeoffs, landings and runway activity with other flyers. Upon landing, taxi back to your flight station, shut down and move your airplane and startup equipment back to the pit area so another person can use the flight station. All of the five flight stations are seldom in use at one time so this change should not affect flying opportunities.

These changes are scheduled for implementation in October when the new safety fences have been installed and the flight stations have been modified. We are still exploring options for covering the pit and flight line areas. Our lease limits what we can do and neither black top or concrete paving are allowed. Cement paving stones set in sand have been suggested and we are getting estimates for this. Carpet may be our only option and we will install it in October if there is no alternative. *BOD* ■

Minutes of EVA Meeting May 7, 2003

Compiled by *Gene Coleman*, Secretary EVA

The East Valley Aviators held their May meeting at the Palmas Del Sol East Clubhouse in

Apache Junction on May 7, 2003 at 7 P.M.

Members of the EVA board present were President John Pomroy, Vice President Brian Sadt, Secretary Gene Coleman, Safety Officer Olen Trenary and Newsletter Editor Doug Sharpe. There were a total of 30 members present for this meeting.

The first item brought up for discussion was the possibility of replacing our existing carpet in the pit/ramada area with paving stones. It was noted that they would be permanent and would save us money in the long run as we are presently replacing some of our carpet every year. The board will look into getting bids to do the job. Another discussion was held and it was decided to re-align the flight station and protective fencing in the pit area. Several incidents whereby aircraft have taxied into other aircraft in the pit area make this a necessary safety issue. The work necessary will be done this fall.

Doug Sharpe announced to the membership that new club hats were available at \$10.00 each. Gene and Doug will both have hats. See them if you want one.

Danny Faetz emphasized that your equipment should be marked with your name. Danny recently found a high dollar TX at the field and luckily it was returned to its' owner. This is an ongoing problem and I currently have 2 transmitters in my custody that were found at the field. We need to find the owners of this equipment. If you have lost a TX, contact me with the frequency and brand name and I will return it to you.

Doug Sharpe mentioned that the Pinal Country Sherriff's office had paid a visit to the field inquiring about the possibility of using radio controlled aircraft for terrorist activity. This is not as far fetched as it sounds people and we need to report any suspicious persons or activity that show up at our field to the Sherriff's office.

It was noted that both safety officers are gone for the summer so we need to practice safety on our own to insure that no dangerous situation arises while we are flying at the field. It is up to all of us to make sure that the field is a safe place to be.

Show and tell brought out a cornucopia of interesting stuff. Don Methfessel gave us all an in depth look at the intricacies of the world of fibreglassing. Don brought in several samples



and talked about the different methods he uses to construct fuselages, cowls and wheel pants. Olen Trenary also brought in a cowl he had made from fiberglass for his Pitts Ultimate. Thanks for the insight guys.

Kerry Wheeler proudly displayed his 110 inch Sig Rascal ARF. Kerry has a Zenoah G23 in the



nose and I can attest to the fact that it flies really well. As far as ARF'S go, this is definitely one of the better ones. Thanks Kerry.

Steve Wingerson, a new member last year, showed us his Mountain Models Dandy Sport electric plane he constructed from a kit. It uses the GWS 300 motor and is covered in Solite material also bought from Mountain Models.com. Steve mentioned that the kit is all laser cut and falls together very well. Thanks Steve. We would like to thank all the show and tell participants for dragging their planes to our meetings. I don't know about you but I look forward to seeing this at every meeting. It doesn't have to be beautiful to bring. It can be unusual or just something you are proud of.

The meeting closed with several prizes being



raffled off to lucky winners. Thanks to all those who came to the meeting. Until next time, keep 'em flying, HIGH. Gene ■

Treasurer's Report **Submitted by *Don Manchester***

The Club has 250 active members and 20 family members. We have 9 applicants on the Waiting List. 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 second quarter ending June 30th. Our income and expenses were consistent with the 2003 budget with a couple of large expenditures, lease payment and flight line improvements, expected 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. Hopefully 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 improvements to the flight line 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. *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. - *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 ■

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