



January 2022 News Letter

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Comments, ideas or contributions are always welcome. Corrections...maybe.

New Member

Please welcome:

- Eric Charley

Our AMA club roster now stands at 76 members.

Club Mascots



Bennu (Casey Harris)



Sophie (Ron)



Macon (Don Evans)



Freeway (Don Evans)



Tootsie (John LaRock)



(Unknown)

New Member Eric Charley



Eric recently moved to Tucson from Kent, Washington.

Eric flies an Extreme Flight Extra 300. I cannot adequately describe what he does with it. It is something you must see for yourself. He flies freestyle, and does things that defy gravity. The elevator throw is 50 degrees!

Compare the size of the ailerons with those on Pat Murphy's kit-built Extra 300, below. Eric's plane has an insane roll rate, and Eric has the skill to use it.

John LaRock's New/Old Plane

John salvaged this Hangar 9 XE2 Extra Easy 2 from the Club's storage unit. He did a beautiful restoration on it. A real bargain!

Unfortunately, the Evolution engine on it didn't work, so John bought a new O.S. 55 for it. No longer a bargain, but it flies well.

John is using this plane to build up his proficiency to fly his big Pitts, which is a handful!

Souped-up trainers are becoming more popular at the field.



Pat Murphy's New Plane



The author with his new Extra 300S. It was built from a Great Planes kit. The covering is in the style of Dutch artist Piet Mondrian.

It flew it for the first time on December 20, 2021, with Jack Shafer on trims. It flies very well, except that the ailerons are way too small. It gets more than six minutes of flight time on a 5.0A battery.

It was extremely time-consuming to build. It is a glow conversion, and the semi-scale aspect involved a lot of "Extra" balsa and shaping. The kit had spent many years in a storage unit, and some of the wood was badly warped.

Fortunately, the kit is no longer available.

East Charging Station

Bill Disney, Dan Tolleson and Ron Noworul (not pictured) worked hard to bring the east charging station on-line. Wiring, metal work, electrical, and more.

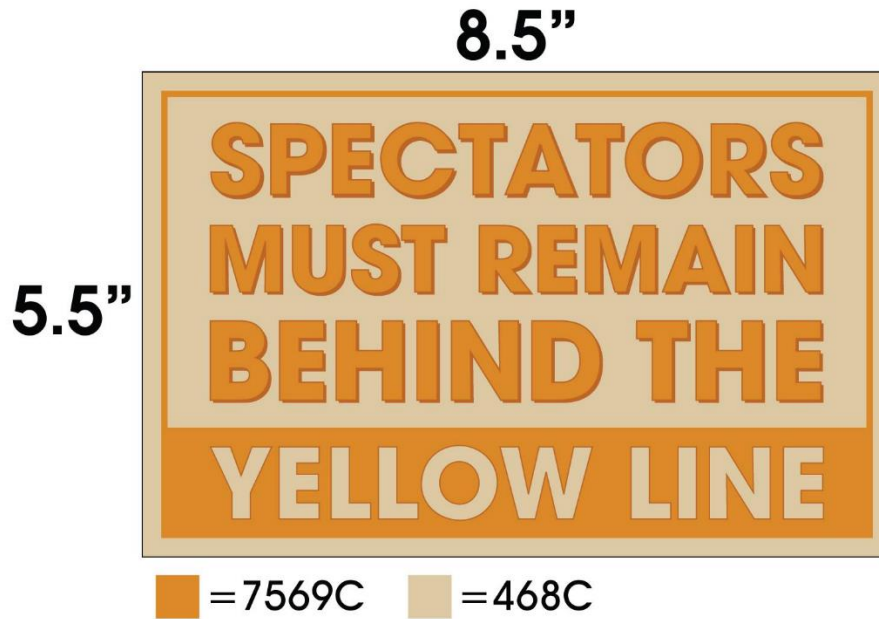
Ron got us the solar panel that will power the whole thing.

It is hoped that the new station will ease tensions between the eastern and western factions of the Club.



CRCM Safety Corner

Jack Shafer is updating our signage. We are required to have designated sections for pilots and spectators. That's what the yellow lines are for. Our signs, however, have deteriorated in the sun.



Next meeting will be on Saturday, January 8th, at 9:00 am.

