



Rotor Wash

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Message from the President

Monthly update

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Is winter really here? Sometimes it's hard to tell, especially with as warm as it has been staying. It is the time of the year when you get to the field at 9AM and leave at 3PM, one good reason for living in Arizona. I know we lost field access on a couple of weekends, one for the Electric fly in and the other for the Pattern event (yes, the field was supposed to be closed the entire weekend including the pad). I ask that you please be patient as the field as a lot of different disciplines flying there. In fact, I think the SVF field has something that many fields do not. We have helicopters, jets and IMAC type flying in addition to the normal 40 size putter. Many people may never get to see a turbine plane fly, we see them every weekend. I attended the electric fly in and had a good time. It would be nice to see some more helicopters at this event. Contrary to what people may think, this event was not a bunch of old timers standing around smoking their pipes (that event was in October) and they were just as interested to see electric helicopters fly.

I have seen a fair amount of interest for the Fun fly on-line. Camping has popped up a little, but our hands are tied. Unfortunately, the Las Vegas event is still pulling some people away because they can't afford both events. I would like to emphasize that our event is a flying event where you can fly VS Las Vegas is a spectator event primarily due to the size of field (unless you are a big dog and/or comfortable flying in very tight quarters). I ask that if you should chat up the event to someone that you bring up this point. We will have to watch Las Vegas because I believe that they will probably shift dates in 2010 due to conflict with Birmingham's dates (another contested subject on-line). I have had Paul attach the flier and registration form to the newsletter.

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Next Meeting

December 4, 2008 @ 7:00pm

Deer Valley Airport

Being that's it December, I would like to remind everyone about dues. I have been getting a fair amount at the field; you can also mail it to our PO Box. We still have fuel for those interested. I believe it will be January before another order is required and hopefully supply and pricing will have stabilized. Lastly, there is a strong chance that I will cancel the January meeting as it falls on the 1st. Final decision will be made at our upcoming meeting.

That's it for this month. I would like to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Eric

Technical Tips/For Sale

Nothing this month

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Video(s) of the Month

I guess it's funnier in German...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6mFhvaYzAJE&eurl>

Jet crash on maiden (Range check...?)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDn2Qp-vkKA>

Turbine Sailplane Ventus 2 crash (and it was doing so good!)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03RXmTT6GqU>

Well...it started as a really nice landing

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TNpse5CN5go>

Stuff for Sale

Nothing this month...

Photos from the field...

Photos courtesy Eric and Darren!





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Notes from the Editor

Heavy Metal...

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ARMS Secretary

If you are interested in WW2 birds. The B-17 bomber Aluminum overcast will be at Deer Valley Airport Dec 5th – 7th. Ground Tours are reasonable...rides are available if you have deep pockets.

Paul

Upcoming Events

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

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