



The Wing Nut

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As we head into summer, things appear to be winding down. Some of our members have headed to their summer homes and leave us to contend with the “heat”. It has been a beautiful winter and spring this year and I want to wish you all a great peaceful summer.

I would like to thank Frank Mattox and Arnold Alpert for stepping up to assist the club by taking over as Newsletter Editor and Safety Officer respectfully. With the loss of Mel Stokus this February, I have lost not only a great friend but the club has lost a man who spent hours upon hours of his time trying to make our club and site a special place. I think both Frank and Arnie realize the time it takes to complete some of the tasks that Mel handled.

You will notice also, that Robert Beaubien has started updating our Website. It is beginning to look very nice. I encourage all of you to send Robert a “thank you” and let him know any ideas you might have to make it even better.

I hope you all keep flying safely and continue to support our organization throughout the year.

Thank You all,
Jack Knuth, President

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Scheduled Events

May 2007 The meeting is at the Peoria Community center on Wednesday, May 9th from 6:30pm to 8pm. This is an open meeting for all members and is the last one of the summer.

June 2007 Nothing Scheduled /July 2007 Nothing Scheduled

At The Field:

Since the weather will be hot, most members arrive early and stay until 9:30—10:00 a.m. Generally there is open flying of any plane that you bring. The major types are fuel & elec. trainers, fuel & electric 3D's, Slow Sticks & foamies. They usually come in all sizes from 20 inches to 80 + inches. All members are welcome on any day, but through the week most of the flyers are retired with a smattering of friends and members that have to take off for work during the morning. ****

**March Madness
March 31st, 2007**

Saturday morning, I was packing up the truck before going to the field and it promised to be a beautiful day to hold a club flying activity. Out to the field I drive and was pleasantly surprised to find the MWD gate open on Greenway. The road had suffered from the recent rains and was a lot rougher than it had been. When I get to the field the parking lot was about half full, but I managed to snag a spot towards the end of the Ramada area. I, and most everyone else had signed up for the events by 8:30 and looking at the event sheet that indicated there were four events for the day. A “Mystery Flight”, the “Climb and Glide”, a “Dice Roll” (Oh Crap!) and the “Mystery Drop”



Just before the fun started, Fred Frost organized a small pilots meeting where we got to clarify the different rules for the events.

After that, “Lets get started”



The “First Pilot Up” was Dave Williamson. Here he’s starting his engine for the “Mystery Flight” Since Fred was the first name on the list, he got the privilege of being the first Pilot at All the events. A somewhat dubious honor in my opinion.



Especially with this group of kibitzers and critics sitting behind the flight-line. But it was all in good fun. If you’ve ever been to the field with a new plane you understand what I mean.

So as we make our way through the mornings competition all were having good fun and a relaxing time. And all goofs were attributable to everything except “Pilot Error “ of course.



Here’s the “CD’s” at the “Scoring and Timing” table. Throughout the morning and into the afternoon they kept the record of the meet for posterity.



And of course this is the goodies table. We were all hoping for A good showing and a prize to carry home to show to the wife

**Who still refers to the hobby as “Expensive Toy Airplanes”
But alas, there were only a favored few.**



Just before the beginning of the final event, Lunch was laid out and all those present were invited to “chow down”.



“Cleve Bell” had the distinction of getting his picture taken while he was trying to put the wiffle golf ball in the hole.

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And the final shot from Saturday. Here's the winners of the Contest in no particular order.

The Overall Official list looks like this.

- 1st Jeff Lambert**
- 2nd Bob Lange**
- 3rd Fred Frost**
- 4th Phil Langlotz & Chuck Watson (t)**
- 5th Hud Hatch**
- 6th Terry Dziuk**
- 7th Cleve Bell**
- 8th Mike Thomson & Dave Williamson (t)**
- 9th Bill Frazier**
- 10th George Frazier & Frank Mattox & Glenn Crawford (3wT)**
- 11th Bob Holdorf**
- 12th Jack Knuth**
- 13th Pete Rankin**
- 14th Charlie Strance**
- 15th Roy Hookey**

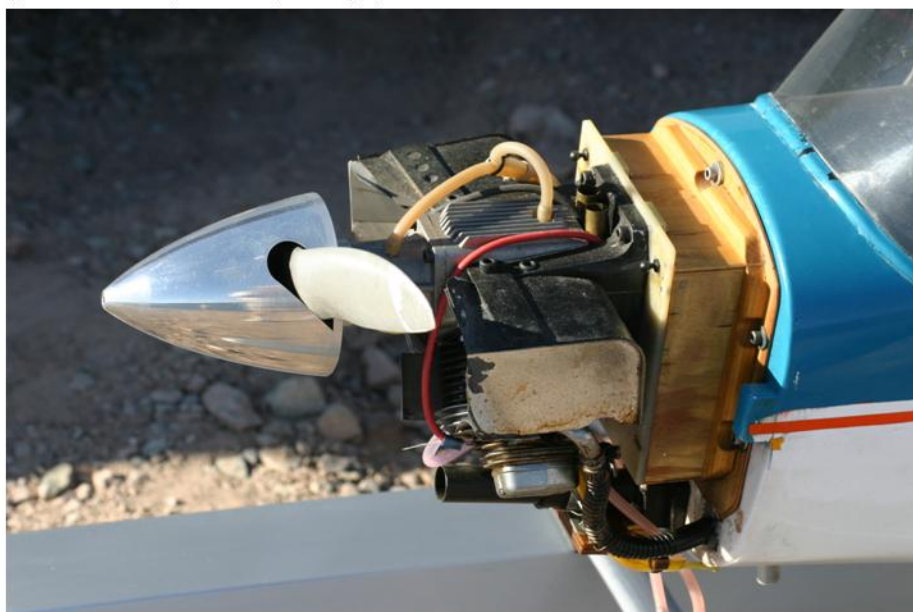
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Frank Mattox

Saturday, March 17th. 2007 with the Knight Flyers

Fred Frost as well as being a member of the ARCS is also a member of the Knight Flyers, and the Knight Flyers are into float planes. Since he was telling everyone at the fiels on Friday about the Float Fly the next day at Lake Pleasant Park, my wife Glenda and I decided to see what it was all about. My biggest problem was that I took the wrong vehicle out to the park not knowing what roads I was going to have to drive. The next time that I go I'll defiantly be in my pickup. That final piece of road into their flying site was very hard on my car.

As I arrived about 8:30 the wind was blowing crisply and there was a definite chop to the water. After about an hour it settled down slightly and the first brave soul took to the air. The takeoff was a little bouncy as you might imagine, but once in the air it flew well. The landing was again a little bouncy, but well handled. As soon as the pilot was back to shore he issued a challenge to the rest of the flyers. While I was there, I took a few photos that you might enjoy.



This is the business end of a 1/4 scale Cub that was there. It had a very nice finish in Blue and White with Red Stripes

After the challenge, the rest started taking to the air. There was a 1/4—1/3 scale Piper Cub that obviously had a lot of work in it. As it was being assembled and prepared for flight I was impressed by the quality and detail that was present. Here's the Cub as the owner was working on it.



After all this preparation and after it got into the air the pilot discovered that he had forgot to hook up the ailerons. He did manage to fly it back to the shore and land it without damage. Here's the second attempt at takeoff. Happily it flew around much better with the ailerons working and was again landed with no damage.



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Here's a little more excitement. This plane had just bobbed back from having dipped a wing tip in the lake. I thought it was going to cartwheel, but pilot control got it back in one piece.



I'll make this the last shot for this article and it shows another type of Float Plane sitting on the ground. A flying Boat by style.



All in all, a very enjoyable morning with the Knight Flyers, but I'll have to remind my self to take the pickup when I go to the next one.

Frank Mattox

Arcs Field Current Altitude Record

About the middle of March there were the usual suspects at the field on Wednesday morning and then Jeff Lambert arrived with a new toy, an altitude recorder along with a digital readout that could be utilized after the device had returned to earth.

Jeff sent it up first with one of his electric gliders I think and established a target of around 2500—3000 feet as I recall.

Then Clarence “Hud” Hatch installed it in his high wing trainer, a Senior Kadet look alike and up he went. After a considerable distance up it was brought back to earth and after a little checking because there wasn’t a reading available in the unit it was reconnected properly and up he went again. This time so high that I couldn’t tell if it was right side up or upside down. It was just a speck in the sky to my eye, and I kept losing sight of it.

“Hud” must have been able to see it fine because then he shut the engine off, a common practice out there for the climb and glide maneuver that the Wednesday morning group play with.

After a few minutes down it came with the usual dead stick Loop and Roll to the end of the runway and then rolled up close to Hud , and stopped. Jeff got out the digital readout device and it read that “Hud” had gotten to five thousand five hundred and thirty one feet That’s right 5,531 feet. That should pretty much be the new altitude record for the flying field.

Frank

ARCS Business Meeting February 13, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Knuth at 6:30 PM.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's budget summation for 2006 and proposed budget for 2007 were presented and approved.

There was a discussion of the club website. Webmaster Rob Beaubein was present and reported that he is in the process of updating the website. He requested some information be sent to him by Jeff Lambert.

There was a discussion of guests using the ARCS facility. The bylaws allow a guest, provided he is an AMA member, to use the facility up to 4 times before being asked to join the club.

New pins will be available for 2.4Gh in about a week. Their use will be required.

There is no update on the power lines.

March Madness will be held March 31st. Jack requested help for the event. Arnie Alpert and Fred Frost volunteered.

Jerry Orme gave a report on the F.E.A.R. event slated for October 5th, 6th and 7th. He talked to the vendors present at the Arizona Modelers Assoc. Electric Festival and most said they would attend our event. We will be looking into getting Crozier Road graded before the event.

Arnie Alpert will be the new Safety Officer. The position will be temporary until the November elections.

John Cyr brought a section of a stabilizer that he had glassed to show.

Jeff Lambert showed a chamber he had made up to charge LiPo batteries in.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Submitted by Jeff Lambert

2007 CAMAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	LOCATION	HOSTED BY	DATES
SVF RC AUCTION	CAVE BUTTES PK	SVF	MAY 6 (9:00 AM)
LAKE PLEASANT (Float Fly)	LAKE PLEASANT	KFERC	MAY 19
SOARING CONTEST	COLDWATER PARK	CASL	MAY 19
HOTT STUFF (free flight)	ELOY	PMAC	MAY 20
SOARING CONTEST	COLDWATER PARK	CASL	JUNE 9
SOARING CONTEST	COLDWATER PARK	CASL	JULY 14
BEAT THE HEAT FUN FLY	FLAGSTAFF (on Leupp Rd.)	FF	JULY 27, 28,29
SOARING CONTEST	COLDWATER PARK	CASL	AUG 11

FLYING SITE LOCATIONS

(phx. area): Adobe Mtn. Park is south of the Water Park on 43rd Ave. & Pinnacle Peak Rd.; Avondale Friendship Park (control line only) is on McDowell Rd between 115th Ave. & Dysart, Cave Buttes Park is just west of Cave Creek Rd & Jomax Rd; Coldwater Park is ¾ mile east of the intersection of Dysart and Riley in Avondale (gliders only); Estaban Park (control line only) is at 36th St & Roeser, Mustang Field is approx 7 miles west of Grand Ave on Bell Rd, turn left (south) after crossing McMicken dam, go 1.2 miles to Bell Rd and left again to entree sign; Rodeo Park is at Ray Rd. & Val Vista (gliders only); Superstition Air Park is entered ½ mile north of Brown Rd on Meridian Rd. (1 mile east of Signal Butte Rd); Superstition Field is just off Ironwood Rd 3.25 miles south of Baseline Rd; Speed World is 7 miles northwest of Bell Rd on Grand Ave to Happy Valley Rd., then turn left 1.4 miles west to sign entrance.

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ARCS Field Location



Staff/Business & Club Meeting Location

