



## March 2021 Newsletter

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### New Website

The new club website is live! If you have not already, please check it out, [www.catalinarc.org](http://www.catalinarc.org). The new site was designed to be simpler and easier to navigate. A few new features have been added such as a For Sale page, Current Field Weather button, and a Members page. The Members page has current club news, meeting minutes, agendas, and other pertinent information. The page can be accessed by current members after creating an account. Please allow 24-48 hours to be approved. If you have suggestions, photos, or a For Sale ad you would like to see on the website please email [crcmevents@gmail.com](mailto:crcmevents@gmail.com).

### Field Improvements

The new decorative rock was delivered, and a group of members volunteered to help spread it out between the runway and the fence line. Not only did the new rock compliment the look of our fresh runway, it will also help slow any stray aircraft. Thank you to Mike H, Bill D, and Brian B for making this improvement happen and to the volunteers in the work party!



### New Club Officers

2021 Club Officers:

President - Dave Starr

Chief Flight Instructor – Jack Shafer

Vice President – Curtis Bishop

Contest Director – Doug Allen

Secretary – OPEN

Member at Large – Casey Harris

Treasurer – Bill Disney

Member at Large/Webmaster – Alex Luke

Safety Officer – Mike Hinkle

## **CRCM Safety Corner**

Please review the safety rules posted at the field and on the website.

- Over flight of the pits, wastewater facility and solar farm should be avoided.
- Low passes over the runway are allowed if you are the only one in the air. Otherwise please limit low passes to the dirt on the far side of the runway
- Do not forget **ON THE FIELD, TAKEOFF, TOUCH AND GO, LANDING, CLEAR,** and **DEADSTICK** callouts
- When over flying the bike path do so at above 50 feet or more

**Safety tip:** When you lose your engine in the upwind (just after takeoff) when taking off to the west consider a 90 degree left turn instead of a right turn. There is a few hundred feet of flat open dirt east of the pits whereas to the right you are likely to end up in a tree or the bike path. Try and remain inside the fence. If you do lose a plane behind either the solar field or the wastewater facility fence do not attempt to retrieve it yourself. There is contact information on the field bulletin board and someone will retrieve it for you.

## **Covid 19**

While the club is not mandating face masks, please be mindful of others. If you are unable to adequately social distance (6 feet) please wear a face covering. Cases are falling across the country, but the virus is still a threat and we must continue to be cautious. As of now no events are scheduled in 2021 but the board is keeping tabs on the case counts, restrictions, and club member concerns. We have some great ideas for events this year, but until the membership and board deems it safe, they will be on hold. If someone at the field is making you uncomfortable, please ask them to wear a mask or keep their distance.

## **Introductory Pilot Program**

CRCM participates in the AMA's Introductory Pilot Program. This program is intended to introduce the non-AMA member to aeromodeling while providing liability insurance coverage to the non-AMA member and the chartered club. This will allow someone to fly with an Introductory Pilot Instructor for up to 90 days with out joining AMA or the club. The new pilot must register on the AMA website. Please see Jack S or Jerry W for more information. If you know anyone who may be interested in the hobby please send them our way!

## **General Meeting March 13<sup>th</sup>, 9AM**

Stick around after the meeting for a bomb drop contest!

**Have a great month and happy flying!**

