



March 2022 News Letter

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

2022 Dues

Please remember to pay your 2022 dues!

Our AMA club roster now stands at 83 members.

April 9 Fun-Fly

Contest Director Doug Allen has decreed that there will be a Fun-Fly and Barbeque on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., after the members meeting. The contests will include an Egg Drop, Las Vegas-style Touch-n-Go, and Limbo.

NOTE: The April 9 Members meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Member of the Year



Jerry Wozniak was named Member of the Year for 2021.

The newly-instituted Club Member of the Year award will be awarded annually. The Board will select a Club Member of the Year based on nominations made in December by the entire membership. The CMoY will be announced at the first meeting of the following year. Board members are not eligible. The winner will have a reserved parking space, and be free from paying dues for the following year.

At the February 12, 2022, club meeting, Vice President Dan Tolleson announced that the first-ever Club Member of the Year, for 2021, is Jerry Wozniak.

Jerry was presented with a framed certificate.

Dan explained that Jerry earned the award for his many contributions to the Club last year, especially his tireless work as a flight instructor.

Timber 110



The Club auctioned off a 110" wingspan Timber from the estate of our late friend, Jeff Schaff. Jeff's gear was donated to the Club by Gillian Schaff.

This thing is loaded, with high-end servos, and all the bells and whistles.

Howard Brown, our new Treasurer, won the bidding at \$600. Since he became Treasurer, Howard has been spending like a sailor.

All our love and thanks to Gillian Schaff.

Sonoran Desert Flyers Field Closing

The Sonoran Desert Flyers field was ordered closed by the City of Oro Valley on May 8, 2022. Their field is a dirt field in the Naranja City Park in Oro Valley. It's about 12 miles northeast of our field, near Tangerine. They were permitted to fly only electrics at their field.

After a legal challenge, we understand that the closure has been put on hold indefinitely. It turns out that Arizona state law requires a city to provide a place for flying r/c aircraft. Otherwise, flying is allowed anywhere.

We heartily welcome any refugees from the Flyers to join our Club.

New Planes



Jose Fimbres maidenied his new FMS F-35 on February 8, with Jerry Wozniak assisting.

This is the smaller, 64mm EDF version.

Bob maidenied this adorable Sikorsky MH-60 Jayhawk on February 12, 2022.



Charlie Applebaum maidenied this SIG Taylorcraft on February 8, with Jack Shafer at the controls.

This is the larger, 70-inch wingspan version, rated for a .60 size motor. Charlie put a Rimfire .80 in this plane, so it has a lot of zip. The prototype is a one-of-a-kind clipped-wing Taylorcraft on the airshow circuit.

The workmanship on the plane is remarkable, especially the way they faired-in the fin. Take a closer look if you get a chance. Charlie is a sucker for anything that says "SIG."

The plane brought back childhood memories for Keith Devine. His father owned a "real" Taylorcraft.



Eric Charley has a plethora of planes, including this Freewing Vulcan 70mm EDF (left), and this 48" Skywing 3D plane.

Eric is making up for lost time after being in and out of prison for much of the past thirty years. He has relocated to Tucson, looking for a fresh start.

Scale Detail



This is a closeup of Keith Koppos's exquisite, scratch-built, RAF Bristol F2 fighter plane. Look at that stitching. No iron-on coverings here.

Notice the small size of the red dot inside the roundel. That is correct for the period.

The very light blue on the outer ring, however, is controversial. The black-and-white orthochromatic film used during the WWI period tended to render blues very light. Consequently, the shade of the outer ring of the RAF roundel during WWI was in dispute.

Keith produced a definitive text in support of his choice of hue.

The Walk of Shame

February 17 was a field day for Dudley. Dudley enjoys nothing so much as digging through a smoking crater and fishing out aircraft parts. On the left, Dudley holds the remains of Charlie Applebaum's motor glider. Charlie "dumb thumbed" this one, and gave the busted-up plane to Dudley.

On the right, John wonders what went wrong with his Corsair. He had no explanation for its fatal dive, shortly after takeoff. The same thing happened to Jim Davis, and Pat Murphy has had intermittent radio failures. Interference? What's going on?



New Member Tom Howlin

New Member Tom Howlin introduced himself to the members at the February 12 meeting. Tom is an old acquaintance of several CRCM members.

"Howlin' Tom" Howlin joined our club after being a long-time member of SAGE, which field is closing.

Tom is enjoying the width of our runway, and the fact that it is paved.

Tom has many bolts in his quiver. This one is a Dynam Peaks Extreme 3D.



Mini Haboob



If the Dust Police show up asking questions, refer them to Andre and Casey. They're stirring up dust with their toy cars.

This is why poor little Bennu has to wear goggles.



Notice: Gate Open means Lock Open!

If you are the first to arrive at the field, and open the gate, please leave our lock UNLOCKED. The last person to leave may not have a key handy, so if the lock is closed, he won't be able to lock up.

Thanks from Calvary Chapel

The Club received a very gracious note of thanks from Calvary Chapel Saving Grace for the donation that was collected from Club members at Curtis Bishop's memorial service.

Thanks to all who donated. Curtis will be well-remembered.

CRCM Safety Corner

You may have noticed that our Club demographic skews heavily toward:

- a) Elderly
- b) Antiquated
- c) Obsolete
- d) Decrepit
- e) All of the above

Some of us, especially those with long years of military service or marriage, are hard of hearing. Make certain that your call-outs are heard.

A member recently lost a plane when his loud call of "Landing!" was not heard, and there ended up being two planes on close final.

In another incident, a pilot lost radio contact with his plane, and it went out of control over the parking lot. The pilot's shouted warnings were not heard. Fortunately, a member swatted the plane out of the sky before it struck his car.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, March 12th, at 9:00 am.