



## December 2022 News Letter

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**NOTE: The December 10 Members' meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. (winter hours)**

### Veterans Day



The club celebrated Veterans Day at the November 19 meeting. The club collected \$255 in donations to the Wounded Warrior Foundation of Arizona. Member also brought their warbirds to show off.



Left, Keith Koppos brought his scratch-built fantasy triplane, the Kampfdriedecker 1. It's a mashup of a few actual WWI designs, with a unique Keith twist. It's beautiful, and it flies.

Right, a pretty P-39 Airacobra. A peculiar WWII fighter, with tricycle landing gear, a mid-engine, and a 37mm cannon in the prop shaft. P-39s have a history of flying well at model scale. They are popular as slope gliders.







Left, Howard Brown obtained this Grumman F-7 Tigercat in that huge plane purchase, the “Deal of the Century.”

The F-7 was an ultra-hot Navy/Marine Corps heavy fighter that missed WWII, and ran into the jet age. An amazing plane, caught between two eras, like the Grumman F-8 Bearcat.

## New Planes



Left, Bob shows off his new Pilatus PC-21. It’s a turboprop trainer that is popular worldwide. There are now a few of these at the field, so maybe we’ll get to see some formation flying....

Right, Eric Charley with his new F-16. It’s painted in Thunderbird colors. There are several of these at the field, now.

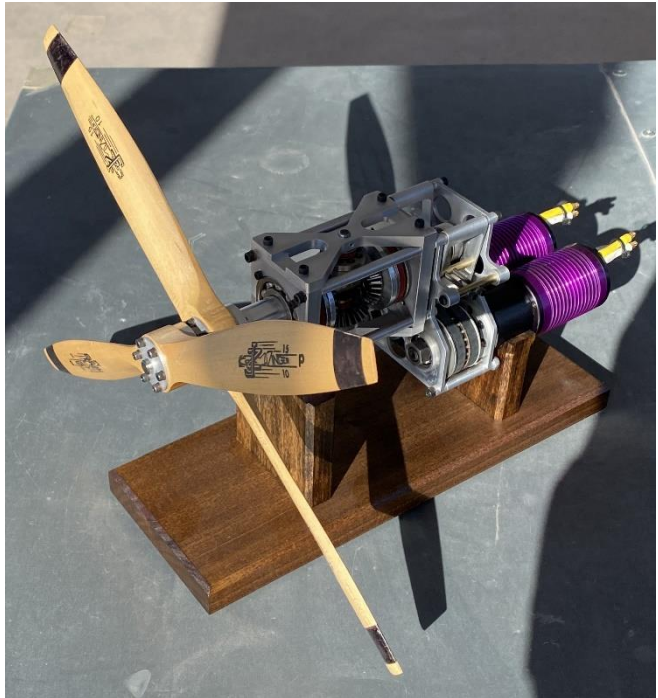
The narrow undercarriage and short wheelbase have accounted for a lot of taxiing drama. Eric didn’t seem to be having any trouble with that, so maybe he got lucky and bought one that’s well-behaved. He has a habit of buying planes that fly well.







Left, new member Steve DeBord is another scratch builder, like Keith Koppas. He designed and built this plane that he calls "Stingray."



Right, Steve scratch-built this two-motor, contra-rotating propeller system. Amazingly complex. Steve did it with a CNC machine.

### Scale Detail



Left, the F-7 is in Marine Corps color. It has Howard's trademark risqué nose art.



Right, this P-39 has all the panel lines and rivets in place. The name is super-cool, too.



## Donations



The club continues to receive donations from generous members. At the November 19 Members' Meeting, we auctioned off two transmitters, a Blast 110 helicopter, an Ultra Mini Stick, and another plane donated by new member Steve DeBord.

Thank you to all who have donated goods and services to the club!

## Canyon Lake Float Fly

*Report and photos by special correspondent, John LaRock.*

The weekend of 10Nov through 13Nov, 13 members and spouses of C.R.C.M., S.A.M., and East Valley again held their biannual Float Fly at Canyon Lake. The weather was spectacular with a light wind coming out of the west in the morning, and changing direction from the east down the canyon. If the weather and opportunity to fly off water wasn't enough, the breath taking scenery, rock formation and abundant wild life put the senses on overload.



Planes of all flavors from small electrics to large multi-motor scale participated. Many were high wing on pontoons, but several were flying boats and even a model of a Navy experimental delta wing jet, Convair F2Y Sea Dart.

Saturday was a group dinner with dishes to pass and numerous beverages followed by a campfire, tall tales, a bit of off tone singing, and lots of laughs. Camaraderie is such an essential part to any clubs success and CRCM certainly has its share. It unites us in one purpose of promoting and enjoying model aviation. Our next float fly is in March-ish, date is uncertain. Please come join us, contact Jack Shafer for information and to get on the list.



A few of the many, and I mean many air frames.



Great minds trying to determine if she will fly. ????? It did!





A gorgeous 82" Scale Twin Otter is a scale model of the UV-18 'Twin Otter' and the military version of the DeHavilland DHC-6 on takeoff plane.



Above, a SIG Rascal on floats. A great flying plane!





Final preparations before takeoff.



Above, Bob Dupre on taxi with his DeHavilland Beaver. TAKEOFF!



Above, Navy experimental delta wing jet, Convair F2Y Sea Dart.



Above, right, Bob Dupre (left) and Howard Brown (right) concentrating.



Below, Air Sea Rescue at work retrieving downed aircraft, or are they sight seeing....



Thank you Tanya for the use of your facilities.... Semper Fi!

## *The Holiday / Christmas Party*

**December 11, Noon to 3pm  
Rancho Vistoso Community Center  
(Caution: There are three of them!)  
14055 N. Del Webb Blvd.  
Tucson, AZ 85755**

**Please attend the December 10 Club Meeting, when final nominations and voting for Club Officers will occur.**