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Remember

Round Valley Dome

Apr 25-26

Cover photo Jim Kruse holds the chase predictor system**:** if the kite flies it will be a long chase.



Stepping backward on this issue in preparation for a replacement editor. The software that I have been using (Publisher) is being shut down without further support, so I am converting to a program that will remain useable (PowerPoint). The person that picks up the scoring needs to begin thinking about the tools and methods they wish to use.

South West Regionals January 17-19 2026 Eloy, Arizona

Rev C

2026 PMAC / TFFC Outdoor Contest Schedule Eloy AZ

Start Time May, Sept: 7:30 am All others: 8:00 am	Nat'l Cup President's Cup	Nat'l Cup St Patty's Bash	Nat'l Cup I-10 Challenge	Nat'l Cup Armed Forces Day	Nat'l Cup Fall Kick-off	Nat'l Cup Ghost Riders	Nat'l Cup Armed Forces Memorial	America & National Cup Arizona Free Flight Championships		Round Valley Indoor Contest		
	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	R. Donnelly					Gaylor / Brocks		Gaylor		
Contest Classification	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	AA	AA	A		

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

Practice

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



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Your Board of Directors has just finished wrapping up the details from the club's busiest time of year. The SWR and the Tui World Cup events were the reason - a lot more reports had to be generated! We also had our follow-up SWR meeting and our annual PMAC meeting on Microsoft Teams via internet. At the SWR meeting Richard Adams was elected president of the SWR board. Christopher Lidberg is the secretary and George Morris the safety officer. The PMAC board stays the same, as well as dues and contest fees. Our contest schedule was approved, but we still need more contest directors to sign up for the remaining monthly contests. Many thanks to Mike Fruciano for hosting our meetings.

Robert Donnelly will be the CD for the I-10 Challenge contest. We should have a lot of competition between our Tucson and Phoenix members. See you on Sunday April 12th!

Tom

NEXT CONTEST
I-10 Challenge
Apr 12, 2026 8:00 am
Webster-West Field
AMA membership required for Flyers
Visitors Welcome



St. Patty's Day Bash

Rich Adams Contest Director

And now a few words from our sponsor...

Our St. Patty's Day Bash contest took place as scheduled on the 14th of March. I reported six attendees to the AMA for this sanctioned event which is good considering the weather report was forecasting warm and a bit windy. You can always rely on heat predictions to be on target; it's the wind that gets the Las Vegas treatment. Winds started out around 5-6mph and then began to get flyable around 11. But it didn't last long and slowly built up.

Flyers managed to give it their best with Tom flying a P-30 that wanted to do well but his CG might have been off. Jim Kruse did not disappoint in C Gas. The drift was strong when he flew and tried to put him in the wires a couple of times. Kevin flew his CO2 ship with success and then settled into some glider flying. Ken did very well in P-30 and flew a couple of cabin jobs with good results. Rich got one flight with his Moffett and broke the bottom of the fuselage when it DT'd onto the tan concrete. He did bring a new P-30 but was counseled to not fly it as yet untrimmed. George gave us all encouragement.

Claudia showed up around lunch time and fed us with her remarkable burritos. They are delicious!

Around 2pm we all decided to trade the real flying for the comfort of shade and hangar flying. Apparently, we are not ready for the heat this early in the year.

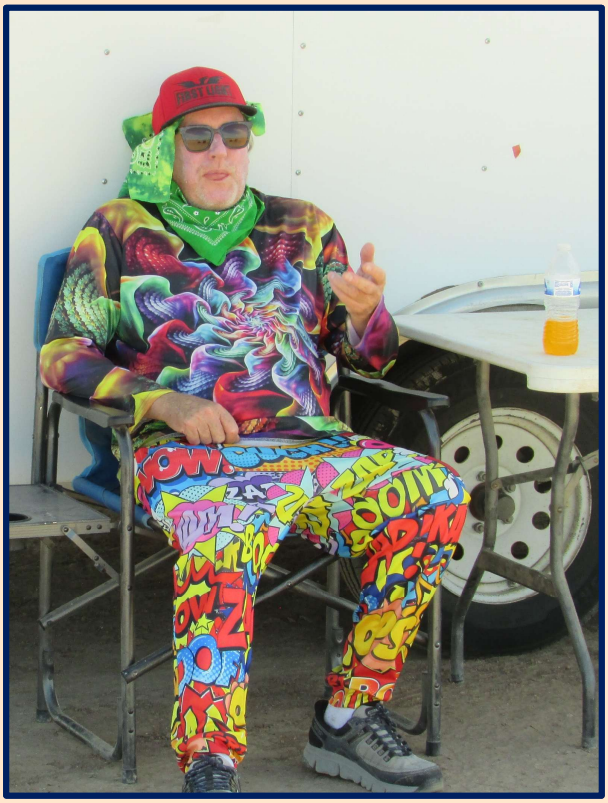
Rich Adams, CD



St. Patty's Bash

Actuals for Saturday Mar, 14

Time	Conditions	Temp.	Wind
7 AM	CALM	66 °F	0 mph
8 AM	CALM	68 °F	0 mph
8 AM	SE	72 °F	3 mph
8 AM	E	75 °F	3 mph
9 AM	CALM	77 °F	0 mph
9 AM	CALM	77 °F	0 mph
9 AM	CALM	79 °F	0 mph
10 AM	CALM	81 °F	0 mph
10 AM	SW	81 °F	6 mph
10 AM	W	82 °F	7 mph
11 AM	WSW	84 °F	6 mph
11 AM	WSW	84 °F	7 mph
11 AM	SW	84 °F	5 mph
12 PM	W	86 °F	8 mph
12 PM	VAR	86 °F	5 mph
12 PM	SW	86 °F	8 mph
1 PM	W	88 °F	10 mph
1 PM	W	88 °F	7 mph
1 PM	W	88 °F	10 mph
2 PM	VAR	88 °F	7 mph
2 PM	SSW	90 °F	5 mph
2 PM	CALM	88 °F	0 mph
3 PM	WNW	90 °F	8 mph
3 PM	NW	90 °F	8 mph
3 PM	WNW	90 °F	6 mph
4 PM	W	90 °F	10 mph



March | < Select Contest

5 Contestants 20 Flights

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 20 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													
Ken Gibson	P-30	120	120	120							360	3.00	3.00
Ken Gibson	Jimmy Allen	86	120	120							326	2.72	2.72
Tom Gaylor	P-30	48	31	51							130	1.08	1.08
AMA/classic Gas													
Jim Kruse	AMA C Pwr	157	180								337	1.87	1.87
Catapult/ HL Glider Combo													
George Morris	CLG	90	90	90	90	50					410	4.56	4.56
Rich Adams	CLG	90	65								155	1.72	1.72
3 min Rubber/Glider Combo													
Ken Gibson	Small Cabin	109									109	0.61	0.61
Rich Adams	Moffett	91									91	0.51	0.51

St. Patty's Bash











St. Patty's Bash

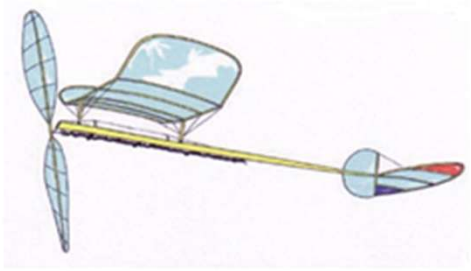
no dropped contest	2026 PMAC Topgun Champion Standings								
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Ken Gibson	9.50	6.33							15.83
Kevin McCue	5.75								5.75
Jim Kruse	2.50	1.87							4.37
Rich Adams	1.47	2.23							3.70
Tom Gaylor	0.22	1.08							1.30





no dropped contest	2026 PMAC Category Champion Standings								
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2 minute Combo									
Ken Gibson	6.98	5.72							12.70
Kevin McCue	5.41								5.41
Tom Gaylor	0.22	1.08							1.30
AMA/classic Gas									
Jim Kruse	2.50	1.87							4.37
Catapult/ HL Glider Com									
Rich Adams		1.72							1.72
3 min Rubber/Glider Con									
Ken Gibson	2.53	0.61							3.14
Rich Adams	1.47	0.51							1.98
Kevin McCue	0.34								0.34





INDOOR CONTEST — EAGAR, ARIZONA

APRIL 25 & 26th 2026 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M BOTH DAYS

In addition we have Friday the 24th as a practice day from 9:00 A.M to 5:00

List of Events

F1D

F1L

F1M

F1R

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 (6.2 gram min, 7" max prop)

Entry fee is $60. for the contest. No matter how many events you fly.

Glider flying is limited to Saturday and Sunday mornings. We will also make time for gliders on Friday

(others may fly other types of models at this time at your own discretion.) Lots of floor area. 400' X Cat. III

No-Cal Mass launch at noon on Sunday.

For info contact;

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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.



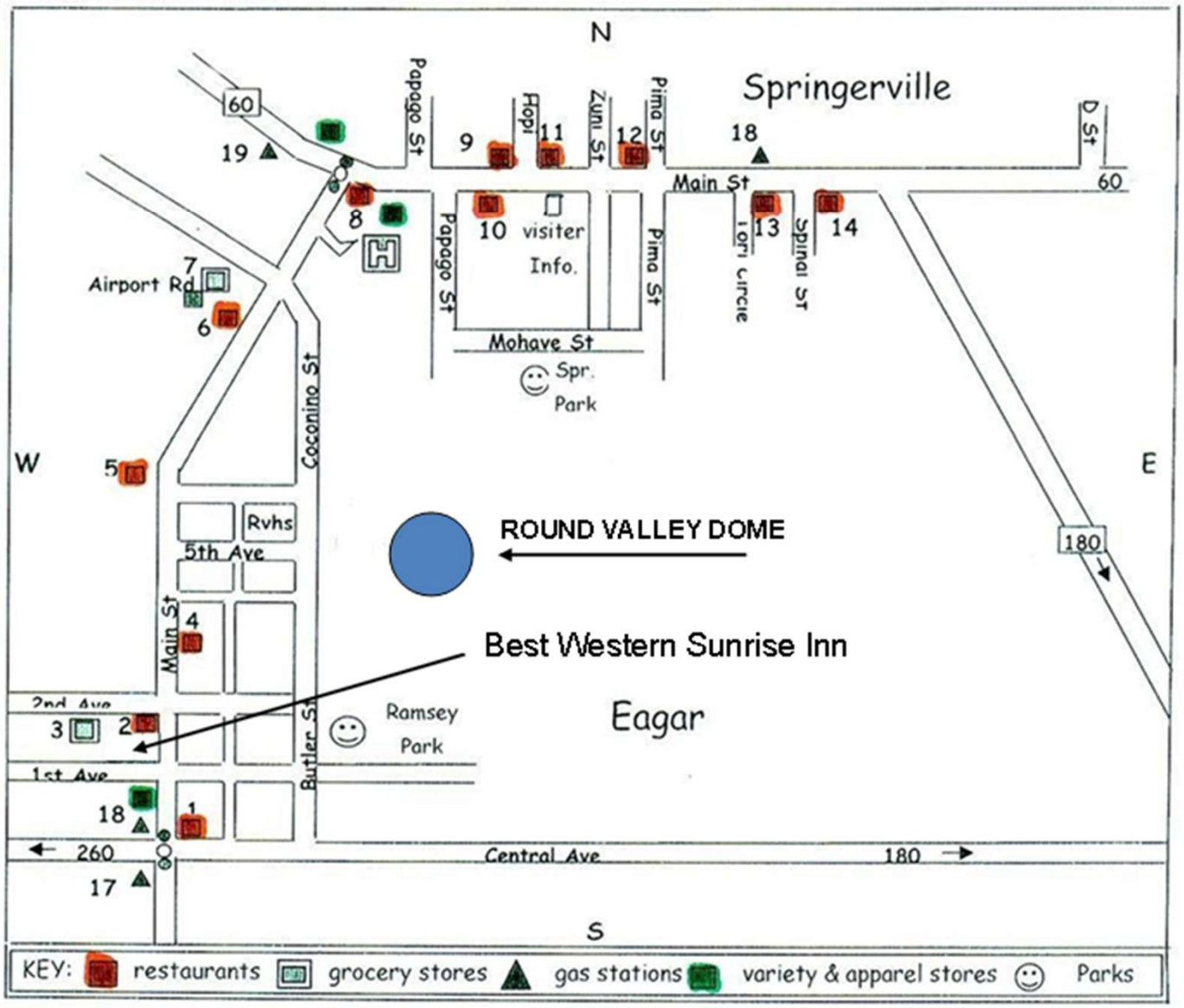
Eagar & Springerville Area Map

Restaurants

1. Arby's
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. Java Blues Coffee Shop & Bistro
10. Sunrise Restaurant
11. Safire Restaurant
12. Booga Reds Restaurant
13. Subway
14. Los Dos Molinos

Gas Stations

17. Short Stop
18. Circle K
19. Conoco



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



April 2026

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

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.