

EVA EXHAUST SYSTEMS

The Newsletter of the East Valley Aviators

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SPRING FUN-FLY!

East Valley Aviators will hold their annual **Spring Fun-Fly, Swap Meet and Cook Out** on **Saturday, March 13, 2004**. Swap Meet will start at 8:00AM and the pilots meeting will be at 9:00AM. Please note that this is a change from the previously announced date of March 6. We noticed that there was an R/C Auction scheduled on the same day (Mar. 6) by the Arizona Model Aviators. In order to allow everyone a chance to attend both events we bumped our event back one week.

This year's Spring Fun-Fly will be a low key, non-competitive, fly-what-you-brung style event. Prizes will be awarded for the prettiest, ugliest, most unusual planes and some other unannounced prizes. Of course we will have free food and drink, a raffle and more... ■

New Gate Policy

Since the start of the year we have had a series of incidents at the field that has forced us to change the policy of leaving the gate open when someone is at the field.

Last December the City of Apache Junction and Pinal County closed the area to the North of us on both sides of the road to all public access. With that closure being actively enforced the hunters, motorcycle/ATV riders and others had to find a new place to do their thing. Unfortunately, to quote one of the hunters, "Your's is the first open gate down the road from where we used to go." Which sums up the problem pretty well. In the latest episode, some knucklehead drove in the open gate and started to

dump a truckload of trash on our property. Good grief, you can see the landfill from there! What a disrespectful Idiot! The good news was that a member came along, wrote down the license plate number, which got the knucklehead to reload his trash and leave (in a hurry).

Therefore, starting now, the gate will be kept closed at all times. You do not have to lock the gate each time, just close the gate behind you and hook the chain over it. Of course the last man out still locks the gate. This should make out gate look like all the other closed gates on Ironwood Road and hopefully prevent anymore "incidents."

Staff ■

March Membership Meeting

**Palmas Del Sol East
Wednesday, Mar. 3rd
7:00 pm**

Located at 3400 S Ironwood Drive

Directions are: Go east on Highway 60. Exit at Ironwood Drive as if you were going to the field. Go South on Ironwood and take the first right (200 yards) into Palmas Del Sol East park. The gate guard will know that you are coming and will direct you to the clubhouse which is 1/4 mile straight in on the left.

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

by *Olen Trenary*, EVA President

It's good to be back home. I'm looking forward to seeing all of the members at the flying field and club meetings.

I understand we have been having problems with people wanting to use our field for their own purpose. A new procedure was put into place to close the gate after entering but not lock the lock. Just recently a member had entered and not closed the gate. A second member came in and found a truck starting to dump a load of trash in the road. It is sad that our society has regressed to the point that we have to lock ourselves in to protect our property. I don't like to get out to open and close the gate myself, but we all must do it all the time.

I have heard we still are having planes started in one start area and then carried to a different station to fly. This practice must be stopped. This could get someone hurt. I think the Safety Officers will have more on this.

I would like to say thanks to Tom Helman for agreeing to be the Training Coordinator. I'm sure Tom will do a great job.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you and your families at the Fun-Fly on march 13.

Olen ■

Valle Del Oro Flyers

Second Annual Fogies Fun Fly Follies

(The 4F Event) February 4, 2004

The second annual 4F event was held at the EVA field, Wednesday afternoon, February 4, 2004. Sponsors for the event included D&D Hobbies, Viper Hobbies and the East Valley Aviators. The VDO Flyers also contributed a small sum from its treasury to support the event. VDO Flyers provided soft drinks and snacks for all spectators and participants.

The Fun Fly was open to members of the VDO Flyers and members of the East Valley Aviators. Ten intrepid flyers registered for the event, two of which were members of EVA and 8 were members of the VDO Flyers as well as EVA. At least 20 more persons took up positions on lawn chairs and offered moral support.

The Fun Fly consisted of four separate events including the Loop, Land and Draw, the 7-11, a Taxi Pylon Race and a Lag the Line



competition. Each event was scored with the top five flyers receiving 25, 20, 15, 10 and 5 points respectively. Each flyer also received a ticket for a drawing each time he flew. The drawing was conducted at the end of the fun fly. The Fun Fly began with a pilot's event and safety briefing at 1:00pm and was concluded at about 3:30pm with the distribution of prizes and awards.



The winners of the scored events were Jack Easterly (first place tie), Stan Abbott (first place tie), Dub Feth (third place) and Ed Tinkler (fourth place). Prizes for first through fourth place were a Viper Hobbies Flying Wing, a \$25 gift certificate to D&D Hobbies, and one-gallon containers of model fuel for third and fourth place respectively. Six drawing prizes were also awarded. Each of these drawing prizes consisted of a \$5 gift certificate to D&D Hobbies.

Most of the flyers that registered for the event completed all four flying events. One flyer was pre-solo and flew with an instructor on a buddy cord. The temperature that afternoon was



cool and the wind blew fairly steadily from the west, which made some of the events more challenging. The contest director asked that a few of the flights be repeated but in the main the flying was of high quality and there were no challenges to safety.



Special thanks must be expressed to the sponsors of the event. Their willingness to support this type of flying makes a direct contribution to improving the fellowship in the hobby and raising the level of flying quality. **Thanks to all of our sponsors from the VDO Flyers!**

Also, no event is possible without some help from persons on the ground. In this the following persons worked the event and made it go smoothly without incident: Russ Petersen (contest director), Chet Hubbard (scoring and records), Gary Lonnee (drawing), Sherm Silbaugh (flight line), Gordon Mitchell (flight line), Larry Howerter (refreshments and flight line) and Mike Hewlett (photography). *Russ Petersen* ■

Upcoming Events

East Valley Aviators March membership meeting will be held on March 3, at Palmas del Sol East (Gene's place). our presentation will be about one of the latest fads in R/C; Depron foam electric park flyers.

East Valley Aviators will hold its annual Spring Fly-In, Swap Meet and Coo Out on March 13, 2004. This will be a noncompetitive, fly-what-you-brung style event. (*see page 1 for more details.*)

One-Eighth Air Force will hold its spring fly-in at the Arizona Model Aviators field on March 20 and 21, 2004. ■

New Training Coordinator

Tom Helman has volunteered to take over as EVA Pilot Training Program Coordinator. At the February 21st Board of Directors meeting the EVA Board accepted his appointment. Tom is an experienced RC pilot and has been one of our instructors since joining EVA in 2002. If you have any questions, need an instructor, or wish to become an instructor, please contact Tom at (602) 768-1878. On behalf of all EVA members, thank you Tom.

Also, congratulations are in order for two of Gene Coleman's students; David Cloutier and Scott Torrey both of whom recently soloed! Congratulations guys, welcome to the brotherhood. *Staff* ■

Field Changes

Recently the Board of Directors received two requests for changes at the field; (1) Adding a run-up/test/tuning station for large planes and, (2) A Helicopter pad. The BOD decided to accept both requests.

The Heli pad will be installed at the East end of the pit area in place of the current run-up area, complete with a carpeted area to keep the dust down during take off and landing. This is merely reinstating (and improving) the helicopter pad that was at the same location several years ago.

The current run-up area at the East end will go away. A new and expanded area at the

West end of the pits will include two tables and a carpeted ground station for large scale aircraft.

These changes will not effect the club's budget since we already have the carpet, nails and fencing left over from last years re-carpeting project. You should start seeing these changes in the next several weeks. *Staff* ■

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by *Verlin Boeder*, Treasurer, EVA

Remember, at this time 2003 members who failed to pay their 2004 dues must apply for reinstatement to have flying privileges, an additional \$10.00 fee plus the \$40.00 annual fee.

Applications for reinstatement and new applications for membership are being processed in the order they are received until the cap of 250 members is reached. A current AMA or MAAC number must accompany new applications before they can be processed into membership. We currently have 230 paid up members, 12 family members. This leaves 20 slots to fill.

I will accept applications at the field, the March meeting or send payment to my attention at:

EVA
14045 So. 40th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85044

Or call me at: (602) 803-6852

The Club Roster is used to send out the Newsletter by e-mail or snail mail. We are still getting a few kick backs on e-mail and mail returns as not deliverable address. Keep us informed of any address changes or of a buddy that has not received the Newsletter.

Remember the new gate policy – close it behind you coming and going. *Verlin* ■

EVA Annual Financial Review

Russ Petersen has completed a Financial Review of the Club's accounts for 2003. Russ found no errors and all the accounts balanced. Thank you to Don Manchester, Treasurer during 2003 for all his hard work, to Russ for donating his time to review our books and to Verlin for taking on the job in 2004. A copy of Russ's review is available to any club member that may be interested, just ask any Board Member. ■

Minutes of EVA Meeting

February 4, 2004

Complied by *Gene Coleman*, Secretary, EVA

The East Valley Aviators held their February 2004 meeting at Valle Del Oro RV hall on February 4, 2004. Board members present were Vice President Mickey Ohland, Secretary Gene Coleman, Treasurer Verlin Boeder, Safety Officers Larry Schroeder and Kerry Wheeler. Also present was Newsletter Editor, Doug Sharpe. There were also 72 other EVA members present, making this one of our best turnouts ever.

Mickey Ohland asked all new members to rise and identify themselves. If you see these members at the field, introduce yourself and please make them feel welcome. This has been a trademark of our club and we would like to keep it that way. We may not be the best but we are the friendliest.

Next Mickey profiled our upcoming events, mainly our spring fun fly to take place on March 6, 2004 at the field. The usual fun will be had along with some friendly flying, (non-competitive) and dogs and chips will be served. Our friendly CD will be Mike Wyman who has directed our events in the past and does a great job of it.

Russ Petersen gave us a rundown on the F.F.F.F.F., The Freezing Flying Fogies Fun Fly that took place earlier today at the field. It was cold and windy but a few hearty souls managed to take wing and earned some prizes for their effort. One member entered the events using a buddy cord. Now that is determination. Thanks Russ and VDO for hosting the event.

The lock combination will change Friday February 6th, 2004 and if you renewed your membership, you should have the new combo. While on the same subject, I would like to mention that we are starting a new policy of closing the gate when entering and leaving the field. Do not lock it but drape the chain over the closed gate to give the appearance of a locked gate. Hopefully this will deter the unwelcome visitors from showing up to shoot or ride off road vehicles. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Doug Sharpe gave us an overview of what he has been able to find out about trespassers using our field to hunt or ride off road vehicles. For the time being we will implement the gate

closing procedure and see how it works.

Verlin Boeder gave us the Treasurers' report and reported we have \$9,291.00 in the checking account and \$6,000.00 in our reserve fund. Our membership has 30 memberships that have not been renewed and will be offered to those on the waiting list.

The membership then sat back and enjoyed a 20 minute video of our December fun fly taken by Diane Conrad, wife of Mike Conrad. I think it was unanimous that she again did a wonderful job. Thanks Diane for a great tape.

Safety Officer Larry Schroeder gave a short talk on the need for continued safety awareness at the field. It was noted that the flying station area was getting crowded with people not flying. We need to keep it down to a flyer and spotter at each station. Spectators are welcome but should remain in the spectator area for safety reasons. Larry also mentioned that more care be used in the impound area with TX's, making sure that you pull your badge when you are not flying and making sure your TX is turned off. Along with this, we need to remove our equipment and aircraft from the starting stations between flights and place our equipment in the pit area so someone else can use the startup/flight station. Larry also mentioned the need for flying in the pattern and calling all landings and take-offs.

Gene Coleman again stressed the importance of identifying your equipment with name tags so you can be located if you leave something at the field.



Next the "Show and Tell" department produced 2 beautiful panes. The first, another morphidite created by John Berger from parts from several airplanes. John is proof that a crash

doesn't necessarily mean that it won't fly in some form again. Thanks John. Next Jim Saunders showed us his beautifully crafted "Slow Poke". I



don't know how it flies but it is a work of art and has excellent workmanship. I am anxious to see it fly Jim. Thanks guys for sharing your talents with the club.

Lastly we had our usual drawing for door and raffle prizes and I think most members went home happy. Another great meeting and we thank VDO for the use of their facilities. *Gene* ■

General Membership Meeting Schedule

The East Valley Aviators general membership meets six times each year on the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held in the months of January, February, March, May, October and December. An issue of the *Exhaust Systems* newsletter will be published the week before each of the meetings. We are still looking for a permanent meeting place. Until that time the meeting location will be published in the *Exhaust Systems*. We are always looking for input from all of our club members. If you have any, articles, pictures or classified ads (free to club members) you would like to see published please contact Doug Sharpe (480) 288-6300 or dougsharpe@worldnet.att.net. - Doug Sharpe ■

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