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**"There is no excuse for an airplane unless it will fly fast!"**  
*Roscoe Turner,  
Early Racing Aviator*

### Support Our Local Hobby Shop





The Safeway Center  
Prescott Valley, AZ  
TONY & DONNA PACINI  
THEY SUPPORT OUR CLUB

## RICK NICHOLS AND BOB SHANKS RECEIVE AWARD FROM BOARD



Rick and Bob were surprised by Randy Meathrell and Jay Riddle at the August general meeting. Rick was given a solid mahogany Wright Flyer and Bob an F-4 Phantom for their tireless support of CVMA. Rick has been secretary treasurer for 5 years and Bob has been doing this newsletter for almost 6 years. Bob served in a USAF F-4 squadron and Rick used to have his own plane.

## IT'S SUMMERTIME IN CHINO VALLEY, AZ THERE'S THERMALS TO FIND AND SOAR

Member Graham Johnson's electric powered glider is well over 1,000 feet and he routinely stays a loft up to 30 minutes at a time. His glider is from Skybench.com; motor is a Jeti Phasor 30-3 brushless in-runner with a Graupner 13/7 folding prop and brake. Wingspan is 100"; airfoil is S3014, weight is 56 ounces. She has rudder, elevator, throttle and spoilers. He also uses an electronic altimeter so he knows how high he has gone.



## From the Desk of CVMA President Jay Riddle

For the first time our club hosted the **RCPRO War Bird Racing Series** and it was a resounding success. The hard work of member **Bud Mellor** who served as the event CD showed as the race came off superbly.

The awards, were cool mugs, pictured at right and expertly engraved by our own **Rick Nichols**. Having very usable mugs as awards instead of just a plaque was a hit with the winners.

We must thank all those in the club that helped pull off this major event.

To plan, organize and run any event like this requires a lot of behind the

scenes work. The club really benefited financially, a nice boost for our small numbers; a with a more detailed report to come at our next general meeting. Again thanks members for your support.

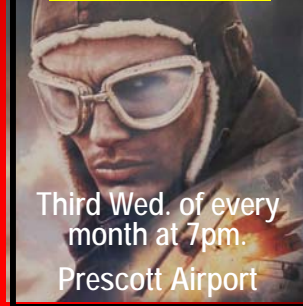


Photo by Max & Cinnamon Bandy

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Aug .27 Valle AZ, Air Show & CVMA display.
- Sept. 9-11 CVMA Fun Fly
- Oct. 14 Third CVMA Combat Contest

### CVMA MEETINGS



Third Wed. of every month at 7pm.  
Prescott Airport

## ENGINE FUMES

By Bob Shanks



Member and CD **Bud Mellor** presented member **Tanner Pacini** with an award mug for the most spectacular crash. Tanner tried to take out a pylon, needless to say his silver Mustang exploded into a

thousand pieces captivating the crowd of spectators.

Unfortunately this was his father, **Tony Pacini's** 18 year old plane. I don't know but he may have lost his allowance!

### CVMA MEMBERS LIGHT UP YOUR AMBITIONS...



BUILD SOMETHING, BRING IT TO OUR NEXT MEETING!

### Construction Tip

One key to a smooth surface for painting or covering is using a good sanding block. Always use a sanding pad or block for best results.

Various lengths of suspended ceiling tile grid make good, lightweight sanding blocks.

Use 3M-77 spray or rubber cement to attach sandpaper strips to a sanding block. Use a heat gun to loosen the adhesive when it must be replaced.

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# CVMA PILOTS AND THEIR AIRCRAFT



Bob Noulin's Big Stick



Don Ferguson's P-39



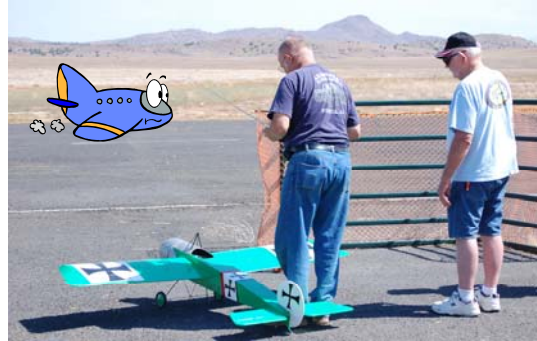
Graham Johnson and his Fantasy EP flyer.



Bill Lindenthaler and his trainer, he has soloed way to go Bill!



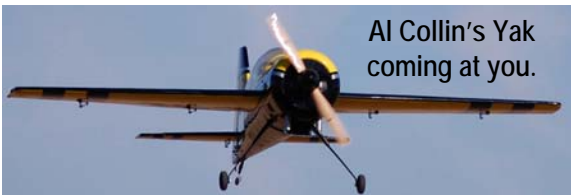
Ray Stone and his little "hot" EP Stick.



Sparky Thornton and John Stewart fly Sparky's big green Stick.



Ron Fielder and his white EP Cub.



Al Collin's Yak coming at you.

# CVMA PILOTS AND THEIR AIRCRAFT



Graham Johnson's Fantasy Racer



John Stewart and Sparky Thornton with his Tiger 60.



John Stewart teaching Cinnamon Bandy.



Graham Johnson's cool Embry-Riddle Cap 232.



Graham Johnson's EP Eratix.



Walt Findley and his great flying Bipe.



Editor Bob's strange mailing tube "Totally Tubular."



Eric Sauley's Yak in the clouds.

NEW CVMA SAFETY NET

Tom Root can be seen welding in some pipe to hold our new safety net in front of our Vern Godfrey Bleachers. Tom has been our safety officer but this is his last year. Thanks

Tom for all your work at our field.

The new netting will great for spectators sitting in our new bleachers attending our annual fun fly, slow combat, T-28 race and war bird races. This is a nice field safety feature.



T-28 RACES FOR AUGUST A BIG RESOUNDING SUCCESS

by Randy Meathrell

The T-28 Race for August was one of the best yet. We had 8 racers show up to compete. Unfortunately club President Jay Riddle had a little trouble with his yellow racer "Last Place" and was unable to compete.

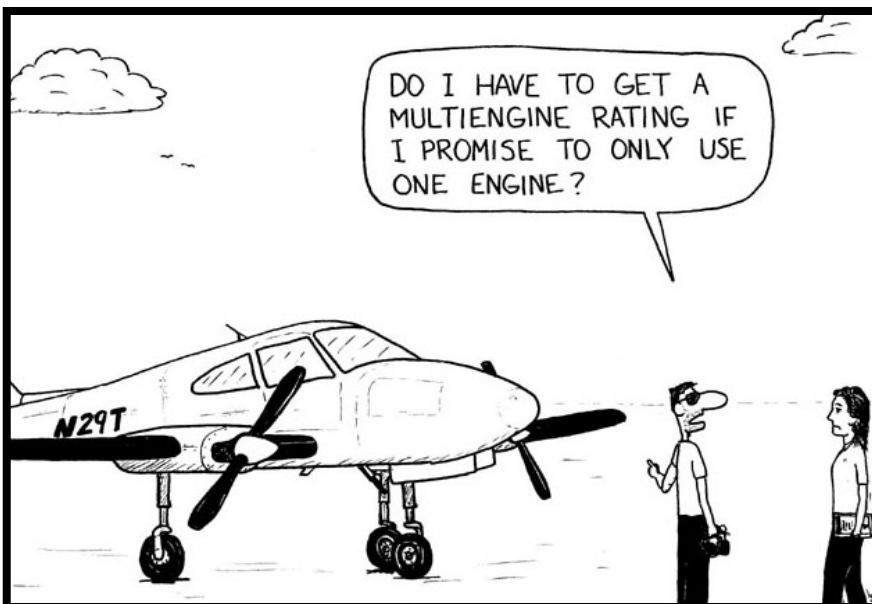
For the first time we had Donna Pacini (Owner of Valley Hobby) enter the fray and she did very well for her first time out. With help from perennial winner and son, Tanner Pacini, Donna managed to end up in a tie for 4th place with Marvin Jones. Donna had some trim problems or she would have really skunked some of the flyers, she is really a good racer.

We managed to get in 4 rounds of racing this time with the winds staying light for a welcome change.

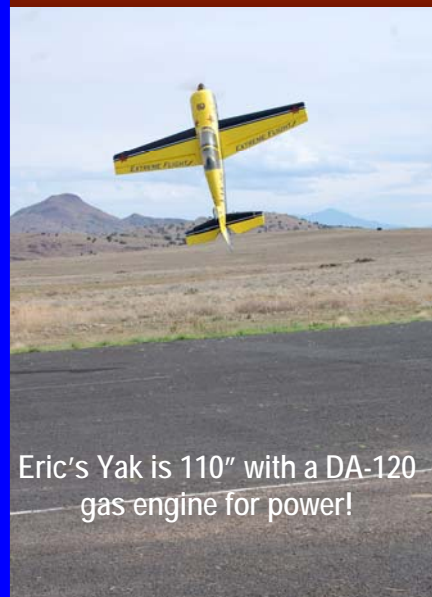
Pylon Race Results:

TANNER PACINI	1ST
RANDY MEATHRELL	2ND
BUD MELLOR	3RD
DONNA PACINI / MARVIN JONES	4TH
BOB SHANKS	6TH
ALEC BERRY	7TH

Get a T-28 and come join the fun. The planes a SLOW but the FUN is FAST!



ERIC SAULEY'S BIG YAK-54  
HOW LOW CAN YOU HOVER?



Eric's Yak is 110" with a DA-120 gas engine for power!



Mother and son team Donna and Tanner Pacini.

# CVMA MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - August 2011



The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President **Jay Riddle**. The salute to the flag was led by Bob Shanks.

Guests were students from Embry Riddle and **John Walker** who applied for membership.

**Rick Nichols** gave the Treasurers report, a motion to approve was made by Chuck Colwell, seconded by Bob Shanks and approved.

Vice President **Randy Meathrell** reported on up-coming events and past events. The T-28 races last weekend were a success with 7 racers competing (see story on page five). Among those racing were **Donna** and **Tanner Pacini**. Tanner placed 1<sup>st</sup> and Donna placed 4<sup>th</sup>.

Randy told of the motor home trip

that Jay, Barb, Carol and himself took to the AMA Headquarters in Indiana, the Air Force Museum, Oshkosh and other points in the U.S. They put on 4500 miles in 2 weeks.

This coming Saturday, 8-20, will be our clubs inaugural War Bird Races. Contest Director **Bud Mellor** gave a report on the races and asked members that are able to come to the field on Friday before the races to give the field a final clean up.

August 27 will be our annual display at the Valle Airport air show just south of the Grand Canyon.

September 8 – 10 & 11 will be our annual Steve Crowe Fun-Fly. Both Rick and Randy gave a report on this event and asked for volunteers to help with various jobs that need to be done.

**Roger** and **Jerry Calvert** were kind enough to offer the use of their generator for both events.

**Chuck Colwell** showed the workings of his E-Z Balancer that he built. Chuck also told the amusing and hair raising story of how he wrestled 2 large 80 pound fighting dogs to the ground while his wife Bernie sprayed the dogs with water.

President Jay and Vice President Randy presented **Bob Shanks** with a beautiful wooden model of a F-4 Jet and also presented **Rick Nichols** with a wooden model of the Wright Flyer. These were presented in recognition of the work that these members have done for the club over the years.

The door prize, a model stand, donated by **Valley Hobby** was won by

**Cinnamon Bandy**.

**Rick Nichols** won a Slow Stick airplane, **Bob Cressman** won a Dremel tool, **Bob Nabors** won a Gift Certificate, **Roger Calvert** won a tubing bender, **Bob Noulin** won metric Ball Drivers, **Jerry Calvert** won a shirt and **Ray Stone** won ball drivers.

**Rick Nichols** reminded the members that the new bleachers will be dedicated to **Vern Godfrey** at the Fun-Fly. This will occur at the official opening around 8:00 am on Saturday. It would be nice to have a lot of our members witness this occasion.

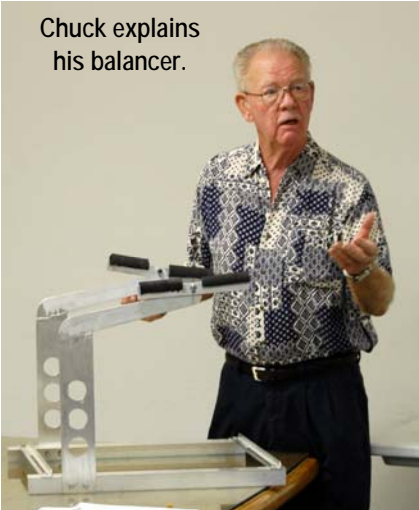
Meeting Closed at 8:17 PM  
Rick Nichols, Secretary/Treasurer



Great turnout of 32 members.



Bud is the War Bird CD.



Chuck explains his balancer.

Valued members  
**Rick Nichols** at right and **Chuck Colwell** at left both beat recent serious illnesses. Rick thanked everyone for all the cards letters and support. Chuck too not only beat a serious illness but serious injury taking care of two large dogs that got into a fight.



**SHOP VALLEY HOBBY**

**VALLEY HOBBY**

## MEMBER PROJECT ON A BUDGET

### Totally Tubular



Even has a bomb



Your editor used a 3.5" mailing tube for the fuselage, an old glider tail and landing gear, and his .54 Thunder Tiger 4S for power. The wing is from another member's crashed Balsa USA Smoothie.

## LOOKING FOR NEWSLETTER IDEAS

Members if you have any article or cartoon ideas, suggestions for pictures or other creative ideas for this newsletter please contact your editor:

[BobShanks@aol.com](mailto:BobShanks@aol.com)



## SUMMERTIME CVMA RUNWAY CRITTERS

From birds seeking shade to lizards on wings and tarantulas on our fence, be on the lookout for Arizona summertime critters at the field.



## SAFETY IS ALWAYS AN ISSUE

*This is in part from an article written by AMA "Insider" publication writer Jim Wallen.*

Every AMA club has a safety officer. It is a requirement if the club is to be AMA sanctioned. All too often we quickly identify a safety officer and then go on our merry way, paying little attention to significant safety issues. Let's identify a few of them and see if they might make sense for your club.

- Keep the address or location of your flying site prominently posted in case of an

emergency that requires medical assistance. Minds can get fuzzy when you are in the middle of an emergency! If you have to make that 911 call, you need to know where you are.

- We have a lot of hard-earned cash invested in our aircraft. They don't stay in good shape forever. Take the time to periodically check them out for wear and tear.

This is especially true for batteries. Electrical failure is the source of numerous unexplained crashes.

- Pilot error is always a major concern. Maybe conducting classes for pilots to fine-tune their skills would help out. Many clubs provide training for the new fliers but pay little attention to pilots who have successfully soloed. There is always room for improvement.

- Courtesy and common sense often fix a potential safety issue before it becomes a problem.

- Our hobby often puts us in potentially hazardous environments. We need to think of

safety issues that are not directly related to flying.

Do you have an area at your flying site that is a great hang-out for snakes? Stay away if at all possible.

We do have snakes at our field so always be vigilant when trekking out to retrieve an airplane that has run off the runway.

We do need a new safety officer as *Tom Root* is no longer doing that duty. Please contact the board if interested.

# RCPRO WARBIRD RACES HOSTED BY CVMA AUGUST 20 THE SATURDAY EVENT HAD 26 PILOTS IN COMPETION



Weather for the event was spectacular  
the parking lot was filled.

Panoramic shot shows success of war bird races with well over 300 spectators attending. Our club had the honor of hosting pilots from Utah and from clubs all over Arizona. C.D. Bud Mellor did an outstanding job.



Bleachers were filled.



Tanner Pacini in Futaba Orange  
flew a silver Mustang.



Twin Mustang coming around.



Bud Mellor was the  
CD and manned the  
timer.



A yellow "scorcher" (Very fast)



Tony calls for his  
wife Donna Pacini.



Chris Corbitt  
and Tony Pacini  
work on their  
war bird.



Glenn Heithold flies,  
Jim Adolf calls.  
Glenn flew his  
Corsair.

