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President's Message

A Year Of Great Goals

By Dan Metz

Welcome back everyone after the summer hiatus. Wow, we are in for a full year of 'Great Goals'. We will kick off the fall season with the annual Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade. We will honor Jackie Cochran by constructing a half scale F-104 Starfighter on Dick Knapp's Golf Cart. Jackie Cochran was the first woman to exceed Mach 2 (1,429 miles per hour) in that plane at Edwards Air Force Base in 1964. It will be a fitting salute to her and the WAFS that ferried the planes of WW II. Hats off to the ladies.

Next, we will continue club tradition by participating in the Jacqueline Cochran Air Show in Thermal. Last year we presented a great RC airplane flying show. We will be talking to the air show organizers in the next month about our level of participation for this year.

This issue is focused on the youth of our club. With that in mind. I want to announce that we will soon have another school under our club wings, Nellie Coffman Middle School in Cathedral City, where I will be hosting a weekly model airplane club.

One of the goals of the board is to slurry seal and re-stripe our control line pad and runway. The money is almost there, so if you could send in your membership renewals early we definitely will have enough money to complete this goal this season. Our runway is our greatest asset and maintaining it is our number one responsibility.

We have been looking at other exciting events to bring to our field since our decision to not host the jet rally this year. Joe Scuro and Craig Waters made a trip to the Temecula club field recently where they watched combat flyers having a contest. Their combat event employed quick-build planes that could be assembled the day before flying. If we were to host this sort of event, we could have a build-day before flying, so that more of our members would participate. The board feels that combat and our annual scale event, would be highly entertaining and real crowd pleasers

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The Youth of CVRC Club

If you have been out to the flying field lately, you may have noticed some sparkling young faces amidst the adult club members. These kids are the future of our wonderful hobby. Take some time to read their autobiographies and get to know them.

Derek Allan Fife



My name is Derek Allan Fife and I am 15 years old. I go to La Quinta High School and am in 10th Grade. I only began to like planes in general when I moved to the valley from Canada when I was 8. I got interested in R/C planes about 4 years ago when my father worked with Randy Martin's wife, and Randy invited us out to the field. He wasn't there that day but I met a man named Scott Silver who put me on a buddy box. Every Sunday after that, Scott would teach me new principles of flying, and on February 5th, 2006 I officially soloed a SIG LT-40. The plane that Scott gave me, my first ever R/C flight with, was a PT-17 Stearman, and it has been my favorite plane ever since. Today I have 2 Stearmans, a 1/3 scale and a 1/5 scale, thanks to Scott. Without him, my passion for flying would be nothing close to what it is today. My plans for the future are to enroll in the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV's) are on the uprise and with my experience with large scale R/C's, I might be a candidate for flying UAV's. My passion, though, is to be inside an aircraft. I also helped Ron Vincent teach the LQHS Air Force JROTC students how to fly R/C aircraft, hoping they take the path to aviation passion. I praise Ron for his commitment to the program and looked forward to working with him everyday. I hope to help him this year too. Regardless of my career or situation, I will always enjoy flying R/C and plan to pass my passion on.

Darrel Morgan



My name is Darrell Morgan; I'm 15 years old and attend Cathedral City High School. My career started out with r/c flying, I always have flown r/c and the first ever flight I had was when I was four years old in Indio hills. I was flying a Quaker; of course I didn't know what I was doing so I did crash the plane. But to keep from hitting the ground, I pulled up too hard, and it snapped the wing right in half. After that crash, I tried flying again when I was six. My second flight was with a different Quaker, and this flight went a lot better because I started training with the Realflight G2 training system. It helped me so much with my real flying! I flew that Quaker for so long, that it ran out of fuel. I really wanted to land it, so my grandpa let me and I did a smooth as silk landing! I was so proud of myself. After that I continued flying for the next 10 years accurately and that has brought me to this present time and day. It seems like the more I fly the more I want to continue on with the hobby. I really hope to continue on with this hobby with the club. I am currently flying a 1/4 scale Ryan STA

Thomas Elemetry



My name is Thomas Elemetry. I am 13 years old and I love to fly and build RC airplanes. My introduction to RC airplanes was an air hog, 2-channel plane. After I attended the Coachella Valley jet rally I was impressed by all the advanced RC aircraft. I started to develop my flying skills using a flight stimulator, and soon wanted to try more advanced RC planes. I received a Piper Cub for Christmas and really enjoyed flying a more advanced airplane. One plane was not enough, but because airplanes are expensive, I needed a way to earn money. I tried to save my allowance, but it was not enough to buy the planes I wanted. My alternative was to earn money. My mother helped me develop a business card for a dog walking service. It has turned into a winning situation for me. I provide a service to people in my community who are not able to walk their dogs and I get to spend time with the dogs and earn money to buy airplanes and airplane parts. Most airplanes are still above my budget, so I design airplanes and make them out of foam. Most of the airplanes I design are free hand. I learn about aeronautics by exploring the Internet and information I obtain from experienced AMA members. AMA members have also provided me with airplanes and parts that I have been able to refurbish or design into a new airplane. The assistance and encouragement from the CVRC Club members has truly helped me develop a love for flying. I think flying of RC planes will be a lifetime hobby. I hope also to pursue a career in aeronautics, and maybe the management of an aircraft company.

Alfredo Sanchez



Joe Scuro has written about his favorite student, Alfredo Sanchez.

Young Alfredo Sanchez became my flight student when he was nine years old and is now eleven, because his father, also Alfredo, took the time from his job to ask me if I would teach his son to fly radio control airplanes. Mr. Sanchez is a landscape specialist here in Heritage Palms Country Club and happened to be working near my house when he saw me working on my planes in the garage. I agreed to teach his son when he let me know how much the boy liked airplanes. We agreed to meet at the field the next Sunday, and that I would bring my Senior Cadet for him to fly. To my surprise, the whole family showed up! Little Alfredo was very quiet and shy, but he listened to every word I said. I was glad to see how quickly he caught on to the whole concept. After only a few lessons with the buddy box, he was ready to solo. His first landing was a little bumpy, but it was one you could walk away from. He has since flown his own high wing trainer, a Tiger Two, and an electric low wing foamy. He, his family, and I have become good friends through our common interest in r.c. planes. It has been worth it for all of us.

Joe Scuro

CVRCC Has a New Web site

By Murray Ross

By the time you receive this newsletter, the new CVRC Club web site should be up and running. To access it, simply address "www.cvrclub.com". If you have any problems or questions please call Murray Ross (340-0836) or email (either cvrclub@yahoo.com or mrossnew@dc.rr.com) . If you would like to place a free advertisement or an announcement, send an email with attachments to mrossnew@dc.rr.com. One of the many changes to the web site is the use of a password to access the club roster page. The user name is "cvrcc"; the password is the same as the combination lock code at the gate to the flying field. In general, the web site has been made brief and simple with the goal of keeping it fresh, informative and up-to-date.

August 15, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes

By Dick Knapp

President Dan Metz called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. Also present were Murray Ross, Joe Scuro, Ken Merenda, Chris Ritter, Craig Waters, George Muir and Dick Knapp.

Dan then announced that Tom Chant had requested his retirement from the office of Vice President. Dan asked for a nomination and Craig Waters was appointed to fill the remainder of Tom's term. Congratulations, I think, to Craig!

Dan asked the Board for their opinion on the club entering a float in this year's Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade. This year's theme is, "Playground of the Stars" and will be held on Sunday, October 25th along El Paseo Drive at 1 PM. After some discussion it was decided unanimously that we would again enter a float. It was also decided that our float would feature Jacqueline Cochran. Dick Knapp will again supply his golf cart and garage for assembly and check out.

Dick also announced that we would again have a double booth at the Jacqueline Cochran Air Show on Saturday, November 7, 9 AM until 3 PM. After some discussion, the board decided that we should have our annual Demo Day a week later than normal to give more people a better chance of attending. So our Demo Day will be on Sunday, November 15th. We will also advertise this event as our Toys for Tots fund raiser and will have a raffle as a part of both events. We also expect to be offered the opportunity to fly at the Jacqueline Cochran Air Show.

Chacho also told Dan that he thinks there will be another air show at Jacqueline Cochran field in October that we could put on an air show for. Dan will determine the date.

Murray reported that there hasn't been any movement on holding a scale event at our field later in the year. He will continue to follow the discussions and try and set at least a firm date for next years Western Scale Invitational at our field in late January or early February. We would expect to invite several turbine-powered planes to participate.

Murray also announced that he was planning on attending this years USRA's RC racing events to be held at Rabbit Dry Lake (on the back road (Rt. 147) to Big Bear Lake). Murray expects to get a motel room and spend two days there. Dan and Dick talked about driving up for one of the days.

There is also an RC Scale event in Chino, called War Birds over Chino, which will be held on TBD (the only info I could find was for an event on June 27, 2009). Joe Scuro will check on this

Craig Waters then discussed his daughter's participation in this year's Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio. She lost by inches in her second heat,

but they had a great time. Craig said that the local event, which is hosted by the Coachella Valley Parks and Recreation District, was possibly going to be held on Ave. 54 next to our field. We will discuss this with Stan Ford to determine if our club could provide parking and refreshments for the event as one of our fund raisers.

In discussions with Murray, it was decided to focus our September newsletter on our junior fliers. Murray will need pictures and a short bio of each of our active juniors for publication in late September. If you are working with a junior, get busy and put together something for this issue.

Dan then discussed his conversation with Sheilah Reed, at the Palm Springs Air Museum about a joint RC World War II war bird event around Memorial Day next year. The Museum will determine if we can fly there or have to do the flying at our field.

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Another possibility is a one-day soaring festival at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. The management at that site is very interested in being a host for special events. While they have not given their permission to let us fly there, they might do so for a special event. We will keep you posted.

I also would like to have a series of workshops at the field this season; these workshops will take place on Sunday. We could solve your engine problems, your C/G questions, help you conduct your first flights, and give proper electric setup information. Let's all reach out to help the new -comers, welcoming them to the club with a smiling handshake, safe instruction and helpful information. If you have more or other topics please send them my way.

A couple of years ago we had a daily volunteer ambassador at the field. It sure would be terrific to have 5-6 guys step up and dedicate one day a week to be at the field for 3-4 hours to welcome all new flyers to the club, and provide information about the club.

Remember to attend our September General Meeting 9/29/2009 at 7pm Sloan's Restaurant.

Club events in October and November

September 29, 2009

General Meeting 7:00 PM Sloan's

Come for some excellent raffle items from the estate of Ray Cullen. Please give some thought to club flying events that you might enjoy participating in and contribute your ideas at the General Meeting.

October 11, 2009

Club Pylon Race (Tentative)

October 24, 2009

Fun in the Sun Fly-in

Full-scale fly-in at Jacqueline Cochran Airport. We will have a static display and demonstrate some indoor antics.

October 25, 2009

Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade

Dick Knapp is engineering an F-104 mock-up/golf cart to commemorate Jackie Cochran's Mach 2 record breaker.

October 27, 2009

General Meeting 7:00 PM Sloan's

November 7, 2009

Jacqueline Cochran Air Show

Traditional booth and participation in the Air show. Increases interest in club and promotes new memberships.

November 15, 2009

Open House & Toys for Tots

Fun-fly events and simple scale competition. Supports U.S.M.C Toys-for-Tots with toys and cash donation.

November 24, 2009

General Meeting 7:00 PM Sloan's

Other Activities

October 15-18, 2009

US Racing Association Championship

Major pylon racing competition held at Rabbit Dry Lake near Victorville. Includes "Unlimited", "T6", FAI, "Sundowner" and "Quicke 500" classes.

Tentative

Auction

Some weekend between now and the end of November, the club will conduct a fund-raising auction of beautiful donated RC models. You will hear more about this at the General Meeting on Tuesday, September 28, 2009.