



June 2022 News Letter

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NOTE: The June 11 Member's meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m.

New Members

CRCM welcomes new members David Sorkin, Enrique Perez, Dan Obenauf, David Davis, Edward Fearing II, and Chester Kackman.

Gold Leader Club!

Catalina Radio Control Modelers has achieved the AMA's prestigious Gold Leader Club status. Jack Shafer delivered the good news to club President Dave Starr (right).



This was a labor of love for Jack Shafer, who is already working on CRCM's annual renewal of our Gold Leader Club status.

We have these groovy-looking pins for \$3. See Mike Hinkle.

The club received a nice certificate, and a spectacular gold (colored) plaque commemorating our status. Dan Tolleson mounted the plaque on our bulletin board.

Gold Leader is the pinnacle of club status at the AMA. The best way to describe it is that Gold Leader clubs have shown community engagement and involvement. A lot of effort by a lot of people contribute to our increasing profile in the community.



New Planes



The FMS J-3 Cub that Terry Mitchell donated was auctioned off at the May 14 meeting. Bidding was brisk for this one.

The plane was won by father-son team Jeff and Dylan Wright. They flew the plane immediately, and well.

Jeff and Dylan joined the club last July. They have been fine additions to the club. They are very enthusiastic members and very personable, too.

Here's a picture of Bill Nelson with his new Eflite 2.1M Carbon-Z Cessna 150. He has been flying it both On and Off SAFE. He especially likes that it's big, slow and easy to see.

(contributed by Doug Allen.)



Patty Kevershan, Graphic Designer



The Club recognized our Graphic Designer, Patty Kevershan, aka Mrs. Editor.

Patty helped with the Club's new brochure, and also donated the new banner to the club.

Dan Tolleson, club Vice President, presented Patty with a nice card and a gift card to Beyond Bread.

Patty used the card on May 29 to take the Editor and her mother to lunch. Yum!

More importantly, I don't like that smirk on Dan's face. Where the hell is your right hand, Dan? And why is my wife smiling!?

Scale Detail



Victor Fuentes got a new body for his 550-size helicopter. On May 28, he made a gentle test flight.

It was eerie seeing this beautifully detailed scale model flying. It looked, flew and sounded like the real thing. The “Killer Egg.”



This is Victor’s pilot. Interesting that a police helicopter pilot would wear body armor. I wonder if the real pilots do that.

Take a look at the scale detail. The door hinges and the door handle are very cool. Of course, he’s got his walkie-talkie.

The Walk of Shame



Jim Davis smiles through his tears over his Sig Somethin' Extra ARF.

There was a hole torn in the bottom of the fuselage where the receiver battery was located. Jim figures the battery punched through the bottom during an extreme snap roll. He did not have the battery attached to a strong structural member.

He says you won't see that plane again.



The Editor was practicing landings with his Extra 300S. He landed a little short, and the wing snapped cleanly in half.

You may recall that the same wing snapped in half once before (See the February 2022 Newsletter).

The Editor may repair the aircraft—again!



Here is the Editor (again) with his Sig Four Star 120 electric conversion. He clipped the barbed wire to the west of the field on approach. This has been a habit of his.

The Editor once had excellent depth perception. His decline has been characterized as part of the aging process.

A decision on whether to repair the aircraft has not yet been made.

CRCM Safety Corner

We have a rule that when more than one plane is flying, no flying over the runway is permitted. Planes must remain over the far side of the runway.

Exceptions include announced landings, take offs, and touch-and-go's.

That's the rule. The Safety Officer's job is to enforce it, whether you (or he) like the rule or not. Please don't fault him for doing his job.

The proper way to challenge the rule is not on the flight line, but at a member's meeting. If you won't be at the meeting, just tell an officer your opinion in person or in writing or via email, or have another member present your argument at a meeting.

The Board discusses every suggestion or complaint.

Lock the Entry Gate, Please!

The gate had been left unlocked overnight several times recently.

We must lock the gate, guys. The County and the water people require it. It's part of our lease.

If the gate is closed when you arrive, scramble the code and leave it unlocked.

If you are the last to leave, close the gate and lock it, ensuring that the code is scrambled and the lock allows the other two locks to unlock the gate.

The June meeting will be on Saturday, June 11th, at 8:00 am.