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## FROM THE TOP OF THE LOOP BY DAVE MARSTON, PRESIDENT

A big welcome to Gary MacCauley who has taken over as the editor of Flitelines beginning with this edition. He replaces Jerry Gill who is stepping down after over 10 years at the helm. Thank you, Jerry, for your long and very capable service. By the way, Jerry continues to recuperate from a broken ankle. He is now able to walk around thanks to a special boot around the ankle.

By now all club members should have received, and had a chance to review the updated Rules and Regulations, and Flying Field Etiquette along with a diagram of the flying field showing the current flight envelope. Considerable thought went into generating these new documents - the first major revision since 2005. As per our by-laws, the general membership will have an opportunity to vote on accepting the Rules and Regulations at the next general meeting on September 7.

As if the voting on the above matter isn't exciting enough, we have a very special meeting planned for September. Through the efforts of relatively new member Randy Rehbach, arrangements have been made to have a tour given of the Embry-Riddle Crash Lab. This is an area where actual aircraft crashes have been recreated near the building where we regularly have our meetings. The Crash Lab gives very real experience to students taking courses in crash investigation. For this special event the meeting start time has been moved ahead to 6:30 pm, and we will gather on the patio adjacent to our meeting room.

An effort is underway to develop a slate of candidates for the election of new officers for the coming year. All positions are open for any member to put his name in the ring. Gary Swigart is leading the nomination committee so contact him or any of the current officers if you would like to volunteer.

See you at the field or the September 7 meeting (remember the 6:30 pm start time).

*Dave*

**NEXT MEETING will be Tuesday September 7, 2010**

Meetings start at 6:30 PM in room 101, Building 21 (Robertson Aviation Safety Center)  
On the Embry-Riddle campus, 3700 Willow Creek Road.

Visitors are welcome! **See you there!**

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From the  
**RIGHT SEAT**  
and  
**Safety Officer**

By, Tom Gatchell

Here comes fall!!! Might not be such a bad thing, either. Been kind of a funny year with good snow and decent rainfall BUT I'm beginning to believe "Prescott" is Native-American for "Plenty Big Wind"! Oh, we get a "window" of fly time pretty regularly but it seems the "window" just hasn't been open as much this year.

Your club has had an organizational change since last meeting as Jerry Gill gets a much-needed break from being our perpetual expert newsletter editor. Long time member Gary MacCauley has graciously agreed to become our editor. Those of you who know Gary appreciated his knowledge of engines, airframes and RC flight in general. Always willing to share that knowledge and lend a hand, Gary should be a great contribution to our newsletter as well. We hope Jerry will continue with his enjoyable contributions and get his "RC Legs" back in top shape. Maybe you can actually come out and FLY sometime, eh Jerry?

The September meeting will include membership voting on accepting the club rules and field etiquette. You should have received a copy to read and help you determine your vote. Our rules are basically site-specific, addressing Embry-Riddle's requirements, the noise issue compromises by the school and your club representation and safety.

On the topic of safety, we've experienced a couple pit-involved incidents with fortunately, no personal injury. The geography of our site plus the requirements for university approval of ANY changes pretty much precludes any major rearrangements. Having spent time searching "you tube" for RC videos, we are a long ways from being a dangerous field. You should see some of the fields and lax safety practices on display. You guys have been really a safety-aware bunch for a long time now. The last injury that warranted a trip to the emergency room I was involved with was a tumble by our late buddy Len Pyka when he tripped over a piece of cement block under the

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shade structure. We've tried to keep all walk-ways cleared ever since That had to be at least 2 or 3 years ago.

Speaking of walking, please be sure of your footing when carrying a running aircraft, ESPECIALLY if you carry your transmitter on a neck-strap. A little bump of the throttle stick and you'll have a snapping, biting coleslaw shredder in your hands and remember, electricians just keep eating. If you feel uncomfortable, ASK someone for a hand. I've yet to see anyone refuse giving another member a hand.

Anyway, be sure to make the meeting for the membership vote on the rules. I, of course, won't be there. Seems a niece of ours will be tragically scared for life if we don't go to her wedding in West by God Virginia, so it's off to the land of coal and moonshine the end of August. See ya'all when we git back ya hear?

**Tom**

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**CASA de AERO**  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 3, 2010

Members present: **Jerry Alvarez, Tom Ault, Jon Bassi, John Conrad, Rob Crone, Walt Findlay, Tom Gatchell, Jack Hardy, Bob Herod, Vince Herod, Bill King, Glen Kuhn, Dave Marston, John Roush, Gary Swigart, Richard Thomas, Gene Tomek, and Bruce Wright.**

Guests Present: None

Dave Marston called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Secretary's Report (Gene Tomek): Our membership is now 65. Copies of this month's Flite Lines and club rosters are available at the front desk.

The Treasurer's Report (Glenn Kuhn): Our cash balance is \$2,663.29.

The Safety Officer's Report (Tom Gatchell): Recently there was a crash in the pits due a plane being lost in the sun. Yell heads up if you see a plane coming towards the pits. Also a plane was reported to be flying over the perimeter road.

Flight Instruction Report: John Conrad reported there were no new trainees at this time and that John Thompson is moving back to Georgia.

Vice President's Report (Vince Herod): The Boat Float is scheduled for Oct. 16.

President's Report (Dave Marston):

Old Business: Real Flight Simulator has been passed on the Richard Thomas.

New Business: We have signed off on the new field lease with ERAU. It is a one year lease instead of a five year. The noise rules are incorporated in the body of the lease as well as the Porta Potty and the meeting room. The rent is now \$250.00 a year in lieu of \$1.00.

Our new ERAU contact is Arlo Chan. arlo.chan@erau.edu

Glen Kuhn is going to prepare a yearly budget so we know how much money we have available for field upgrades etc. The Raffle will also be budgeted.

Randy Rehbach will give a crash lab tour at 6:30PM, Tuesday, September 7. We will meet on the patio just behind the meeting room. ERAU is looking at starting a UAV program which could use our field.

Our Club needs to involve students. Linda Gray-Parker will be our interface. We should have a table at Club Day which is in September. Ryan is the ERAU Club president and will also try to involve more students.

Jerry Gill is into his fifth week since injuring his ankle and cannot put any weight on it. The doctor says is will be at least three more weeks before he can put weight on it.

John Conrad reminded us that Randy Rehbach is looking into new signs for the field.

Jerry Alvarez has blue foam for sale at \$2.00 per sheet.

Gary MacCauley has finished reviewing and updating the Casa de Aero flying field regulations and the flying etiquette rules and has submitted recommended changes to the board for review next month.

Rob Crone and Gary Swigart volunteered to be on the officer nominating committee.

It was noted that flyers should call out which direction they are intending to land from: right to left or left to right.

Dave temporarily adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM for a coffee break, the purchase of raffle tickets and visiting.

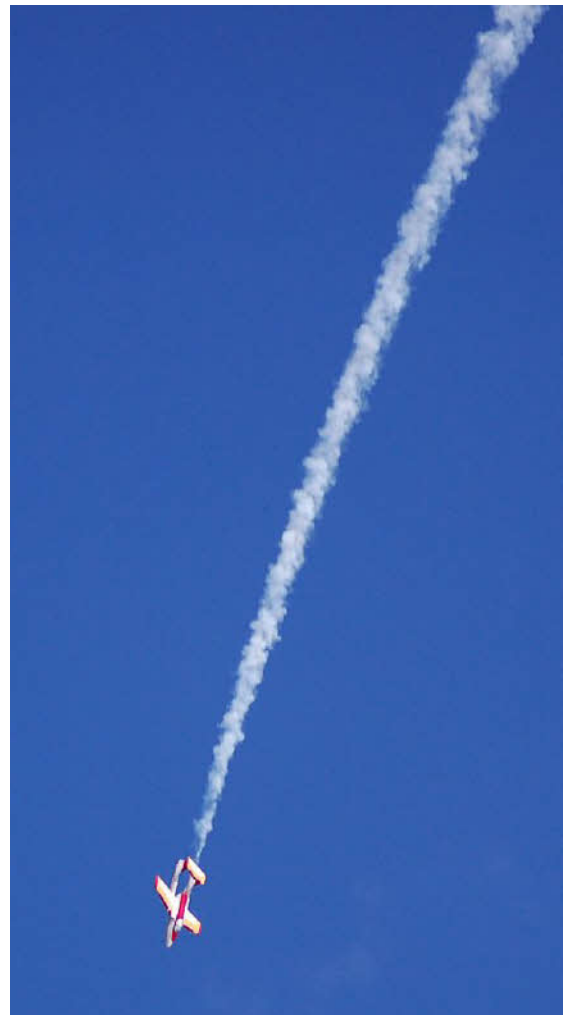
Upon reconvening, Rafflemeister Bruce Wright took over and drew tickets of the following winners:

Richard Thomas	Epoxy Glue
Jerry Alvarez	Power Planer
Dave Marston	Flight Stand
Gene Tomek	Electric Props
Tom Gatchell	Nyrod
Bob Herod	Yo Yo

Upon reconvening, Vince Herod showed the plans of a 40% cub he is planning on building.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: **Gene Tomek**



Jetting around at Chino  
Photo by; Bill King

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Gene Tomek's Custom-built Aerobat



Rob Crone's One Off.



Tom Gatchell's electric P-40  
made famous by Claire Chenault's  
Flying Tigers



Walt Findlay's  
Kerosene Burner



Was John's, now  
Charlie's Kadet Seniorita



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Gary Swigart giving Rob Crone a hand with his errant Pitts Special.



Eric Sauley's Raging Bull



Orville Himself, aka. Charlie Laughlin



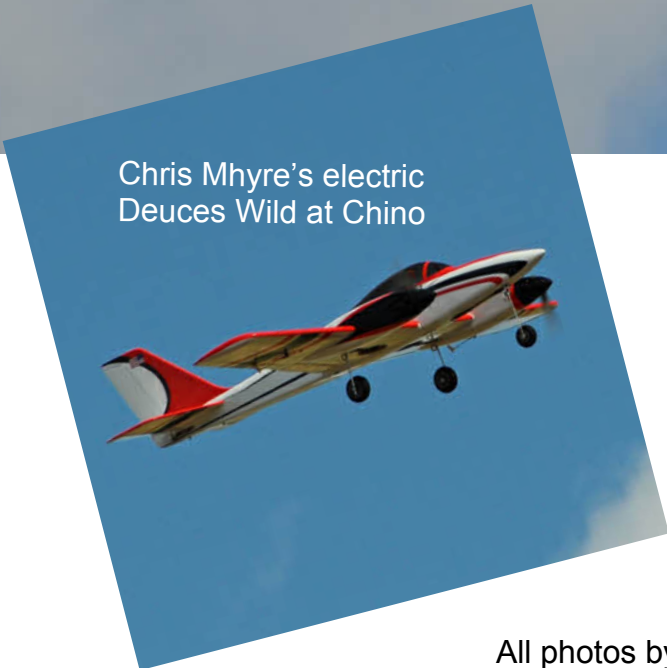
Bob King's T-28



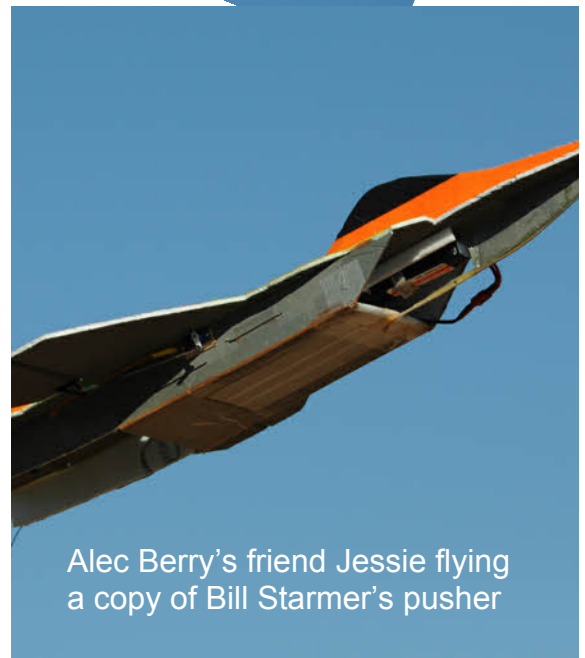
Rod Larson's Russian Yak



Chris Mhyre's electric Deuces Wild at Chino



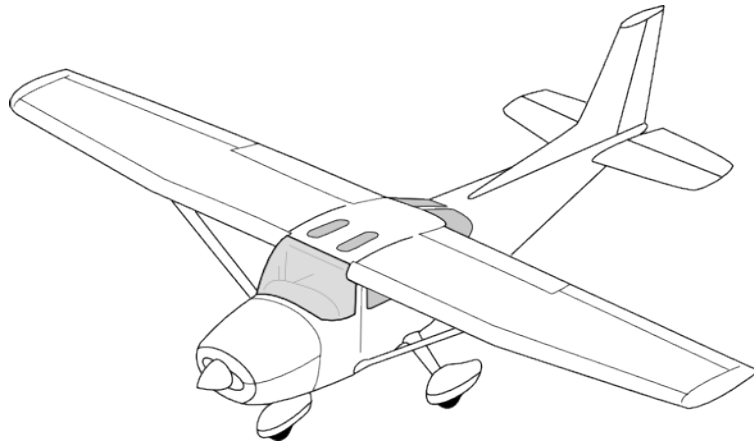
Alec Berry's friend Jessie flying a copy of Bill Starmer's pusher



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