

EVA EXHAUST SYSTEMS

The Newsletter of the East Valley Aviators

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(Fifth) Fogies Fun Fly Follies (the “4F” event)

The Fifth Fogies Fun Fly Follies was held at the Superstition Field on February 8, 2006. The VDO Flyers organized the fun fly. It is an annual event oriented to non-competitive events and a relaxed flying and social atmosphere. Set up for the fun fly was at 12:00am with flying beginning at 1:00pm. Russ Petersen was the Contest Director and Bill Norwood briefed the flying



events and oversaw flight line safety. Sherm Silbaugh and Gordon Mitchell served as event timers and flight line safety observers. Don Dietrich took care of photography and Larry Smith handled raffle tickets and the raffle drawing. Donna and Chet Hubbart managed score keeping and prize distribution. Free refreshments were provided and there was no entry fee for the event. Eight flyers registered and flew three events including a 7-11 timed event, a Lemans timed event and a two-minute flight. Five prizes were presented to the top five flyers. Competition prizes included electric kits, fuel and gift certificates. D&D Hobbies, Viper Hobbies, East Valley Aviators and the VDO Flyers generously provided the prizes.

All 24 events were flown with a good deal of attention to safety. Only one airplane was damaged during a faulty landing approach. One event was flown twice due to a balky motor start. Otherwise it was very quiet on the flight line.

Prizes for the fun fly included three electric kits and two gift certificates. Winners of the fun fly in order from first to fifth were Bruce Van Dyke, Ron Jaenke, Dub Feth, Russ Petersen and Jack Easterly.

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March Membership Meeting

**Valle del Oro RV Resort
Wednesday, March 1st
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

by *Jack DeFilippis*, EVA President

Well here we are in February already. Coming up Saturday the 25th of February is our Swap Meet and club Fun-Fly. We have posted flyers at various hobby shops and other locations in attempts to entice buyers to support our selling members. The gate will be open for setup at 6:30 AM so bring out all of your goodies including your own table or ground cover. The Fun Fly will start at 8:00 AM. Join the fun and win some prizes. The club will provide Hot Dogs and Cold Soda closer to noon.

We are in the height of the season and have most members coming out and enjoying the field. Please always keep safety in mind. When the stations are full you may want to invite a fellow flyer out as a spotter to watch others flyers for you especially on take off and landings. We have had several instances where pilots were reported to be flying out over Ironwood Rd. We know sometimes a plane gets away but please do not do this intentionally. That is to far to see your model and have control of its direction. If you are not sure of your ability ask someone to stand next to you for backup and mental support. Lately, several planes were crashed due to improper use of our frequency board. We are considering the addition of the clothes pin method used at various clubs throughout the US to help reduce these problems. It will be discussed at the next board meeting and presented to the membership for acceptance at the Membership Meeting held on Wednesday, March 1st at VDO.

We do not have a meeting in April so please come out to see your flying mates before many of you start your return home at the end of March.

A few members have not renewed their AMA membership. Please remember your AMA expires on 12/31/2005 with no extension. If you have not renewed and even if you have a current Eva membership you cannot fly at the field.

Our thanks goes out to George F. Green for donating several chairs to the club.

This month's program will be presented by Mr George Joy, President of Peak Electronics located in Gilbert, Arizona. Several items will be

presented and discussed including his Sirius Chargers.

Let's have a great turn out for the meeting.

Jack ■

Spring Fun-Fly and Swap Meet

This year's annual EVA Spring Fun Fly and Swap Meet will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2006. We will have all the usual fun stuff; Fun Fly events, raffle, Swap Meet and food. Mike Wyman has volunteered as Fun Fly CD. We are sure that Mike will come up with some challenging and entertaining events, including some T-34 Rat Racing. The Swap Meet will start at 7 am and the Fun Fly will get underway at 8 am. We will also have some trainer style airplanes and buddy boxes available for introductory flights. So if you know of someone that may be interested in RC flying, bring them along and we will get them in the air. ■

Welcome New Members

With the start of our flying season and the return of our winter visitors there will be more new faces and new members out at the flying field. When you see someone new, please take a few minutes to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome. Don't jump on them too hard if they do something wrong, rather take a few minutes to explain our flight line and safety procedures. We were all new ourselves at one time and a gracious welcome was (and still is) appreciated. ■

Upcoming Events

February 24, 25,26 - Gun Smoke Scale Masters Qualifier at the AMA Field.

March 4, 8:00 am - AMA Spring Action at the View Point Country Club.

March 18, 19 - 1/8 Air Force Scale Fly-In at the Sun Valley Flyers field.

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The club also conducted a raffle of other prizes including four gallons of fuel and two electric kits. Flyers received two (\$1) raffle tickets each time they flew an event. Flyers and other members and guests were invited to buy



raffle tickets for \$1 or six for \$5. Funds raised from the raffle were used to defray cost of refreshments and to supplement the VDO Flyers treasury.

Reports from all flyers and observers indicated that everyone had a good time and are looking forward to another similar event in 2007.

Special thanks needs to be registered to the East Valley Aviators for providing a safe place to fly and to D&D Hobbies and Viper Hobbies for providing super prizes for the flying events as well as the club fund-raising raffle. East Valley Aviators also contributed two gallons of fuel as did VDO flyers. *Russ Peterson* ■



Treasurer's Report

Submitted by *Verlin Boeder*, Treasurer, EVA

Our club did well this membership renewal season. I was a little worried as of Christmas time we were well under 200 and activity was slow. Well-----thank you all, we ended up, to-date, with 228 adult members and 16 family members for a total of 244. About the same as last year, 64 members declined to renew their membership. We are sorry for their loss.

There is no longer a membership cap and all new membership applications are accepted. Remember, all new application and membership renewals **must have a current AMA number** in order to receive an EVA badge and all flight privileges. Membership in AMA for each club member is very important, our Arizona State Lease insurance requirement depends on it.

The Board of Directors for EVA is looking at the possibility of realigning our dues paying time frame to coincide with the AMA renewal time period. The purpose is trying and eliminates the possibility of someone flying without the proper insurance. After the renewal time is up, our roster is submitted to the AMA for verification of current AMA membership status.

Financially our club is back on solid ground. The entire deficit from our 2005 improvements work has been made up. To date, we have \$7870.00 in checking and \$10,000.00 in the reserve fund. Our club needs about \$7500.00 per year to meet fixed costs. This does not include any maintenance or improvement spending.

Thanks for the good response for request of address and email changers form our winter visitors. It is the only way I can keep the membership roster current. I hope I have made all the proper changes so everyone will get the newsletter and any information about the club.

If there is questions contact me at:

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Happy flying and smooth landings, *Verlin* ■

Minutes of EVA Meeting

January 11, 2006

Complied by *Don Manchester*, Secretary, EVA

The East Valley Aviators held their February meeting at the Valle del Oro RV resort in Mesa, Arizona. Board members present were President Jack DeFilippis, Treasurer Verlin Boeder, Secretary Don Manchester, and Safety Coordinator Bruce Van Dyke. There were 64 members present.

President DeFilippis asked the new members present to introduce themselves and be recognized by the membership. Please make these new members feel welcome at the field.

Some of our members are sick or in the hospital including Kerry Wheeler and Dale Miller. We wish them well and a speedy recovery.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as written.

Jack thanked Perry Barnett for providing photos of the IMAC event. The VDO Fun Fly will be Wednesday February 8 at the EVA field. Everyone is invited to participate. Jack indicated that the Club would be conducting acrobatic ground school and anyone interested in improving their acrobatic flying skills should contact him to arrange a schedule. Please give address and telephone changes to Verlin to keep the Club roster current. We have had several items returned.

There was a recent serious accident at the field resulting in minor injuries and damage to a members vehicle. Unfortunately, the pilot failed to identify himself. Accidents are a serious event and those involved not only should, but are required to identify themselves and to report the incident to a Club officer and to the AMA. Failure to do so could result in termination of their AMA status and EVA membership. Hopefully the pilot will come forward so the matter can be resolved quickly.

Jack reviewed his comments included in the recent EVA newsletter concerning who can assist the pilot on the flight line, IMAC support staff etc. Both the AMA and our Club rules state that only those individuals directly involved in flight operations are authorized to be in the pit area or at the flight stations. There are signs on the fence stating this restriction.

Only EVA members can claim a frequency

using their Club badge. Your guests must use your badge to claim a frequency. AMA cards or other forms of identification are not authorized.

The Board is studying changes to the frequency board procedures that would still require you to attach your Club badge, but in addition, you would remove a frequency identification pin and attach it to your transmitter. This would improve frequency control.

Bob Richey described and demonstrated various RC electronic devices that he is manufacturing and putting on the market. One device connects two batteries for power backup, another connects several servos so they work together and a gas engine safety cut off that works from the transmitter. He had several other items that he passed around. Anyone interested should contact Bob for specific details and possible application to their aircraft.

Russ Petersen discussed the flight characteristics of his new E flight electric airplane. He indicated that the gearbox supplied in the kit was inadequate, but with the addition of a better box and larger motor it performs very well.

Treasurer Boeder reported that we now have 230 members. The Club has approximately \$3100.00 in the checking account and an additional \$8000.00 in the Reserve Account.

After the raffle, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. *Don Manchester, Secretary* ■

EVA is on the Web

East Valley Aviators now has an official club web site;

<http://www.eastvalleyaviators.com/>

The site contains picture galleries, forums for discussion of numerous topics, current news and information, classified ads and much more. Everything on the site is free to all. Simply go there and fill out the registration information. You will then be emailed an activation code for your account, usually within twenty-four hours. ■

General Membership Meeting Schedule

The East Valley Aviators general membership meets six 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 dugster@att.net.
- Doug Sharpe ■

Please support our local Hobby Shops

Adventure Hobbies

1949 W. Ray Rd. #31
Chandler, Arizona 85224
Telephone: (480) 722-9365

D&D Hobbies

6247 E. Main St. #5
Mesa, Arizona 85205
Telephone: (480) 981-7709

HobbyTown of Gilbert

1915 E. Baseline Rd.
Gilbert, AZ 85233
Telephone: (480) 892-0405

Viper Hobbies

4410 E. University, Suite 110
Mesa, AZ 85205
Telephone (602) 332-1138

All of these fine shops help support EVA functions with Fun-fly and raffle prizes. Remember, without them we wouldn't have any place to get planes and parts to keep us flying. ■

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