



January 2023 News Letter

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NOTE: The January 14 Members' meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. (winter hours)

New Members

The club welcomes new members Mateo Lizarraga, Jim Hogan, Kevin Gilbertson, and Bryce Palmer.



Left, Kevin Gilbertson brings his Marlin.

Right, Bryce Palmer is a snowbird from Alaska. He describes January in Alaska as "hard" and "inconvenient." He flies a real-life Citabria up there, plus lots of models, some of which can be fitted with skis. Here he is with his Scout. Under Bryce's thumbs, it performs impressively.



Holiday Party

The CRCM holiday party on December 11 was a huge success. Many thanks go to outgoing Event Coordinator Doug Allen for organizing the event. Incoming club President Dan Tolleson thinks that this will become an annual tradition.



New Planes

Right, Jerry Wozniak with his new Rebel, ready for its maiden. The Freewing Rebel V2 is a 70mm EDF Plug-'n-Play.

Jerry says it's forgiving for first-time EDF pilots. It's Jerry's third Rebel, so you know he believes in it.



Left, Bryce Palmer has quite a collection of planes. Here, he is about to maiden his FMS A-10.

It's a twin 70mm EDF, painted in bitchin' winter camouflage. Wingspan is 1500mm/59in.

Scale Detail

Right, Dan Obenauf's cool P-40B Warhawk is done up in authentic Flying Tiger livery.

Below, the roundel is for the Republic of China Air Force.



Did you know that the Flying Tigers did not begin combat operations until after Pearl Harbor? Only five of the original Flying Tigers pilots remained with the unit when it transitioned to the U.S. Army Air Forces, including Claire Chennault, "Tex" Hill, and "Pappy" Boyington.

Dan loves scale detail. Check out the Hamilton Standard decal on his Corsair, above left. A four-blade, variable-speed prop that made the Corsair as we know it possible. The Flying Tiger logo, above right, was drawn by Disney.

Auction

At the January 14, 2023, members' meeting, we will auction off two donated planes.



Left, Bill Disney donated this electric Yak-54. It needs a receiver and battery, and it's ready to go.

Right, an Eflite #EFLU3750 UMX A-10. It looks like new. It requires a 2S 450-800 Mah battery. There is no instruction manual.

This is an older model that does not have SAFE.



Helipad Upgrade

A committee has been formed to study upgrading the helipad. The heli guys want it to be bigger, and flush with the ground.

The following members volunteered to form said committee: Javier Arroyo (Chair), with Jonathon Moore and Paul Brobeck assisting. Thanks guys.

Wounded Warriors Project

Here's club President Dave Starr presenting the club's donation. Thank you to all who gave so generously.



'done Been Railroaded!

Contributed by Chief Flight Instructor Randy Wegner.

So, there I was, sitting in at the previous CRCM club meeting.

I had been told I might be voted in as a member at large, along with a few others. Out of left field, Jack Shafer, our Chief flight instructor, pops up and declares he will run for the Vice Prez slot and nominates me (in one breath) as the new Chief flight instructor!! It's not a position I had planned to fill but it all happened rather quickly.

So, after looking around at the work Jack had done to keep the whole instructor thing going, I was relieved to see he had things in pretty good order. It left me wondering if I should be thankful for his efforts or still be mad at him for nominating me!

I decided to be thankful ... (we all have to try to get along).

When looking at the whole thing closer, I saw two men who took more time than anyone else, helping students learn the ins and outs of safely flying at our club field. Jack Shafer and Doug Allen. Jerry has since stepped away and was another that did much to help people learn to fly. I'm glad Jack will remain as an instructor while also doing the VP thing as well.

Many years ago, I held the same Chief Flight Instructor position in our club. Doing it again, I wanted to share a few thoughts going forward. I see my main purpose here as ensuring that we have ample, well-trained instructors so that no one instructor is overwhelmed. The last thing we want is burned out instructors.

Everyone has their own way of teaching students. Thus, it can be helpful for a student to use multiple instructors. It's a chance to experience tips that they may not get otherwise, and it will lessen the workload.

An important point to remember is that in most cases, this is a memorable time for beginners. I know we all remember when we first learned to fly. It is so important that we keep our cool and celebrate their progress and avoid any unneeded negativity. I remember being in the military out in the boonies and teaching myself to build and fly. It was exciting but I wish I'd had others to share that rewarding time with.

I recall my dad telling me how he was never more dangerous than when he first received his private pilot license. It was after he became more experienced that he realized just how precarious he was as a new pilot! It's like that for people in our hobby as well. It's good that you may have soloed but there is so much more to learn. Asking for further training or simply talking out a problem or question, can save a lot of misery, money and injuries.

In this hobby, learning never seems to stop and you can gain priceless knowledge long after your solo is a distant memory. I'm probably not the very best pick for the Chief instructor gig. I have many flaws, but I will do my best to continue advancing the good work that Jack and the rest have done so far....

Randy Wegner

Please attend the January 14 Club Meeting

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