

Air Currents



Anthony Cox working on his new modified landing approach

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President's Corner...



What a hobby! Lots of good friends, good flying and good times. I am amazed every time I go to the field, I find myself looking around at all the things that have been done since the club moved to our current location. Each time I look around it reminds me of the many people that have stepped up and done their part in creating this great flying site. There are too many

to mention in this article. What a great accomplishment over the years.

One of the things I like the best about our club is how active it is. So far this year we have had 3 fun events with 13 more to come. My hope is that we have a great turn out for each event. If you are not participating, you are missing out on a lot of fun and fellowship. Another fun thing about our club is the many different types of aircraft you can see on any given day at the field, from the old to the new, aircraft from WWI to aircraft from WWII. You may see civilian aircraft to modern day jets. Don't forget to bring your new airplanes or projects to show and tell for a free raffle ticket.

On another subject, the AMA is still in constant contact with the FAA in an effort to protect our rights as model aircraft hobbyists. They are still conducting meetings with the FAA. When more news is released I will try to keep you updated. In closing, like I said earlier, WHAT A HOBBY. Till next time.....

-Bob Wolfe, President DVRC

Upcoming Events (Visitors Welcome)....

Sat May 07 @9:00AM - T-28 Races
Sat May 14 @10:00AM - Membership Meeting
Sat May 14 @10:30AM - Thomas Allen Fun Fly
Sat June 11 @10:00AM - Spring BBQ

Note from our Safety Officer ...

Hello Everybody. Well, we are in the middle of a great flying season. The weather is pretty much up and down. We have been able to slope and fly power planes and for me it doesn't get any better than that.

We have a few new qualified pilots (Yellow Badges). The goal is to help them become safe pilots. Help and advise them when it is appropriate. We all need help and to be reminded of safe procedures and safety in general from time to time.

The weather is getting warmer and the SNAKES will be out and about, be careful and look where you step. There have been no flying related accidents to date and with everyone being aware and practicing safe procedures we can keep it that way. If you see something that is unsafe or a fellow pilot acting in an unsafe manner say something. It could be that they are unaware and you could prevent an injury.

So be safe, enjoy our hobby and I'll see at the field.

Safety Officer, Ron Penn

Interesting Links ...

Close Encounters of the Third Kind? 100 Drone's Show...Take a look! <http://youtu.be/mOBQXuU5ZW>



An Austrian group of formation RC Flyers - good link! Thanks Nigel!
<http://youtu.be/007-ESqcb30>



DVRC flying Videos from Nigel Watson ...



Bob's Mark III Spitfire
<https://youtu.be/4Dd120RtP60>

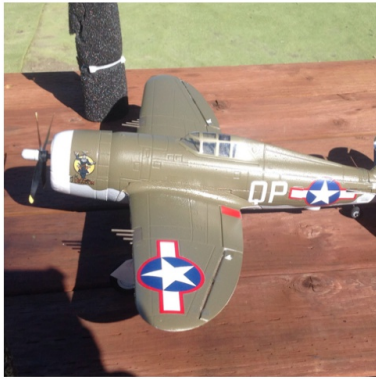
Carlos's Maiden Flight of his Viper
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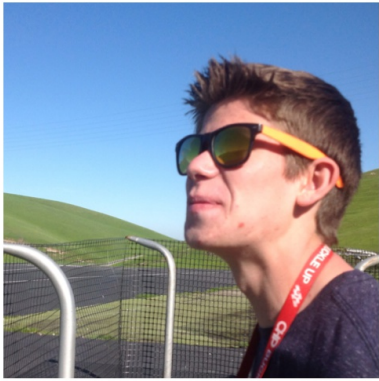
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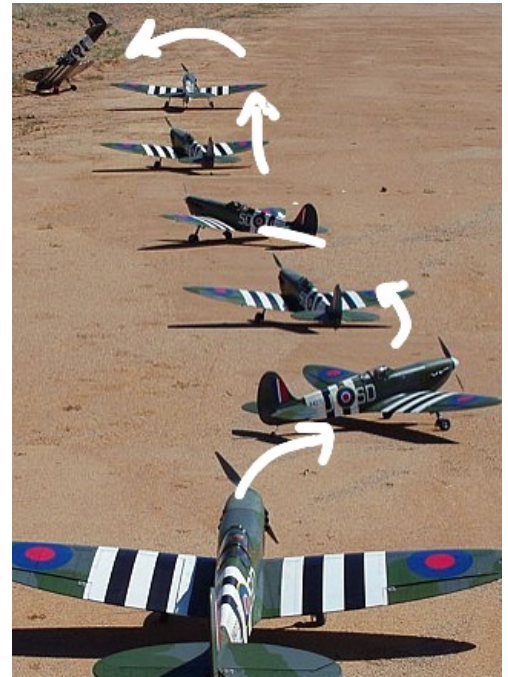


Improving Poorly Controlled Takeoffs ...

Written by Jim Devine from Tampa Radio-Control Aircraft Club, Tampa FL

How often have you seen an airplane that is taking off (and heads left) toward the pit area? Usually, the pilot gives the engine more gas and, using the ailerons, yanks the airplane back to the right. Occasionally, the airplane continues to the left, clears the safety barriers, and heads for the people in the pits or other things just beyond.

If you have poorly controlled, potentially dangerous takeoffs, try practicing control of your aircraft on the runway. First, check your wheels and make sure they have a little toe-in. Also, the wheels should not continue to spin when given a flick. To create friction and avoid free-wheeling, slip a 3/16-inch long piece of fuel line on the axle and push the retainer collar in tight. With proper adjustment, the wheels will turn only if you push them with your finger. This braking action allows for a high idle speed without the airplane moving, which reduces the chance of the engine dying when the idle is too low. This also helps stop an airplane that might otherwise roll off the end of a runway during landing.



Pick a day when the wind is light and the runway isn't being used. Practice taxiing back and forth the length of the runway, using the rudder for control. Stay within a few feet of the yellow center line. When you have mastered taxiing at a slow speed, click the throttle up another notch or two and keep practicing. With enough practice and a slow, smooth application of power, you can approach takeoff speed while moving down the center of the runway. You also can practice aborting the flight by shutting off the fuel when you are about to lose directional control of the airplane.

With this improved directional control and practice at aborting a poorly controlled airplane, your takeoffs will be much safer and a pleasure to watch.

Membership Meeting Minutes...

Date: 2/12/2016

The meeting was called to order by Bob Wolfe at 10:02 am.

Officers Present: President Bob Wolfe, VP Jim Seibert, Treasurer John Tester, Secretary Carlos Gracia

Total Members Present: 31

Guests: Ramymond Hernandez

New Members: none

The record of the last meeting's minutes were read approved by all of the members present.

Reports

Membership Coordinator/Flight Operations Officer, Gene Aughtry: Club now has 87 members.

Field Manager, Ron Williams: nothing to report.

Safety Officer, Ron Penn: Please remember to declare your intentions when flying over the fence from the west end of the runway and no fly-bys on the near side of the fence. A reminder regarding the no batteries in vessels on set-up tables. Finally, reminder to all that there is no smoking permitted in the pit area.

Old Business:

T-28 races remain very popular and successful. There will be 3 more this year.

No current work parties are needed at this time. However, the main need is for regular bathroom maintenance. A sign-up sheet is being circulated to members to sign up for a monthly rotation to do the maintenance and cleaning.

The Seafood Festival was going to be removed from the budget due to a lack of CD. Ron Penn volunteered to CD the Seafood Festival.

New Business:

Reminder that the Donut Drop will be held next Saturday.

Thomas Allen date is changed to 5/14. Dale Parsons will be the CD.

A BBQ is planned for 6/11.

T-34 races will once again be scheduled for this year. The CD is Bob Wolfe who handed out a flyer with the rules. They are scheduled for 3/5, 7/2, 9/3.

Show & Tell:

Vince shared his Christmas present of a Phoenix PC-21 Pilates weighing in at 9 lbs. It has a Rimfire 80 with a 6S lipo and only required 3/4 oz to balance.

Ken shared his Duraflly P40N ARF, with flaps, LEDs, retracts.

Arthur shared his sail plane, a Gentle Lady which he overhauled and improved.

Jim shared his customized electric Zig-Zag which he named an E-Tag.

Raffle:

First Prize: Jim Haley, Airborne T-34. Second Prize: Jeff Schepps

Third Prize: Jim Seibert, E-Flite Quad. Hat: Carlos

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 am.

Submitted by Carlos Gracia, Secretary

Upcoming Swap Meet ...

Hobbytown USA - 4525 Clayton Road, Concord. Saturday, May 7th from 10am - 3pm. In parking lot behind hobby store. No early set up allowed.

Still There?! You Are 100% Dedicated!

Here's a Nice Final Pic of DVRC ...



Thanks to visitor Mark Lowe for his DJI3 Phantom Photo of DVRC!

Y'all Come On Back Now!

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For DVRC driving directions and some club information, check out this link:

<http://youtu.be/Owc7yDVYhc4>