COVER: Shig Saimo's P-30 in flight. Photo by Tom Gaylor


For the first time in 14 years with the club, my alarm clock failed to wake me for the monthly contest. I awoke over an hour late and was loading my truck getting ready to go when the club president called to advise me of a huge traffic jam I should avoid. I double checked the online traffic report and it looked worse than expected so I decided to skip this contest. Fortunately there were member more determined than myself that prevailed in the beautiful weather for a nice contest. Thankfully Tom also provided some event photographs. the editor

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## Next Eloy Contest - Mar 16, 2024

Contest Start Time: 8:00 am



We expected a good turnout at the President's Day contest because of the excellent weather forecast, but it did not happen. The problem was traffic! Because I live in Gilbert, I go straight down Gilbert Road to the Beeline highway (SR87) and take the Casa Grande spur (187). I get on the eastbound I-10 freeway at the overpass just before Casa Grande. As I approached the overpass, east bound I-10 was closed just to the west because of a large accident. There are very few places to cross over to the Beeline and once you are caught in the traffic you are stuck. Going home after the contest, the Beeline was mostly bumper to bumper from Casa Grande to Gilbert Road. Once I had to pull off the west lane onto the shoulder to let emergency vehicles pass the traffic. In addition to accidents like Sunday many freeways are closed due to construction on the weekend, be sure to check your route.
One of our members, Allan Mecham (who was the CD) saw what fun Kevin, Richard and I were having with our little FAC models. We flew 2Bit+1 and Embryos. The next day he called me about the models and I am going to give him plans for some of these (plus a FAC club sign-up sheet). A FAC Kanone was submitted for Kevin to FAC HQ as we had three entries in 2Bit+1, and he won!
George Morris will be the CD at the Saint Patty's Day Bash contest on Saturday, March $16^{\text {th }}$. See you there!

Tom


## Pacific Ace jr SHORT KIT

$\$ 15.00$ USD

This qualifies for the Flying Aces Club events "Old Time Fuselage" and "2-Bit + 1"

## Presidenff Cup Confesi Repou



Alan Mecham CD

| Arizona City weather actuals |  |  |  |
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| 2/18/2024 | $\begin{gathered} \text { avg temp } \\ 63.9^{\circ} \mathrm{F} \end{gathered}$ | avg wind 4.2 mph |  |
| Time | Temperature | Wind Speed | Wind |
| 7:50 AM | $46^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | 6 mph | SE |
| 8:49 AM | $54{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | 6 mph | SSE |
| 9:49 AM | $57{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | 3 mph | SSE |
| 10:49 AM | $63^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | 5 mph | E |
| 11:47 AM | $68^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | 3 mph | ESE |
| 12:57 PM | $70^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | 0 mph | CALM |
| 1:50 PM | $72{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | 3 mph | W |
| 2:50 PM | $72{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | 6 mph | NNW |
| 3:50 PM | $73^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | 6 mph | WSW |



| George Morris | 7.32 |  |  |  | 7.32 |
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| Robert Donnelly | 1.57 |  |  |  | 1.57 |
| Ray Kostuk | 1.09 |  |  |  | 1.09 |

## 3 min Rubber/Glider Combo

1.44

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# 2024 Contest Schedules 



Note: All one day contests will be flown in combined categories. Anything you bring to the field can be flown in one of 7 categories
*For national cup points, junior AM A \& Classic 1/2A Gas are combined Contest End times May \& Sept = 2:00 pm

##  <br> Round Valley Dome



## April 19-21, 2024

## THE ROUND VALLEY DOME INDOOR CONTEST EAGAR, ARIZONA APRIL $20^{\text {th }} \& 21^{\text {st }}, 2024-8: 00$ A.M. to 5:00 P.M. BOTH DAYS In addition, we have Friday the $19^{\text {th }}$ as a practice day from 9:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

## LIST OF EVENTS

A-ROG
F1D
F1L
FIM
OPEN PENNY PLANE
LIMITED PENNY PLANE
EZB
A-6
MINI STICK
HLG
CATAPULT GLIDER
UNLIMITED CATAPULT GLIDER
P 18
FAC DIME SCALE
NO-CAL SCALE
NO-CAL SCALE WW-II Mass Launch
INDOOR TOWLINE GLIDER
PHANTOM FLASH
WW-I DIME SCALE Mass Launch
JET CATAPULT
ELECTRIC
EMBRYO
FAC PEANUT

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Entry fee is \$60, no matter how many events you fly. We will determine the event schedule on Friday depending on the weather. Clouds or sunshine make a difference with conditions inside the dome. Lots of floor area. 400' X Cat. III No Cal Mass launch at noon on Sunday. We plan on being flexible on the event schedule depending on what models show up. We will assist the students build and fly Mountain Lions on Monday



## Some notes on the indoor contest in Arizona.

The towns of Eagar and Springerville are right next to each other. If not for the sign you would not know when you passed from one to another. The Dome is located in Eagar. The mailing address for the school is in Springerville. Friday evening we will meet at the Trail Riders Restaurant for dinner. Saturday evening we will meet for dinner at a location we decide upon. This will be mainly a social event but subjects related to modeling will be welcome. Be advised that some of the eating establishments have gone out of business due to the economy in Eagar. I will know more about what is available later. After the contest, (Monday morning) a few of us from the Phoenix Model Airplane Club and some of the guys from The Magnificent Mountain Men M.A.C. will be helping the school with an aviation project with the STEM students using the Mountain Lion. The science department and the district superintendent are very enthused as are we. This has been a lot of fun for us as well as the students.

Note: the US and AZ flags are no longer near the crown of the dome. This is a picture taken before the renovation, and the flags were relocated above the area used for flyer tables. The crown area is

## DIRECTIONS

From the east Take I-40 to exit 89 Go south on Hwy. 117 to Hwy 36. Go South to Quemado. Take Hwy 60 West to Springerville.
From Phoenix Go to Payson and then East to Show Low. From Show Low take Hwy. 60 East to Springerville From the West Take I-40 East to Holbrook Take Hwy. 77 South to Show Low. From Show Low take Hwy. 60 East to Springerville.

In Springerville On Hwy 60 you will come to South Mountain Ave. (there is a McDonalds on the corner) This will become North Main St. Go south to 5th Ave and turn left to the Dome. Go a few blocks East to the Dome. Go past the Dome to the East parking lot. We will use this east entrance. Overnight parking for RVs is OK.


## Eagar \& Springerville Area Map

## Restaurants

2. Trailriders Family Restaurant
3. Bashas' Grocery \& Deli
4. Dairy Queen
5. Sonic Drive-In
6. China Garden
7. Safeway Grocery, Deli \& Starbucks
8. McDonalds
9. Booga Reds Restaurant
10. Subway
11. Goob's Pizza

## Gas Stations

17. Short Stop
18. Circle K
19. Conoco

Hotels near Round Valley Dome

|  |  |  | Customer Ratings as posted on various .coms |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Hotel | Location | Local Phone | Expedia | Travelocity | Hotels | TripAdvisor | Priceline | Booking | Google | Trivago |
| Best Western Sunrise Inn | Eagar | (928) 333-2540 | 4.2/5 | $4.2 / 5$ | 8.4/10 | 4.0/5 | 7.0/10 |  | 4.2/5 |  |
| America's Best Value Inn | Springerville | (928) 333-2655 | $3.6 / 5$ | 3.5/5 | 7.0/10 | $3.5 / 5$ | 7.0/10 | 7.2/10 | $3.3 / 5$ | 7.5/10 |
| Rode Inn \& Suites | Springerville | (928) 333-4365 | 4.0/5 | $4.0 / 5$ | 8/10 | $4.0 / 5$ | 7.2/10 | $8.4 / 10$ | $4.2 / 5$ | 7.9/10 |
| El Jo Motor Inn | Springerville | (928) 333-4314 | 4.2/5 | $4.2 / 5$ | 8.4/10 | $4.0 / 5$ | 7.0/10 | 8.6/10 | $4.0 / 5$ | $8.3 / 10$ |
| Reeds Lodge | Springerville | (928) 333-4323 | 4.2/5 | $4.2 / 5$ | 8.4/10 | $4.0 / 5$ |  |  | 4.4/5 | 8.2 / 10 |
| White Mountain Hotel | Springerville | (928) 333-5482 | $3.2 / 5$ | $3.2 / 5$ | $6.2 / 10$ |  | $5.8 / 10$ | $5.3 / 10$ | $3.1 / 5$ | 6.8/10 |



Hello Sports Fans and Athletic Supporters,
Sorry, I am deep into Super Bowl fever these days. Actually, "Hello Flyers".
Welcome back as this is the first of a continuing sequence of emails leading up to the off-year WESTFAC contest in Buckeye AZ. They will be sprinkled with promotion, info on attending, and building and flying tips that I have outrageously pirated from some very good builders (I give credit if I know who you are). If you are on this list and don't want to be, please let me know and I will drop you, no questions asked.
First up, this off-year event is officially named the "John Hutchinson Memorial" in honor of one of our staff members, John Hutchinson who sadly passed away on Thanksgiving at home. John was a great friend to all who had the honor to know him and a very nice eulogy by Mike Jester is attached for those who may not have known him. We are also having a Double Mooney or 2 x Mooney event as that was a favorite of John who was a great friend of Walt Mooney. Take a Mooney peanut and double the size which should put it around, more or less, 26" span. Many of his plans were not exactly 13" peanut size. You can make whatever changes you need to accommodate the larger size....ad structure or change it is fine.
The theme for our Hutchinson Memorial (and WESTFAC 2025) will be Cold War Aircraft which opens up a tremendous number of aircraft, both jet and prop. This covers the time of 1946-1990 and includes WWII aircraft that were flown after 1946. HOWEVER, they must be marked to clearly show it was post-war. Such as: a P-51D had better have National Guard or Korean markings. No trainers unless they were not used as trainers, i.e. AT-28s that flew as attack aircraft in Laos, AT-6s which flew as Forward Air Controllers in Korea. Civilian aircraft used in the Cold War are eligible such as Turbo Porters in Air America colors. Again, they must be marked clearly to indicate their use.
The Hutchinson Memorial will be held October 25-26-27 2024, Rovey Field, Buckeye AZ. Friday the 25th will be a trimming day, Sat \& Sun 26-27 will be event days. More info to come! Tom Arnold



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## March 2024

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