



## April 2022 News Letter

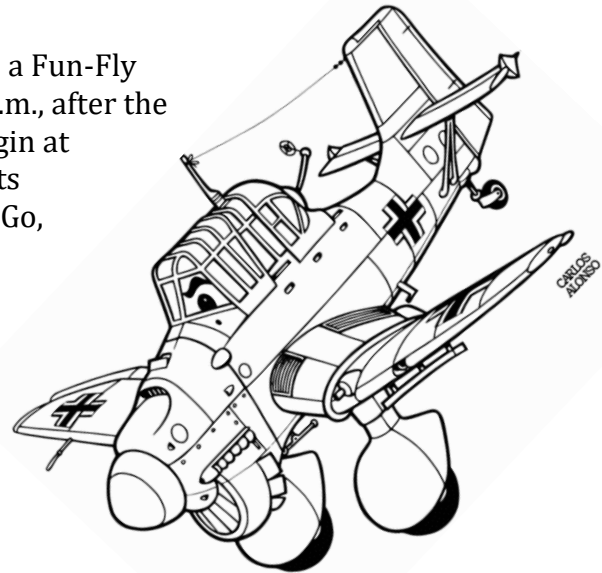
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**NOTE: The April 9 Member's meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m.**

### April 9 Curtis Bishop Memorial Fun-Fly

Contest Director Doug Allen says that there will be a Fun-Fly and Barbeque on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., after the member's meeting. The member's meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. to accommodate the Fun-Fly. The contests will include an Egg Drop, Las Vegas-style Touch-n-Go, and Limbo.

This Fun Fly is a memorial to our late member Curtis Bishop. Attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the local Food Bank.



### April 16 Boys & Girls Club

On Saturday, April 16, the Club will be hosting 15 kids from the Boys and Girls Club. We will have five AMA-certified Instructor Pilots, five trainer aircraft, and five buddy boxes for the kids to fly.

We will be providing lunch for everybody, including families. Tom Crawford is spearheading this event, which was an annual affair before COVID hit.

***Volunteers are needed for these two events!***

Doug Allen has a signup sheet for food and other items. We also need a cleanup crew for the day before each event, as well as crews for day-of-event preparations and takedown. Check Doug's email dated 3/31/2022.



## **International Wildlife Museum**

Doug Allen, Dan Tolleson, Mike Hinkle, and Keith Koppos represented CRCM at the International Wildlife Museum on March 19.

## **Weed Abatement**

Dan Tolleson, John LaRock, and Jack Shafer spent an afternoon spraying Preen to suppress the weeds, and also dragging the scraper to knock down existing weeds.

Many thanks to those guys, and others, including Brian Brown and Bill Disney, who have worked tirelessly to keep the weeds at bay.

If you spot a weed, please contact any of the above-mentioned members immediately. It would help if you could provide them with a digital photograph of the weed, and its GPS coordinates.

## **Russian Invaders**

Since we are talking weeds, did you know that tumbleweeds are an invasive species from Russia? They are called Prickly Russian Thistle or "Wind Witch."

In fact, there were NO tumbleweeds in the old west! They were introduced in 1870, and became widespread in the 1880s.

## New Planes



Jack Shafer got a new DeHavilland Twin Otter.

Expect this plane to spend most of its time on floats, up at Canyon Lake.

If you crash an electric plane into the lake, does it electrocute the fish?

Larry Cansler shows off his Ryan STA.

Beautiful plumage.

You can get this model in both 53" and 71" sizes.

### ***Did You Know?***

Larry co-wrote one of the great songs of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, *Wildfire*, which was a huge hit for Michael Martin Murphey.





Our Treasurer, Howard Brown, brought one of his many Cubs to the field.

With each dozen Cubs you buy, you get a free sticker!

### Scale Detail



Here's Howard's DeHavilland Tiger Moth. Nice roundels!

# CRCM Safety Corner

## Boundaries

Please refresh your memory on the boundaries of our flying area. In particular, remember that the flight line boundary is not just for the length of the flight line or the runway, but extends both east and west until it hits the next boundary. It's the yellow line in the images, below, which came from the CRCM website.

We have developed the bad habit of crossing the boundary defined by the flight line and also the fence for the water treatment facility. We have had several instances of planes overflying the parking lot! When landing west to east, there is plenty of room without having to cross over the fence.



## **CRCM Safety Corner (continued)**

### **Fail Safe**

Also, everyone should have a “Fail Safe” set up on their radio. This will automatically turn your throttle off if radio contact is lost. On some radios, other channels can be set to a default value as well.

Casey Harris can show you how to set it up, particularly on Spektrum radios. Or, consult your Owner’s Manual. If you fly Futaba, the Owner’s Manual, which is normally useless, has pretty clear instructions.



## **Notice: New Combination Lock for Gate is Coming!**

After exhaustive discussion and research, we have decided to replace the key lock on the gate with a combination lock. We will be able to re-set the combination at will, and notify all members via email.

We were running into a problem of not having control of who has keys. Many former members still have keys. The gate had been left mysteriously open a number of times recently.

With the combination lock, we can control who has access at any time.

**The next meeting will be on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 am.**

**From now through the October meeting, we will be on  
summer hours, 8:00 am.**