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Message from the President

Monthly update

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ARMS President

Well for those who hadn't noticed, it looks like the summer heat is here. Remember the sun block and cold drinks when coming out to the field. Neil Wallis and I recently attended the Bakersfield reunion fun fly in Bakersfield California. The weather was cool and damp at times. For those of you who have been around this used to be the fun fly to attend. When the event ended, the Phoenix fun fly was born.

This is the second year that the new event has been held. It takes place at the same soccer facility as the old event did. However as the original fields had lights installed, it is on new fields that didn't exist at the time of the original event. Attendance was small (38 pilots I believe), possibly because of the holiday weekend. There are now a huge number of events across the country compared to what was around 12 years ago. I bring this up for one reason, setting the dates for our 2009 event.

I know this seems early, but forces outside our control are afoot. As many of you know, Las Vegas moved the dates of their event to March. Our event is traditionally the 2nd full weekend in March (it has been that way for about 9 years). The Las Vegas organizers have already announced that they plan on holding their event the same weekend as this year. This would put them 1 week from our event and smack on the dates of Birmingham. Based on people that I have talked to who are in the know, it doesn't appear that Las Vegas plans on shifting dates. I learned earlier this month that the organizers of the Electric Expo at the U of Phoenix Stadium had decided to move their dates to March, exactly on the weekend that is traditionally our fun fly.

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Next Meeting

June 4, 2008 @ 7:00pm

Deer Valley Airport

Apparently the organizers did not take any local events into account when planning. Because of the Las Vegas event and the Electric Expo, our best option is to move our dates. As most people couldn't handle the temperatures from April on, it really puts us at holding the event earlier. The third week in February has been suggested and is more or less open. We need to make a decision at the next meeting on what dates to pursue so that I can approach SVF and get the dates locked in. Additionally, with a date change we need to advertise hard and try to get some good pilots locked in. I believe that 65 pilots is a good number to shoot for as it is profitable and still manageable with everyone able to fly. Anyone who has some suggestions should email me or catch me at the field.

That's it for this month. I still have plenty of fuel, \$20 per gallon. Keep those rotors turning.

Eric

Technical Tips/For Sale

Video of the Month

Trex 450 with Onboard Camera

Here's a really cool video the Paul Crofts shot last weekend at Sun Valley:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLkqjzdMfkq>

Stuff for Sale

Nothing this month...

Photos from the field...

I didn't spend much time at the field this month. So here are some new pics and some blasts from the past☺.

The new stuff...





May 2007





May 2006





May 2005







Notes from the Editor

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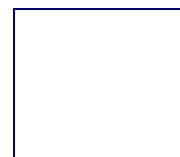
If you've got tips or pictures you'd like to contribute; please send them my way. I can always use the extra content. See you at the field!

Paul

Upcoming Events

For more details check out the "Events" section on Run Ryder.

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