

The Maricopa Radio Control Club Newsletter

As The Prop Turns....

May 2019

Hello members! Wow, how time flies! Three months ago we sent out our very first newsletter and this time around, we have even more to report...

We will continue to include the previous categories from our original newsletter and have also added two new ones. They are:

1. Member in the Spotlight
2. Classified ads - For Sale/Wanted

MRCC Club Goals - 2019

We are working on getting generic business cards made up to give to members to hand out to those who show an interest in getting into RC.

From the last newsletter:

Our goals for this year include membership expansion and I would like to propose to all of you the following:

a club goal of 22 new members by December 31st. And, the member who brings in the most new members, will receive free dues for 2020! Just our way of saying Thank You for your support. I truly feel that each and every one of us is an "ambassador" for our hobby and that it is up to each of us to get the word out about our great club and flying site. Plus, if each one of us brings in just 1 new member, we'll **double** our membership!

Repairs & Maintenance

All repairs and maintenance to the runway were completed along with painting giant "Xs" at either end. Also, Dale Duncan would like to give a BIG shoutout to Dick Banken for "converting a Ford Pinto field stand into a Cadillac field stand." I think we'd all concur on that Dale!

Receipts for all improvements to our club's site were turned in to the AMA. The AMA has a reimbursement program that rebates monies directly back to individual clubs on a percentage basis (~10%) of total club outlay. More on this after they let us know if we are to be a recipient of the program.

Sec.-Treas. Report

Bill Evans, our Sec.-Treas. states that the club currently has \$268.16 in the club account.

A shoutout to Keith McLaughlin for his generous donation to the club account of \$60. Thank you Keith!

Safety Report

From Tom Fisher, our resident Safety Officer:

As the new Safety Officer (hope I don't sound like a broken record) my main issue and concern is SAFETY. Having been in several clubs in the past I have witnessed several accidents and incidents and just plain stupidity. We have rules and regulations both from the AMA and our own club rules that we must follow in order to make our hobby a more enjoyable one.

I am also happy to report that week-before-last I flew with Justin Maas on a buddy box to get that young man to where he will be able to eventually fly solo. Justin did a great job, we flew six times, and he's REALLY getting the hang of this. These young kids sure pick this up fast! And we're looking forward to more flights with him in the coming weeks. See attached pics.

Happy Flying!

Future plans

Sometime in the not too distant future, we have in the works what amounts to a brand new website! We are in the process of building it and will keep you all posted as it develops.

Also, a few days ago, several of the members helped John Ryszka install and test a solar powered battery charging station and battery box AT THE FIELD! (Thank you John!) A permanent mount is coming, but for now,.....bring your chargers!

MRCC News

Gary Brewer reports that The Maricopa Monitor newspaper has finally gotten his name and contact info. included in the weekly ad as the contact person for our club. And, John Ryszka is leaving us for 3 months to go camping. We'll all miss John as he's one of the regular and daily fliers out at the field. Have a great vacation, we'll see you on the flip side!

New Members

No new members since our last newsletter.

Member in the Spotlight

Our first member we are spotlighting is Denny Heckman. Denny spent a considerable part of his career in the aviation industry. Going all the way back to the 1960s working at Hughes Tool Company in Calif., from 1966 to 1970 as a Machine Parts Inspector. Then in 1974 Denny went to Hughes Helicopter Company under the same job title. In 1977 Hughes was bought out by McDonald Douglas Helicopter Company and Denny stayed with the company as an Experimental Inspector until 1981. Another buy out, this time by The Boeing Company in 1981, has Denny moving to Mesa where his job becomes Tool Inspection Lead Man from 1984 to 1997, when he is again promoted to his last position with the company as a Tooling Quality Engineer until his retirement in 1999. Not many individuals these days can say that they've basically worked in the same industry (or company) for the better part of 33 years!

But Denny wasn't ready to retire, just yet. In 1999, he bought D & D Hobby Shop in Mesa until he sold the store in 2005 and then "officially" retired. Denny's "depth and breadth" of Radio Control and aviation is superlative. Many of us have called upon him to help us with problems over the years and he's always there to help.

In Denny's own words - "I was always interested in flying model aircraft but really didn't get into it until 1983. I learned how to fly and have been hooked ever since. It is a wonderful passion I have had, as well as numerous amounts of different types of airplanes. Memorable planes like gliders, glow fueled ones, and now electrics. Big and small doesn't matter, I love all of them! And to hang out with my friends is a bonus."

Classifieds - For Sale/Trade

Crash of the Month

For the month of April, the "winner" goes to yours truly, me! During the BBQ and Fun Fly, I took my eye off my T28 to follow the blue balloon down to the ground to see where it would impact. (It wasn't my fault). Anyways, never take your eye off the "ball," bad things happen. (It wasn't my fault). Fortunately, repairs have been made, and that bad boy is back, good-as-new. It wasn't my fault!

All best,
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