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We'd like to thank you for flying with us today.

The next time you get an insane urge to go blasting through skies in a pressurized metal tube...

we hope you will think of us.

Southwest Airlines Flight Attendant

Support Our Local Hobby Shop



The Safeway Center
Prescott Valley, AZ

MAX & CINNAMON BANDY

THEY SUPPORT OUR CLUB

Please support them as well.

Harvey Hunter's Hanger 9 — SU-31



Tom Wells Blue Baby Flying to the Moon





RC Club Chatter: CVMA Outgoing President Randy Meathrell

This is the last time I will be writing this column as your club President and I want to thank each and every club member and their wives for the support you have given me during the past year. It has been an honor and a privilege to be your club President.

A lot of Major changes were made at the field this year and we also had the best flying season I can remember. All club activities were well represented by you, the members, which makes all the hard work worthwhile.

We have a lot to look forward to in the

coming years with a Fantastic Flying Facility and good friends to fly with.

I always tell prospective new members that we have a GREAT club with around 120 Fantastic members, and a few stinkers but then every club has one or two that get a bit grumpy.

See you at the Christmas party!

Randy Meathrell
Outgoing 2013/2014 President

Editors Note:

This has not been Randy's first tenure as president. He has stepped up before to fill this vital role. He made it seem easy when in fact that position is the key point of reference for the club. This is not an easy position but it is rewarding too. Tell him thanks next time you see him.

TAKE YOUR TRASH HOME

If you bring it you take it home!

We have one of the best RC fields in the western U.S. let's keep it that way.

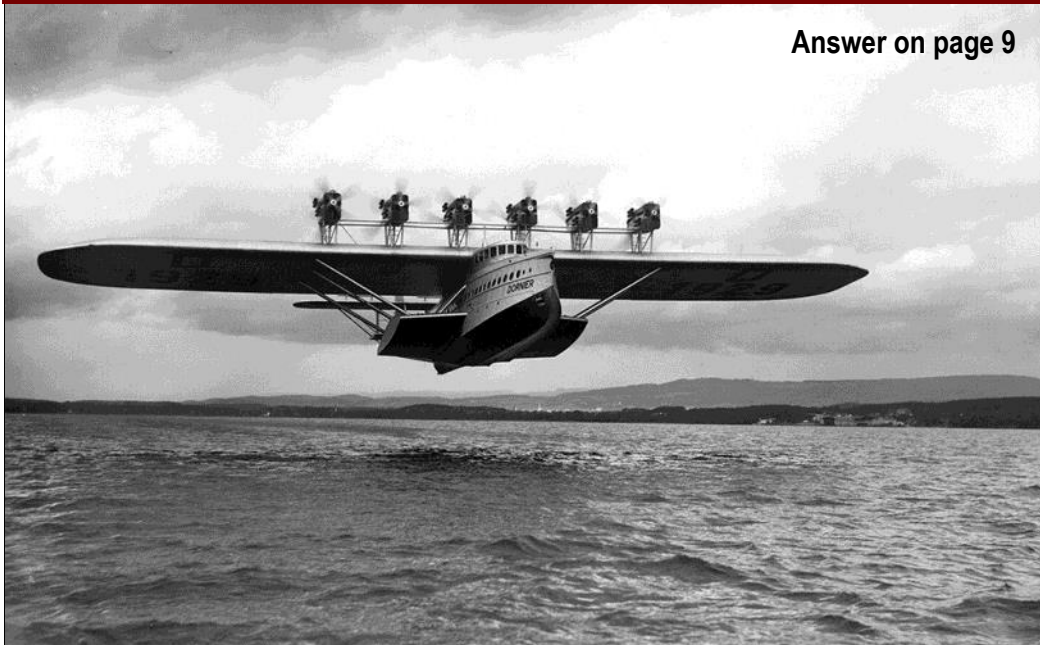
CVMA MEMBERS Kick In Your Afterburner...



BUILD SOMETHING, BRING IT TO OUR NEXT MEETING!

CAN YOU NAME THIS PLANE?

Answer on page 9



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Vice President — **Steve Shephard**

Sec. /Treas. — **Don Crowe**

Flight Instructors — **Mike Kidd & John Stewart**

Safety Officer — **Charlie Gates**

Board Member — **Bob Moulton**

At Large Members — **Randy**

Meathrell, Bob Stoffersen, Walt Findley

Newsletter Editor — **Bob Shanks**

Activities Director—**Don Ferguson**

CLUB PILOTS AND THEIR AIRCRAFT

Roger Calvert's Big Gas Corsair



Frosty Wells Chipmunk.



This was Roger Calvert's maiden flight and it needed almost no trim.



Harvey Hunters' EP CAP-232 in Embry-Riddle Colors..



John Stewart tinkers with his chopper.



Don Ferguson's electric P-38.



Greg Pitcock's racer with a big nosed jester as his pilot.



Ken Shephard doing a touch-and-go before landing.



Chris Corbitt's racer with his WWI racer with a WWI pilot wearing a spiked helmet called a Pickelhaube.



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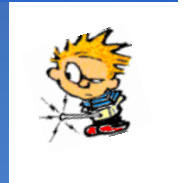
Harvey Hunter's SU-31



"Four" Another cool Glenn Heithold gasser.



Reece Dunn's very cool EDF and fast F-35.



Dan Avilla's F-100 turbine powered Super Sabre



Bob Wurth's Super Sportster .60 by Great Planes is only available as a kit. Power is an O.S. 65 AX with stock muffler. Bob covered the plane in Monokote. Bob decided to leave the wheel-pants off but may add them later.



Dan Avilla's F-100 pilot.



Randy Meathrell's electric B-17 looking for CVMA targets. No not our new building and awnings please!!



October General Membership Meeting



Rick Nichols' B-2 Design

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President **Randy Meathrell**. The salute to the flag was led by Steve Shephard; 31 members were in attendance. New member **Dale Anderson**, and guest Daniel Bruce were recognized. Randy reported on the pancake breakfast held the previous Saturday, Oct 11. Randy's wife **Carol** added additional information and thanked everyone that helped. Donations raised \$143 for the club.

Hangar cleanup will be Thursday, October 16 at 0800. Randy solicited members for extra modeling tools to field repair models, particularly during planned events such as a Fun-Fly or warbird races. **Glenn Heithold** suggested swap

bins for spare parts where people could take a part and leave a donation.

Randy suggested to the members present that a quad or small truck should be acquired for aircraft retrieval or rapid deployment of fire-fighting equipment in case of emergency. It was noted that a new quad was beyond the financial capability of the club at this time. Randy commented he saw a small used truck for sale for \$3800. Some members opposed the idea on grounds we were not trained to fight fires, and the fiscal responsibility that purchasing a vehicle would entail.

Activities Coordinator **Don Ferguson** put together planned activities

for the next year. Dates will be posted in the newsletter and display case at the field.

Rick Nichols read the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by **Jerry English** to approve the report, and was seconded by **Tom Wells** and approved by voice vote.

Safety Officer **Charlie Gates** was not present. **Bob Noulin** brought up the need to move starting stations so they are not directly behind active flyers, making it difficult to hear. The stations will be moved east.

Annual officer elections were held. All positions except Vice-President were un-opposed. By verbal unanimous consent the following were appointed to their positions for one year.

- **President** – [Mike Kidd](#)
- **Vice President** - [Steve Shephard](#)
- **Secretary/Treasurer** – [Don Crowe](#)
- **Safety Officer** – [Charlie Gates](#)
- **Instructors** – [John Stewart and Mike Kidd](#)
- **Member(s) at Large** – [Randy](#)

[Meathrell, Ken Shephard, Bob Steffensen, Walt Findlay, Bob Noulin](#)

- **Newsletter** – [Bob Shanks](#)
- **Activities Director** – [Don Ferguson](#)
- **Community Liaison** – [Rick Nichols](#)

A balloted vote was held for the position of Vice President. The candidates were **Steve Shephard** and **Don Ferguson**. **Steve Shephard** won re-election.

Before turning over the gavel to the new President, **Randy Meathrell** reported on the significant facility improvements and events from the previous year. Randy also reported members of the club will meet with 7th graders from the local school and give a presentation about radio controlled aircraft and allow them to try out simulators.

Bob Shanks presented certificates of appreciation to numerous members for all their help during construction at the field this year.

Rick Nichols thanked all members for their co-operation during his 7 year stint as Secretary/Treasurer. (Continued on page 9)



At left are some of the folks who worked so hard at the field on a regular basis. Of the 8 honored we have, left to right, **Ken Shephard, Mike Kidd, Jay Riddle and Steve Shephard.**



Don Ferguson's large electric EP Constellation.



Glenn Heithold's nice combo of several aircraft parts, his 4th version.



Larry Parker's Yak.



Randy Meathrell built a large electric Stick for Jay Riddle.

SHOP VALLEY HOBBY



Please shop at our only local hobby store, [Valley Hobby](#), they support our club so well.

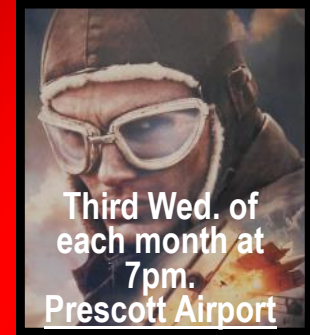
[Cinnamon and Max Bandy](#) go all out for our CVMA members and local RC fans.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CVMA EVENTS

CVMA Christmas Party:
 Gabby's Restaurant Chino Valley
 Friday December 19, 2014



DON'T FORGET TO LOCK THE GATE

MEMBERS:

LOCK THE GATE WHEN LEAVING, IF YOU ARE THE LAST ONE OUT.

WE ALL MUST REMEMBER TO LOCK THE GATE.

THIS MEANS SPINNING THE LOCK A FEW TIMES AFTER FASTENING IT
 TAKING IT OFF THE COMBINATION NUMBER.

SAFETY ISSUES AND 2015 EVENT PLANS

We now have over 120 members in our club and lots of flying is happening just about every day at our field. As our outgoing president said in his final message, this has been a banner year for flying at our field.

This brings up a good point that all of us need to remember, with all the new members we need to continually be positive and diplomatic when we see a possible safety violation like taxiing into and out of the pit area as an example.

A new member may inadvertently arm or start up his or her plane in the pit area without thinking about it. So we all need to gently remind folks

about safety issues. Our club has a lot of collegiality and helpful behaviors.

When you get chance also thank Jay and Barbara Riddle for their wonderful support and generosity in helping make our RC flying field one of the best and safest in Arizona. We are deeply indebted to them.

Our Activities Director *Don Ferguson* has put together the following tentative event dates for 2014/2015:

- April 4—T28 Pylon Race
- May 9—Gymkhana/Combat/Swap Meet/Lunch BBQ
- June 27—T28 Pylon Race
- August 7, 8—Field Clean up

- August 15—War Bird Pylon Races
- August 22—RC Display/Air Show at Valle Airport near Williams, AZ (very tentative due to insurance Issues there)
- Sept. 4, 5—Field Clean up
- Sept. 11,12—Steve Crowe Fun Fly
- Nov. 6, 7—Thunder in Chino Valley Jet Rally
- Dec. 5 or 12 Christmas Party at Gabby's in Chino Valley

These are all tentative dates subject to change for many reasons, weather of course can be a big one with our flying events. So members mark you calendars with pencil. **ALWAYS FLY SAFE!**

Albuquerque 2014 Balloon Festival



The 2014 Balloon Festa, as it is called in Albuquerque, had wonderful weather for the event. Your editor was just passing through on his way home from a trip to Nebraska and was able to capture one of the many balloon launches.

From its modest beginnings in 1972 with 13 balloons launching from a shopping mall parking lot, the Balloon Fiesta has grown to multiple events launching year-round at the custom-designed, 365-acre Balloon Fiesta Park. The main event is the launch of over 600 balloons. The balloon festival is the largest annual international event held in the U.S.

Imagine 54 football fields, all put together. That's the size of Balloon Festival's 78-acre launching field!



NAME THAT PLANE: DORNIER DO-X (GERMANY)

Aircraft such as this Dornier Do-X (Germany) represent the desire of the world powers in the 1930s to showcase their political, economic, and technological prowess with transoceanic airline service, it had 12 engines.

Much like the capability to launch satellites today; successful demonstrations of overseas airline service provided nations with considerable domestic and international prestige in the 1930's. The monster Do X was too complex and expensive to operate regular overseas commercial service. The Dornier Do X was the largest, heaviest, and most powerful flying boat in the world when it was produced by the Dornier company of Germany in 1929.



Twelve engines flew the Dornier DO-X.

Chino Valley Resident Jim Schultz: Avid Fan of Oldsmobile Autos

Living next door to member *Rick Nichols* is *Jim Schultz* an avid fan and collector of everything Oldsmobile from the glory days of the 1930 to 1950's.

He even has some RC planes hanging from his large Olds garage that houses his collection. Almost all of his cars run and are driven at various times.

Jim has been featured at many times in several auto and hot rod magazines.

Many of our club members are car and hot rod fans as well as RC enthusiasts so enjoy a nostalgic trip to Oldsmobile Land.



Rare olds convertible.



Oldsmobile hub caps.



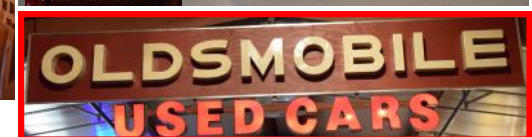
A 1941 truck.



Jim's Olds office in his large shop.



A "cool" Studebaker.



Meeting Minutes Continued...

As in-coming President, *Mike Kidd's* first act was to thank *Barbara Riddle* for bringing the snacks for the break. Show and Tell

Glen Heithold brought his custom "Number 4", a plane with many donors and rebuilt many times a great flying plane.

Randy Meathrell presented a new Value Hobby Ugly Stick 60 that he assembled and modified for *Jay Riddle*. The plane was converted to tricycle landing gear and the dihedral was removed from the wing.

Don Ferguson had a large Lockheed Constellation that he's been working on for 10 years or so. Around 8 pounds, with retracts, made of ply and balsa. Don plans to use water slide decals for the windows and livery.

Larry Parker had a YAK-54 to display that he purchased from the estate of deceased member *Alan McSwain*. Larry reported the plane has a fiberglass fuselage and ply/balsa wings. Weight was an issue with this plane so he put a massive motor in it.

The Door Prize was a flexible screwdriver set and was won by *Willie Hermann*.

Raffle Prizes

Rick Nichols finally was the first ticket drawn and selected the \$50 gift certificate to Valley Hobby.

- *Bob Shanks* – GWS Slo-Stick
 - *Greg Daebelliehn* – Helping Hands
 - *Tom Wells* – Ratcheting screw-driver
 - *Jerry Calvert* – Xacto knife set
 - *Rick Nichols* – Flying wing
 - *Jerry English* – charger
 - *John Walker* – Spray gun
 - *Adam Reynolds* – Receiver
 - *Roger Calvert* – Electric motor
 - *Larry Parker* – Camera
 - *Roger Calvert* – Motor mount
- Minutes respectfully submitted by *Don Crowe, Secretary/Treasurer*.



F-16 Fighting Falcons Thunderbirds perform a five-ship formation after refueling from a 92nd Air Refueling Wing KC-135 Stratotanker on Sept. 1, 2014, over Glacier National Park, Mont. The Thunderbirds were making their way back to Nellis AFB, Nev., where they are assigned to the 57th Wing's U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron. (Air Force photo)

Don't Be a Club "Stinker"

By Bob Shanks, Newsletter Editor

When I read our outgoing presidents message for this issue it started me thinking about the 5 clubs I have belonged to over the years and some of the so called club "stinkers" Randy referred to. We have been blessed not to have too many of those kind of members over my 8 years with this club.

It is everyone's responsibility to be cordial, professional and honest in our dealings with members and their spouses. The recent pancake breakfast we just had at our field really underscored how helpful and respectful overall our members and their spouses are to one another.

I have also seen many of our members in other business venues and community activities in our general area of Chino Valley, Prescott and Prescott Valley and have observed how positive our members are. Hey we have members from Williams that come and fly with us regularly and that says a lot about the kind of club we have. We have members from Dewey and at one time we even had a member from Ash Fork.

Continue to support our club and its members even if you do have a disagreement with an individual, go directly to that person and discuss it openly and constructively. We have had very few that haven't done this in the past and it hurts every member when it happens. Deal directly with each other don't side step issues and talk with others about disagreements, be honest and professional in your dealings and don't take advantage of members' or their spouse's time and expertise in areas other than RC flying.

All of these things have made our club one of the best in Arizona. Don't be a club "stinker".



A Navy F-18 fighter jet refuels from a KC-135 Stratotanker over northern Iraq on August 21, 2014.
USAF Photo



One of our wonderful Arizona sunsets, come fly with us!