



April 2024 News Letter

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The May 11 Members meeting begins at 8:00 a.m.

Summer Hours

Membership

Club membership is 78, plus five Junior members.

New Planes







The Walk of Shame

The Editor thanks Javier Arroyo for this special expanded Walk of Shame.



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...at the Central Valley Heli Fest - AMOS field in Lincoln CA ...I won first place in one of the event categories.stacked 3 heli's BTW (2- SAB Raw 580's - only got pics of one of the wrecks and 1 TREX 470) , we were able to "frankenstein" together a working SAB 580 between the 2 to continue flying a 580 for the rest of the event.





Volunteerism

Battery Safety



Javier Arroyo has taken battery safety to a new level. He purchased a new Kia plug-in hybrid to power his recharging setup. The battery resides in a Bat Safe, and it's charged with the car's battery. He can set this up at remote or unimproved locations, and he never needs to charge batteries at home. The Kia does double duty, also serving as a family car.

Not These Days!

By Special Correspondent Randy Wegner

As R/C pilots progress along and become much more proficient, they sometimes end up teaching other pilots what they've learned. Even if it isn't in an official instructor type position, they can still share much of what they know and help out with problems other pilots encounter.

One such instance some of you have heard of or saw. A very young flier named "JB" was flying a plane I gave him. An OS 91 powered super sport that Kieth Koppos now owns and recovered in kind of an orange pseudo-military livery. I was standing next to JB when suddenly he yells "Here" and shoves the transmitter into my hands and points skyward. It took me a second but I finally saw this fairly big plane at quite a high altitude and noticed the wing scissoring under the fuselage and realized there were no wing bolts holding the two pieces together. Knowing that any wrong move would send the entire mess into the wash below, I made the longest and hugest zero G approach ever. As the plane finally touched down, it fell apart on the runway, wing and fuse going separate ways.

I can't begin to tell you how many times unexpected things have happened that just occur out of the blue. It's that kind of hobby and rather than wonder and worry that something mysterious is about to happen, just embrace the fun of the unknown. It's why I watch certain pilots more than others. It's like watching an awesome free show that leaves you with great memories to share. I'd say the only thing missing is the buttery popcorn and a 64 oz Dr. Pepper.....

Randy

**Please attend the
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