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Air Currents



HANG ON MORT!



Bob Wolfe's P-38



Steve Anderson's P-47



Mel's New Stinger

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President's Corner...

Flying RC aircraft is such a fun and rewarding hobby. The fun part is obvious, but the rewarding part is the relationships and friendships we create. I always marvel at the things I find out about my friends and fellow fliers at the field. From Mort T. to Mike P. from Mel N. to Ron P. and from Steve A to Cowboy Aughtry and many others to numerous to mention. What wonderful people we find ourselves surrounded by.



Flying is just a small part of it. I especially love to see the excitement in a fellow fliers eyes after a maiden flight. It is so cool. Another aspect of the hobby is when someone crashes or needs help in the pits, several people are willing to jump at the chance to help out.

Things like I have mentioned above don't just happen, they are handed down from the older members of the flying community, this club is no exception. So when you see a member that has been around for several years thank them for all they have done and for handing a great club and flying site down to all of us.

So in closing, hopefully the winds will calm down, except for the day on the hill contest, and I will see all of you at the field.

-Bob Wolfe, President DVRC

Upcoming Events (Visitors Welcome)....

Sat Jul 09 @ 9:45AM - Membership Meeting
Sat Jul 23 @ 9:00AM - Day on the Hill
Sat Aug 06 @ 9:00AM - T-28 Races
Sat Aug 13 @ 9:45AM - Membership Meeting
Sat Sep 03 @ 9:00AM - T-34 Races

Lots of events coming up!

Note from our Safety Officer ...

Hi Gentlemen. The flying season is in full swing. We are able to slope and fly from the runway. The weather has warmed up and that means the snakes are out and about. Look before you step, the rattler does not always rattle before striking. On the topic of safety, we have been accident free so far this year. Our members and guests have, for the most part, gotten use to the new safety protocol of no batteries in aircraft while on the setup tables. It only takes us working together to be as safe as possible to prevent injuries. I would like to thank everyone for looking out for each other in regards to safety. Remember if you see something say something, that alone could prevent someone from being hurt. Stay safe and enjoy your time at our field.

-Ron Penn, DVRC safety Officer



Man, I miss the 80's!

Note From Our Membership Coordinator ...

We have three (3) new members: Lee Fancey, Garry Kerr, and James (Rocky) Clugston. So, if you see them at the field, go up and introduce yourself.

- Gene Aughtry, Membership Coordinator

Cubic Wing Loading ...

I recently came across an article in a magazine which spiked my interest and I started to research the subject on the internet. The subject of the article concerns Cubic Wing Loading (CWL) and how it compares against the standard method of evaluating wing loading (weight/wing area). It turns out that Cubic Wing Loading is a much better measure of predicting how a model airplane will fly even before it gets off the ground. I have provided the internet link below. The website also includes a CWL calculator to simplify the process. I found the subject interesting, I'm guessing others might find it interesting also. (Thanks to Nigel Watson for sharing this article)

http://www.eastbayrc.org/TimTips/TimSTips_CubicWingLoading.htm

Flight of the Super Cub from Nigel Watson ...

My stepdaughter gave me a camera for my birthday, it is a Mobius. It is a full HD 1080p camera, has a 2-hour battery, and takes a micro SD card up to 128 GB. I believe it sells for about \$70 to 80 and is great value. I bought an 8 GB card for about \$3.50 and with seven 8-10 minute videos taken today, I still had 4 GB left.



I attach it to the plane's wing using velcro and I also attach it to the peak of my DVRC cap so that I can always capture the maiden flight.

The camera is about the size of a Tic Tac box and appears to be fairly rugged. You can call up a configuration program on a PC and change many parameters. It also takes full HD still photos. Check it out.

If you look at other videos I have put on my YouTube channel recently, you can see I mounted it on my Weasel and then used it on my DVRC cap to capture thrills of slope soaring. Its been a lot of fun.

Take a look at Nigel's flight here ...

<https://youtu.be/PVAVD0R6uPs>

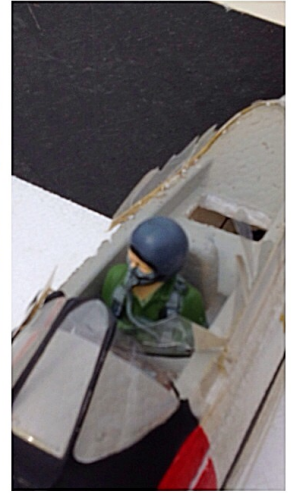
Fun Pics ...



Club Photos ...



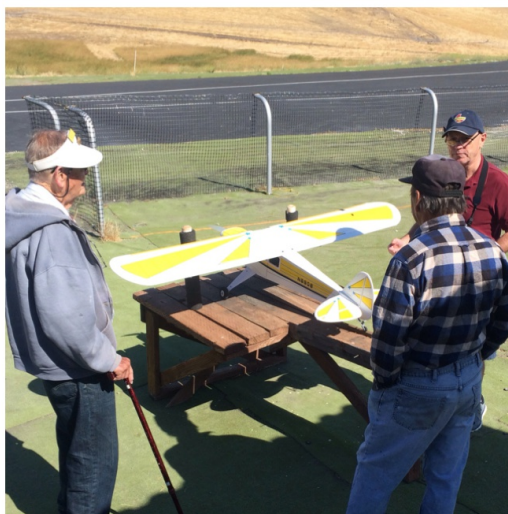
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Membership Meeting Minutes...

Date: 5/19/16

The meeting was called to order by Bob Wolfe at 9:45 am.

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

Total Members Present: 23

Guests: Angie Tantara

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 89 paid members. A yellow flight badge was presented to Lee Fancey.

Field Manager, Ron Williams: Field is now dry. Volunteers are needed to apply weed killer.

Safety Officer, Ron Penn: Reminder to not place batteries in planes on the work tables. Also, fly west of the fence.

Old Business:

T-28 Races changed to 6/4

Thomas Allen Fun Fly is today.

Reminder to the Membership to send items they would like placed on the agenda to the President no later than the Thursday evening before the meetings.

Ukiah club is having a fun fly on 6/4.

Notice to the Membership that Mike McMillan, a former member, had passed away last month.

New Business:

Ken Bieler informed the group that new battery technology will soon be available that will increase the power output from 230 watts/kg to 350 watts/kg.

Ken also informed us regarding the FAA's blanket waiver next year for model aircraft being used for commercial purposes.

Show & Tell:

Ken Bieler shared his YAK-52 and his AT6-Texan

Raffle:

First Prize: Ken a Phoenix Tiger 3

Second Prize: Daniel a T-85 Sabre EDF

Third Prize: Nigel a Robart work station

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 am.

-Submitted by Carlos Gracia, Secretary

Still There?! You Are 100% Dedicated!

Here's a Nice Final Picture ...



Why, yes, I am an expert with Robert landing gear. Give me a call if you need some help!

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

<http://youtu.be/Owc7yDVYhc4>