



August 2023 News Letter

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The August 12 Members meeting begins at 8:00 a.m. (Summer Hours)

Membership

Welcome to new member Jon Wheeler. At the time of this writing, we have 112 members.

The Case of the Misplaced BBs

Last month, we published a dramatic story entitled “Vandalism at the Field.” It turns out that it was case of mass hysteria. Although we did recover several pounds of BBs from the west end of the runway and its approach, it was not vandalism.

The Design, Build and Fly competitors that we hosted earlier this year were charged with making their aircraft bear a payload equal to the plane’s empty weight. They used BBs as ballast. Many of the aircraft crashed on approach or landing, scattering BBs everywhere.

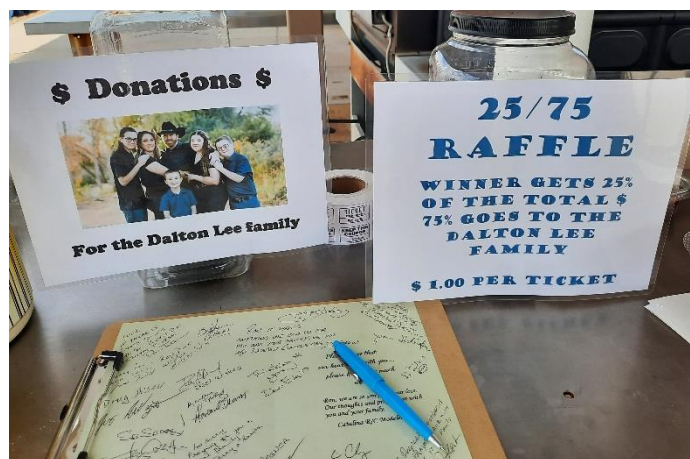
Any granular ballast must be secured and crash-safe.

If you need granular ballast, the club now has lots available.

A Death in the Family

Longtime member Ron Lee lost his son, Dalton, in a tragic accident. Dalton Lee died while working for a nonprofit organization that helps foster children. Dalton left a wife and four children.

President Dan Tolleson organized a special event at the field on July 15. He supplied donuts and coffee, took donations, and set up a lottery to raise money. Everyone signed a sympathy card for the family. CRCM is proud to have raised \$1,120 for Dalton Lee’s family.



Dogs at the Field

A painful topic. Last year, we had an incident in which a dog wandered onto the runway and stood on the centerline, while four airplanes were in the air. The dog's owner was one of the pilots with a plane in the air.

Even after the runway incursion, we did not put a rule in place. Instead, here's what we said at the club meeting on July 9, 2022:

We don't have any rules about dogs, and we'd like to keep it that way.

Dog owners continued to let their dogs run loose, so we decided to enforce the county's leash law, which we were technically subject to, anyway.

The Board of Directors gets a lot of complaints about "too many rules." We imposed this leash law with the utmost reluctance. We were given no choice.

Anyway, members have continued to bring dogs to the field, and let them run loose. Most of our members are hesitant to confront someone who is already openly defying the club rules. The guilty members are putting the rest of us in an unfair position. Please stop.



New Planes



Aviation has a long, sad history of bad ideas: the *Hindenburg*, airline food, the 737MAX....

This is Nick Tocco's contribution to that tradition. It's an Aero Scout with a huge EDF mounted on the boom.

Nick had to trim a little material off the boom to mount the engine, and that proved fatal. After two or three thrilling flights, the thing came apart.



Dave Starr's Dornier 27A4 has a wild paint job, true to the prototype. This is the "Grzimek" Serengeti version. It is named after the father and son team who used it to make the first meaningful census of the wildlife in the Serengeti.

The code of the plane was *D-ENTE*. "D" stood for Germany, "E" for single engine light aircraft; they could choose the other three letters, and, as they wanted an animal name, they chose

"ente", German for "duck". Bernhard Grzimek joked that they could also have used "esel", German for "donkey", if they had thought of it then.

25-year-old Michael Grzimek was killed piloting the plane in 1959. It crashed after colliding with a vulture. Serengeti National Park was enlarged as a result of the Grzimek survey, which showed that the Serengeti was home to only a third of the animals previously thought.



Steve DeBord poses with his colossal-scale motor glider. It's an FMS ASW-17 2500mm (99 inch) plane.

Steve says that he can keep it up all day long. The plane, that is.



Nick Tocco's AeroFoil Red Dragon Aermacchi MB-339 has a 105mm fan. The wingspan is 63 inches. It weighs 15.9 pounds!

It looked good in the air, but it's a big plane, as you can see, in comparison to Eric Charley's F-22. Nick wants more speed, so expect it to have some modifications the next time you see it.

Right, Keith Devine has a new Eflite Carbon Z Cub. It flies like you'd expect a Cub to fly.



Left, Dave Starr throwing a lawn dart.





Left, Nick Tocco's magnificent B-1 bomber. This is an X-fly model from Banana Hobbies.

Nick won the plane in a Dad's RC Raffle.

Scale Detail

Right, David Sorkin beaming with pride. He applied a custom "Black Snakes" paintjob to his A-10. It was tricked out with Callie Graphics decals.

Beautiful!

Below, wonderful detail on Steve DeBord's OV-10 Bronco. Steve 3D-printed the Snake-eyes, Mk-82s, AIM-9s, and other ordnance.



The Walk of Shame



Howard Brown lost a beloved Cub. He blames the pilot.

The good news is that Howard has several more Cubs in his quiver.



There was a ruckus on the flightline, with a lot of laughing and shouting. It somehow evolved that Steve DeBord might or might not have a foreign object in his shirt. The laughter turned to tears when Steve stripped off his shirt (left).

It turned out a lizard had gotten down Steve's shirt. It was a cute little guy.





Nick Tocco has had a busy month. His big, beautiful B-1 bomber flew a bit, and then...no more.

On the maiden flight, Nick may have overbanked the plane. It tip-stalled, and went in.

Swing wing planes have a terrible track record at our field (see below).

Right, a very interesting sculpture created by our own Doug Allen. Doug goes into exhaustive detail about the creation of this piece on our Facebook page. The gist of it is that Doug blames gremlins or goblins or something.

Just moments earlier, this was an F-14 owned by Joe Fimbres. It's still owned by Joe, but it's no longer an F-14.



First Solo Flight

On July 15, 2023, Ethan Wyant made his first solo flight. Here, he poses with checkout pilot Eric Charley, and instructor Doug Allen.

Congratulations, Ethan!



Steve Crow Memorial Airshow

Do you enjoy seeing jets whiz past? How about some amazing 3-D flying or classic large scale WW I and WW II aircraft? If you do, then you should come to the annual Steve Crowe Memorial Airshow on September 16, 2023, at the Chino Valley Flyers (CVF) Airfield in Chino Valley, Arizona. Not only will there be a lot of flying demonstrations but also open flying with NO landing fee for AMA members! To add to the excitement there will be not only a 50-50 raffle but also a raffle with a number of different aviation and other items. There is no admission charge!

Gates open at 8 AM on September 16th. There is plenty of free parking and lunch (burgers and hotdogs) will be available for purchase starting around 10 AM.

Bring your family, some comfy lawn chairs, plenty of water (stay hydrated!!), and your appetite to the CVF Airfield on September 16th! We are at 5,000 ft altitude and the sun can be pretty strong, so bring a hat as well.

To get to our field: enter the roundabout on AZ Rte 89 on the north edge of Chino Valley, AZ and go east on Perkinsville Rd. There will be a CVF banner on the roundabout pointing east. Go east on Perkinsville Rd for about 3 miles, then turn north (to your left) on Santa Fe Trail (a gravel road). Go north about 1/2 mile and turn east (to your right) into the CVF Airfield.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Steve Crowe Memorial Airshow!!

This is an AMA-sanctioned event, sanction # 14862.

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Chino Valley, AZ

**Please attend the August 12 Club Meeting
0800 Hours (Summer Hours)**