



October 2023 News Letter

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The October 14 Members meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. (Winter Hours)

FAA Postpones Remote ID Requirement

The FAA has postponed enforcement of the Remote ID requirement by six months, to March 16, 2024. Because our field is covered by FRIA, Remote ID will not be required for aircraft operating from our field. The rule will, however, apply to flying at any non-FRIA location.

First Solos

Reporting by Doug Allen

CONGRATULATIONS TO SARITA AND JERRY !!!

Sarita and Jerry both performed a successful solo flight today on the buddy box and landed for the first time. Each of them did the taxi out, takeoff, flew the flight pattern, did approaches and landed successfully without my intervention. I am so proud of these two students and their determination to fly RC airplanes.

Sarita shown with the club's Apprentice trainer. Jerry shown with his Aeroscout. Jerry's son Ethan did his solo flight two months ago on the Aeroscout.

BRAVO Sarita !!! and BRAVO Jerry !!!



Glamour Shots

Most of us have learned the hard way that it is extremely difficult to take good photos of planes in flight. Special Correspondent Steve Barker submitted some fine shots. Left, four photos of an A-10 in flight. Right, Jerry Wozniak's P-51, captured against the "Super Moon."



New Planes

Right, Bill Nelson submitted this photo with pride. Hmmmm....



Joe Fimbres got a new Freewing F-35. It's a 70mm EDF that flies great under Joe's thumbs.

Like almost any EDF warbird, this thing brakes by dragging a wingtip on the tarmac. The scale wheel track is generally too narrow for an rc plane.



Reporting by Doug Allen

I wanted to share Gary Johnson's maiden flight on his Seagull Models Turbo Beaver. He ran it using a RCGF 35cc 4stroke engine. Maiden went well but was cut a little short by a finicky engine run. It's a beautiful plane. He even has floats for it. Bravo Gary!

Reporting by Doug Allen

Keith with his new Sopwith Camel scratch built (I think) electric. Keith is known for his museum quality WWI biplanes that mostly fly on 4-stroke nitro. The maiden went well however Keith says it's a little under-powered. He's going to try some different props. Bravo Keith !!



Reporting by Doug Allen

Chet flew his Freewing 80mm High performance F-86 beautifully and absolutely greased the landing. I have one of these F-86's and I know how difficult it can be at times to land it. We had an instant connection. Bravo Chet!

Scale Detail

Jose's F-35 has excellent detail. It is modeled after the very first F-35, which is still flying at Edwards AFB.

Freewing used fifteen different paint molds on it. It has all the panel lines embossed in.



The Walk of Shame



Nick Tocco's F-16 went in, out near the tires. We have no photos. The remains were unviewable. Left is the funeral pyre for the plane's battery.

Bill Disney is the club's unofficial battery executioner. Bill loves the smell of lithium in the morning. It smells like...defeat.

Right, Randy Wegner was landing his Turbo Bushmaster, and still about ten feet above the runway. The left wheel spontaneously flew off, in mid-air, and rolled all the way down the runway. Randy made a nice landing on one wheel and one skid.



Below, Randy was evasive about the probable cause. He mumbled something about a mysterious “previous owner,” who took shortcuts on maintenance.



(Below) We later discovered a major crack in Randy’s personal empennage. I wonder who he’s blaming for *that*.



(Left) Look what’s growing at Mark’s Berry Farm!

One of our neighbor’s solar panels recently sprouted a big gas Stik aircraft. The crash was witnessed by Mark Berry, who pleaded, “Let’s not point fingers, guys.”

The club immediately talked to the solar farmers, and to the AMA. More to come....

Planes for Auction



Thanks to Paul Brobek for donating this plane to the club. Doug Allen did a great job tacking down the covering and getting it into flying trim. It flies great, now. This is an OMP Challenger.

The construction is balsa and film. It takes a 2200mAh 3S battery.

Below, a Tower Hobbies Laser 200 Flatty.



Drainage

No, this isn't about something oozing from your ear. This is the *good* kind of drainage. The county came out on September 5 to dig out the outlet for our drainage system. The drain had been buried deeply by the construction of the temporary road they used to move dirt from point A to point B.



Bucket Lists

By Special Correspondent Randy Wegner

Bucket lists are called such (I Guess) because it is a list you try to complete before you kick the bucket.

I sort of inadvertently acquired a list long after I entered the hobby back in 1977. It began when I realized that flying in many different places and weather conditions could be a rather fun challenge.

I think a lot of us go to the flying field and fly the same sort of planes almost all the time. I have been guilty of this as well. However, I have also let my adventurous side take control many times throughout my life and I really can't say I regret it.

Building my own plane and teaching myself to fly, using an old cow path as wide as a car for a runway was my first adventure. Soon after, I began to set goals with my flying. I learned how to fly low without fear of impact. I would do lots of high-speed touch and goes., often joking about chasing gophers. I learned how to fly knife edge down in a ditch so you could only see one wing sticking up. I flew through and behind trees and shooting underneath multiple trees just to say I did. I have flown places that I won't even talk about here.

So, a light bulb went on above my head and I realized I was in possession of the start of a cool bucket list of sorts. As time passed, I added several fun experiences to my list.

I have flown up in Mount Lemmon, flown way down into a canyon up north of Phoenix. Stood at the top of a tall foot hill and landed as it flew up towards me. I took my "Guff" plane and flew over the ocean in San Diego. I have flown cross country a number of times and flown the plane in front and behind the truck as my wife drove it.

I have flown off of lakes, ice fields, in driving rain, and even, carefully, in fog. When I was in the Air Force, I flew in 35+mph winds, but didn't survive it. I hadn't learned how to set down w/o my plane tumbling away. I flew a powered glider with Go Pro camera simulating a Harris hawk for a National Geographic film. I flew in winds so hard that sand was pelting my face as I flew. I finally had success landing in that wind by keeping the engine at about half throttle until I could grab it.

My son and I did "Bush landings" by flying an approach and landing in a bush the size of a car... it isn't out at our fields any longer...some people thought we were nuts. Others *knew* we were. It made for great memories. We flew formation with those Kadet Seniors as close as you could get, sometimes paying the price for it.

I have been a contest director for local fun fly events and several IMAC contests, been involved in the construction and improvements to a number of club fields, and held various positions at several clubs.

Sport flying, RC Combat, scale, IMAC, slope and thermal, Mile high flight, old timers, scratch built, night flight. I have had my hands in so many areas of our great hobby. I just have to laugh when people say they are bored with their planes. I figure I might be, too, if I hadn't tried so many different areas of our hobby.

Next Month...true confessions...maybe.

Randy

Swap Meet on November 4 in Catalina

Guy Fuller posts this bulletin from his alma mater:

Model Airplane / Drone

Swap Meet

For Sale: Planes Drones, Parts, and Accessories



Saturday November 4th — 8 to 11 AM

Feel Free to come join us (**The Boys Detention Center Flyers**) on November 4t at the flying field in Catalina, AZ. Come out sell, buy, barter and/or just look around—8 Am to 11 AM. If you plan to sell, please bring a Table and chair

Turn Rt 150 ft north of Animal Bridge



For more information,
please call or text Billy
at Ph:520-260-0825

Theft of Gear from Green Valley R/C Flyers

Please be on the lookout for any items stolen from Green Valley. Below is an email from Jerry Case, detailing the stolen gear:

Please forward this note to a club officer.

Both of the storage sheds at our FICO flying field were broken into between Saturday noon (8/9/2023) and Sunday morning. The locks were cut with bolt cutters. Several planes and some power equipment were stolen.

Please be on the lookout for the following equipment and planes. If you see any of our property, we would appreciate an email to me directly.

Best regards,

Jerry Case,

Secretary, Green Valley R/C Flyers.

Stolen articles:

- Two Apprentice S 15e trainers with electronics:
- Great Planes J-3 Cub, 2055 mm wing, electric
- Dynafly "Fly Baby" in the box
- Art Hobby Odyssey 2.7 m Glider
- Sr. Telemaster with a glider cradle on top, electric.
- Hi-Start
- Honda EU2200 portable generator
- Stihl gas-operated string trimmer (Model FS-38 ?)
- Cordless Pressure Washer
- Pancake corded air compressor

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0900 Hours (Winter Hours)**