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**ERAU EAGLE 580 AND JET DRAGSTER HERE**



Photo Courtesy of ERAU Horizons Newspaper

Embry-Riddle's Career Expo Oct. 6 featured the ERAU jet dragster and Aerobatic Eagle 580 at the Prescott airport. The dragster is capable of 300 mph+ speeds. The dragster is powered by a 5000 HP J-85 with 5200 pounds of thrust. Burns 2 gallons of fuel per second. G-Forces are 5.0 at launch and 7.0 during parachute deployment. *Elaine Larsen* drives; only one of three women drive jet dragsters. The career Expo featured 50 companies many out looking for ERAU graduates to hire.

*Minds are like  
parachutes,  
they only  
function when  
open.*

**RICK NICHOLS' FOAM CONCORDE**



Support Our Local Hobby Shop



The Safeway Center  
Prescott Valley, AZ  
MAX & CINNAMON BANDY  
THEY SUPPORT OUR CLUB



*From the Desk of CVMA President Jay Riddle*

Our Secretary/Treasurer **Rick Nichols**, gave the Chino Valley town council an annual report September 27. Here's some of our club highlights the town was delighted to hear:

- Membership is at 101
- \$18,000 was spent on improvements
- We represented the Town of Chino Valley at the Annual E-Fest held in Mesa, Arizona each January.
- New North-South runway is now graded, just looking for a way to get it paved
- We hosted the RCPro war bird races drawing pilots from 5 states
- Our annual Air Show was fairly well attended but we feel some were kept away because of weather. The big wind and hail storm moved through later that day. We opened our air show with a flyover of 2 L-39 jets, one being flown by Galpin Ford's owner. We also had two ultra-lights land for a display along with a helicopter flown in by Guidance Aviation.
- Food was catered Chino Valley's own **Big Daddy E's catering**. We also had three vendors selling RC products.
- We interviewed 161 spectators and found 26 came from over 50 miles away.
- Sunday was a weather blow out.

Rick thanked the town council for the use and lease of our great field and we are continuing to be good stewards of the land. Thanks Rick, super job.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- Nov. 5 4th Pylon Race
- Dec. 3 Annual Christmas party at Chino Valley's Gabby's Restaurant.

**CVMA MEETINGS**



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

**ENGINE FUMES**

*By Bob Shanks*



**Dennis O'Connor** organized our own little local club fun fly along with **Max and Cinnamon Bandy**. We had 9 pilots register. This was a success with 36 visitors and spectators, mostly from our club.

Our contest consisted of a **spot landing** chalked out on the runway, a **jelly bean loop**, and a **timed flying** event.

Here's the results of the fun low competition contests:

- First Place: Graham Johnson** 30pts
- Second Place: Randy Meathrell** 26 pts
- Third Place: Dennis**

**O'Connor and Rick Nichols** tied with 21 pts.

Other scores:

- Don Taylor**, 18 pts
- Chris Myhre and Bob Shanks**, 14 pts, **Byron Cluckey**, 13 pts.

Many flew electric slow sticks, however **Max Bandy** and **Don Taylor** flew fuel airplanes.

Max damaged his plane when he landed on a crate the wind had blown out next to the runway.

We had a successful turnout of 36 members with 9 pilots competing. Graham won a gift certificate to **Valley Hobby**. A great club event.

**CVMA MEMBERS LIGHT UP YOUR AMBITIONS...**



**BUILD SOMETHING, BRING IT TO OUR NEXT MEETING!**

**CVMA Board for 2012**

As you can see in our mast head at right, our board has not changed much from 2011.

New to our board as an officer at large is **Allan Collins**. We have also changed instructors, now doing flight instruction is **Randy Meathrell**. Your editor has stepped up and is now the safety officer or safety contact.

We have slightly over 100 members but seem to have a problem as do many clubs and organizations, of those who will run for office. Members step up and volunteer for 2013.

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- President — Jay Riddle
- Vice President — Randy Meathrell
- Sept./Treas. — Rick Nichols
- Flight Instructor — Randy Meathrell
- Safety Officer — Bob Shanks
- Board Member — Allan Collins
- Board Member — Dennis O'Connor
- Newsletter Editor — Bob Shanks

# CVMA PILOTS AND THEIR AIRCRAFT



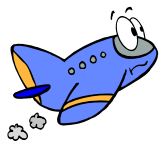
*Bob Noulin's Big Stick*



Marvin Jones' EDF Blue Angel.



Dick Mastin right of instructor John Stewart flying Dick's trainer on the buddy box.



Dick Mastin's Trainer on final.



Rick Nichol's readies his slow stick.



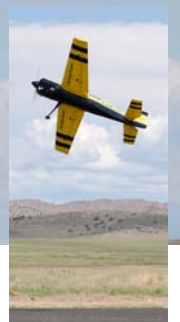
Eric Sauley's Big Yak in a low hover



Crazy helicopter antics!



Warm October sun shinning on the pits.



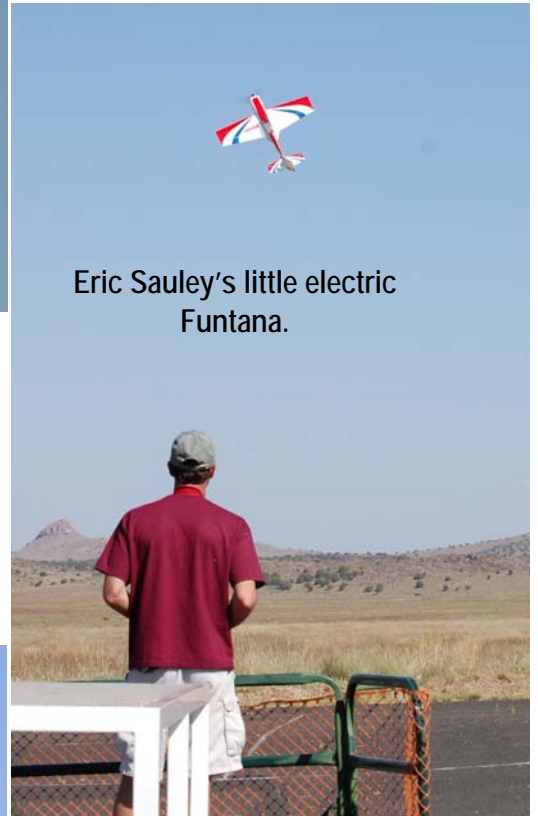
# CVMA PILOTS AND THEIR AIRCRAFT



Graham Johnson's Fantasy Racer



One of Steve's wonderful foam creations.



Eric Sauley's little electric Funtana.



Former member Steve Zingali visited from California.



Rick Nichols electric Cub.



Eric Sauley's big Python biplane.



Flying wing with combat streamers.

# FUN FLY AND SWAP MEET



Randy is ready for the pizza!



Hey what's for sale?



Chris Corbett and his helicopter entertained.



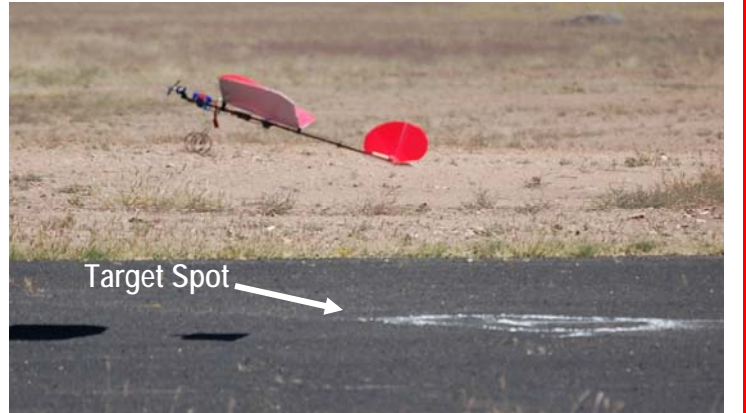
After the Fun Fly pilots and members consumed 5 pizzas.



Max, Cinnamon and Dennis did a great job organizing.



Spot Landing contest.



Target Spot

# CVMA MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - October 2011



The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President **Jay Riddle**. The salute to the flag was led by Bob Shanks.

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

**Max and Cinnamon Bandy** were introduced as the new owners of **Valley Hobby Shop**. Max and Cinnamon told the club of their future plans and the new items and kits that they will be stocking.

Max reported on the fun fly that they put on and wish to do a couple of them a year. The fun fly included a bean drop contest, a timed flight contest and a spot landing contest. Graham Johnson was the winner of the event and every pilot that entered the free event was treated to pizza at the conclusion of the contest. It was a fun day.

The annual Club Elections were held and the New (Old) officers are as follows.

PRESIDENT: [JAY RIDDLE](#)

VICE PRESIDENT: [BOB NOULIN](#)

SECRETARY/TREASURER: [RICK NICHOLS](#)

INSTRUCTOR: [RANDY MEATHRELL](#)

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: [BOB SHANKS](#)

OFFICER AT LARGE: [ALAN COLLINS](#)

OFFICER AT LARGE: [DENNIS O'CONNOR](#)

A motion was made by **Rick Nichols** to cast a unanimous ballot, seconded by **Bob Nabors** and the above officers were elected for the 2012 year.

With losing **John Stewart** as flight instructor, we also lost the use of his instruction aircraft and radios. Jay re-

ported that the board has approved an expenditure of up to \$300.00 for our new instructor to purchase replacement equipment.

**Rick Nichols** reported on the upcoming Annual Club Christmas Party that will be held on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm at **Gabby's Banquet Hall** in Chino Valley. Rick will be E-mailing each member with an attached flyer about the event. Dinner reservations need to be made ASAP to aid in the planning. Each family or person attending will need to mail their reservation money in with their reservation in order to secure your dinner. If anyone has any special dietary needs please let me know and we will accommodate you.

The door prize, a T-28 model donated by Valley Hobby was won by **Bob Shanks**. Other raffle prizes were, Model Stand won by **Ruth Collins**, Helio-copter won by **Tom Wells**, Slo-Stick airplane won by **Jerry Calvert**, Helicopter won by **Graham Johnson**, Battery Checker won by **Ray Stone**,

Prop Balancer won by **Dick Mastin**, Transmitter Stands were won by both **Roger Huckins** and **John Bundy**.

**Dennis O'Connor** brought up the clubs Safety Rule about the necessity of having a licensed driver with you while flying. There was much discussion and a motion was made to drop this rule. By a majority vote it is no longer required to have a licensed driver with you while flying. The vote was 18 - 1 with 14 persons not voting.

You may come to the field and fly solo. However, CVMA suggests that it is a good practice to have another licensed driver at the field at the time you are flying. As always, you fly at your own risk.

Vice President **Bob Noulin** showed his Laser 200 with a Sato 180 engine and Pitts Muffler. Bob also demonstrated a home made balancing stand. **Rick Nichols** showed his not-yet crashed Fun-Cub. We wish to thank **Kris Johnson** for the great brownies. They were delicious.

Club hat's still available.



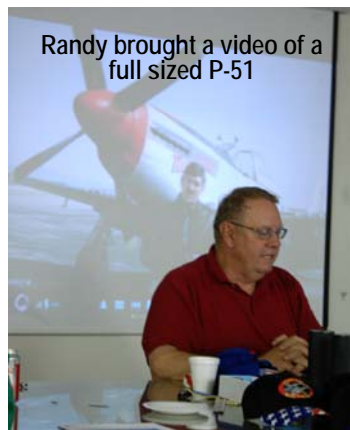
Max and Cinnamon Bandy, the new faces of Valley Hobby.



Bob's big cool Laser 200 with a Saito 120 and his balance stand.



Rick gives a Olive Garden certificate to Bud for all his hard RCPro race work.



Randy brought a video of a full sized P-51



Rick's Fun Cub with tundra tires.

**SHOP VALLEY HOBBY**

**VALLEY HOBBY**



Bob Shanks won the miniature T-28 kit. Valley Hobby co-owner Cinnamon Bandy presented Bob the kit.

ERAU ECO EAGLE DISPLAYED AT CAREER EXPO ON CAMPUS



The Eco Eagle is powered by both gas and electric fuel. This innovative design switched in mid flight from gas to electric power in August this year in a flight from Florida campus, an aviation first.

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)



SAFETY IS ALWAYS AN ISSUE

As you have read in our meeting minutes from page 6, we have changed the rule about flying alone. You can now fly alone but after much discussion we also want to emphasize the need to have others present due to snakes during the summer, prop or other accidents.

Many clubs have this rule some don't. With the proliferation of cell phones safety has improved but should someone be flying alone and inadvertently have an accident help is but a call away.

Not too many years ago a flyer had a severe prop cut while flying alone and attempted to drive himself to the hospital but died on the way due to blood loss.

While these kinds of accidents do occur, and are rare we need to be aware of the many safety issues that can occur when flying alone.

For that matter, working alone in your workshop can be just as dangerous if good safety thinking is used.

So members, you can fly

alone but do use some thought about what kind of airplane you are flying and follow your own safety procedures.

If you are flying a new airplane, it is always advisable to wait for someone else to assist just as a matter of good safety sense.

On another note, member *Allan Collins* has offered to assist folks in getting a plane set up and ready to fly or helping with servo layout and safety checks. He did volunteer to work with folks at the field. So

don't hesitate to ask him. We have so many members willing to help others so for safety don't hesitate to ask for help you could save that airplane and prevent a possible safety problem.

We tend to overlook items like cracked props, or even slightly damaged props, these should be changed.

Do develop your own pre flight safety check of control surface operations and any other safety items you feel are important for how you fly.