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Cover Photo: **Dick Strang still flying at 93 years young.** Robert Donnelly photo



Thanks again to the people that help me publish this newsletter by submitting photos and scoring data electronically. I plan on stepping down from the editor position at the end of 2026 along with the score consolidation and reporting for the newsletter so consider the job openings posted. I will help transfer any requested resources and or skills. the editor

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South West Regionals January 17-19 2026 Eloy, Arizona

Rev B

2026 PMAC / TFFC Outdoor Contest Schedule Eloy AZ

Start Time
May, Sept: 7:30 am
All others: 8:00 am

	Nat'l Cup	Nat'l Cup	Nat'l Cup	Nat'l Cup	Nat'l Cup	Nat'l Cup	Nat'l Cup	America & National Cup		Round Valley Indoor Contest		
	President's Cup	St Patty's Bash	I-10 Challenge	Armed Forces Day	Fall Kick-off	Ghost Riders	Armed Forces Memorial	Arizona Free Flight Championships				
	Sun	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun	Fri	Sat	Sun
	Feb 15	**Mar 14**	**Apr 12**	**May 16**	**Sep 20**	**Oct 17**	**Nov 8**	**Dec 5**	**Dec 6**	**Apr 24**	**Apr 25**	**Apr 26**
GAS/ELECTRIC EVENTS												
AMA ½ A GAS	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)*				
AMA A/B GAS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	B			
AMA C/D GAS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	D	C			
AMA Classic 1/2A Gas	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)		(Jr) (SA)*			
AMA Classic AB Combo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	AB				
AMA Classic CD Combo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		CD			
NOS ¼ A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
NOS ½ A GAS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			
NOS A GAS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
NOS B/C GAS Combo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	C	B			
NOS Early 1/2 A Gas	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			
OT .020 REPLICA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
OT GAS COMBO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			
ELECTRIC COMBO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E-36	Elect A & B			
Rubber Events												
P-30	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	X				
NOS RUB, Lg & Sm Combo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Nos Rub Sm	Nos Rub Lg			
OT Fus Combo Rubber	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
OT Stick Combo Rubber	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			
MULVIHILL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			
MOFFETT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
FAI Events												
F1A/F1B/F1C/F1P/F1Q Combo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F1A,B,C,P,Q				
F1G/F1H/F1J/F1S Combo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		F1G,H,J,S			
Vintage FAI Power	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
GLIDER EVENTS												
H. L. GLIDER	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)				
CAT GLIDER	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(JR)(SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)		(Jr) (SA)			
CLASSIC GLIDER	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)		(Jr) (SA)			
FAC Events												
Embryo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Jimmy Allen/2 Bit + 1 combo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
FAC OT rubber stick	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
FAC OT rubber fuselage	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			
Contest Directors	G Morris	R. Adams						Gaylor / Brocks		Gaylor		
Contest Classification	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	AA	AA	A		

Practice

Events Either Day
F1D, F1L, F1M, F1R
Open Penny Plane
Un Penny Plane, EZB,
A6, Ministick, HLG,
Cat Glider, Un Cat,
P-18, Dime Scale,
FAC Nocal Mass Launch

MONDAY 4/28/2025
Student Build and Fly
Mountain Lions

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 AMA & Classic 1/2A Gas are combined** ***Contest End times May & Sept = 2:00 pm

Prez Speaks



The forecast for the President's Cup Contest was excellent but the wind turned out to be stronger than predicted resulting in long chases; reducing the number of flights which could be flown. At noon, the winds abated somewhat and I had a chance to fly my FIG Coupe. This was my first attempt after some repair work where I replaced the stab platform. It had worn so it did not hold the stabilizer properly. I did not have a chance to test fly the model to check the glide. It climbed well after the launch and did great until the prop folded, after which it began to stall, resulting in a short flight.

Except for the wind, the day was beautiful which attracted many spectators, some of whom were interested in flying free-flight again. We have been fortunate in attracting several new flyers in the past year who have been excellent flyers.

We are late having our PMAC meeting, mainly due to follow-ups for the busy Southwest Regionals contest that was the best attended in years as well as the World Cup results and reports. We wish to hold a Microsoft teams meeting online and want as many members as possible to attend. The date and time of the meeting will be emailed to members.

Tom

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NEXT CONTEST

St. Patty's Bash

Mar 14, 2026 8:00 am

Webster-West Field

AMA membership required for Flyers

Visitors Welcome

Presidents Cup results

max

*TopGun score may show zero if the event was not among the first four events flown of the applicable discipline. Club FAI scores are at 60% for first five flights.

5 Contestants 25 Flights		Flight Time (seconds)										Club Category Score	Club Topgun Score
Contestant Name	Event	Flt 1	Flt 2	Flt 3	Flt 4	Flt 5	FO 1	FO 2	FO 3	FO 4	Total		
2 minute combo													
Kevin McCue	2 bit + 1	147	114	163							424	2.95	2.95
Ken Gibson	Jimmy Allen	120	119	120							359	2.99	2.99
Ken Gibson	P-30	120	112	120							352	2.93	2.93
Kevin Mccue	AMA unlimited cO2	57	118	148							323	2.46	2.46
Ken Gibson	Embyro	69	28	29							126	1.05	1.05
Tom Gaylor	F1G	43									43	0.22	0.22
AMA/classic Gas													
Jim Kruse	AMA C Pwr	180	180	90							450	2.50	2.50
3 min Rubber/Glider Combo													
Ken Gibson	Small Cabin	102	180	174							456	2.53	2.53
Rich Adams	Small Nos Rubber	162	84								246	1.47	1.47
Kevin McCue	OT Fus Rubber	61									61	0.34	0.34

2026 PMAC Category Champion Standings

no dropped contest	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2 minute Combo									
Ken Gibson	6.98								6.98
Kevin McCue	5.41								5.41
Tom Gaylor	0.22								0.22
AMA/classic Gas									
Jim Kruse	2.50								2.50
3 min Rubber/Glider Combo									
Ken Gibson	2.53								2.53
Rich Adams	1.47								1.47

2026 PMAC Topgun Champion Standings

no dropped contest	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Ken Gibson	9.50								9.50
Kevin McCue	5.75								5.75
Jim Kruse	2.50								2.50
Rich Adams	1.47								1.47
Tom Gaylor	0.22								0.22

Presidents Cup contest

Arizona City Actuals 2/15/2026

Average	Temp	wind
	57.5	4.9

Time	Temperature	Wind Speed	Wind
7:55 AM	50 °F	7 mph	SE
8:15 AM	48 °F	0 mph	CALM
8:35 AM	50 °F	5 mph	SE
8:55 AM	52 °F	5 mph	SE
9:15 AM	54 °F	5 mph	ESE
9:35 AM	59 °F	5 mph	SE
9:55 AM	63 °F	7 mph	ESE
10:15 AM	63 °F	6 mph	ESE
10:35 AM	66 °F	3 mph	SSE
10:55 AM	70 °F	6 mph	VAR
11:15 AM	70 °F	8 mph	SE
11:35 AM	72 °F	7 mph	VAR
11:55 AM	72 °F	8 mph	S
12:15 PM	73 °F	10 mph	S
12:35 PM	73 °F	10 mph	SSW
12:55 PM	75 °F	12 mph	SSW
1:15 PM	73 °F	8 mph	SSW
1:35 PM	73 °F	5 mph	VAR
1:55 PM	73 °F	8 mph	SW
2:15 PM	75 °F	7 mph	WSW
2:35 PM	75 °F	5 mph	VAR
2:55 PM	75 °F	3 mph	VAR
3:15 PM	75 °F	3 mph	VAR
3:35 PM	75 °F	8 mph	W
3:55 PM	75 °F	0 mph	CALM
4:15 PM	75 °F	6 mph	S











Presidents Cup contest











Hello Flyers,

WESTFAC Warm-up 2026 is on track for this October. Circle Oct 22 (open field for trimming), 23-24-25 on your calendars. We, once again have a special rate at the Goodyear Comfort Suites right in the midst of the tourist season.....see the registration form and circle the events you are hot to enter in. Read the field notes as it answers a lot of potential questions too.

The theme is PROP JETS and the definition is: any aircraft that has a rear jet exhaust for thrust (including rocket power) that is rubber powered with a prop on the nose or tail. This would include such obvious "pure" jets like a Mig 15, Panther, Phantom and such. It also includes hybrids such as the Fireball, XF-84H, XF-88, Fireshark etc. as they have a rear exhaust. What is NOT in the definition is a "pure" turboprop such as the Gannet, Wyvern, Skyshark or any in which residual exhaust is ejected out of the side of the aircraft/nacelle.

This event really opens up a lot of great subjects from a straight-winged F-84 to a Cougar to a U-2. Canberra, anyone? There are a number of jet plans designed for Jetex that are easily modified and don't forget Mike Stuart's UK website too. This event will be a blast (oooooo...what a pun) There is both a mass launch and TOTF chance to show your stuff.

Going along with the jet theme we are having a Jet-Cat Mass Launch. Yes, and it should be another blast because we have not figured out all the flying rules and what is going to work. Such as: should we run it like a usual mass launch? will there be such a mass of fast little models in the air that we lose track of who is who? Should we break it down into groups of 3 and take the winners for a final fly-off? Who knows but it will be fun finding out!

While this off-year contest is normally just a Total Of Three Flights (TOTF) events, we will have a FAC Power Scale event with judging done at the HQ tent on Friday morning. It would be cool to have an electric prop jet show up for this event. In any case, look over the schedule and note that we are having a Seaplane and Scale Glider event too. This is going to be the year of innovation.

· As many of you have found out, the Hippocket Aeronautics website is no more, however, a replacement website titled simply HPA is set up along the same format. The fabulous old Plans Gallery is no more but the new one is being repopulated with plans from members collections. The new address is: https://hpa.aeromodelling.gr/index.php?action=forum Also, sadly, the Stick and Tissue website and it's great plans gallery is gone too. No word on it. I am really going to miss Tom Ackery's library of plans he produced.

As part of the HPA sign-up process, you are asked the what the oldest UK model magazine is and, for us colonialists, the answer is "Aeromodeller".

More to come,

Tom Arnold

WESTFAC CAG



March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Eloy contest
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Contest Start Time = 8:00 am

Webster West flying site



Note: Motor homes and other long wheelbase vehicles should turn left (east) onto W. Phillips Road then right (south) onto Overfield Road. Please limit speed on these dirt roads to minimize dust impact to our field neighbors.