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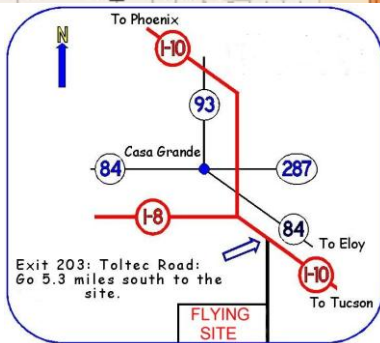
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NEXT CONTEST

PRESIDENT'S CUP

SUNDAY, FEB. 22

ELOY



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CONTEST SCHEDULE

PRESIDENT'S CUP
SUNDAY 2/22

SPRING BREAK
SATURDAY 3/21

I-10 CHALLENGE
SUNDAY 4/19

HOT STUFF
SATURDAY 5/16

DAWN PATROL
Dates to be determined

FALL KICK OFF
SUNDAY 9/20

GHOST RIDERS
SATURDAY 10/24

TURKEY SHOOT
SUNDAY 11/15

ARIZ. FF CHAMPIONSHIP
SATURDAY & SUNDAY
12/5 & 12/6

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Wed. March 11th 10:A.M.
Denny's, Tempe

Tue 14-Apr 07:00 PM
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Wed. May 13th 10:00 A.M.
Denny's Tempe

Tue 09-Jun 07:00 PM
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John Oldencamp, one of the originators of the P-30 event. I still have an old Hot Box he designed, and it still flies great. Thanks for your contribution to FF John.



Mike Woodhouse from England (who still can't believe we build models from dead trees and cover them with paper), and our own Elmer Nelson. Both contribute a lot to the sport.

Photos by W.T. Gaylor

2009 SOUTHWEST REGIONALS

Observations from AL

Our turnout was great - slightly bigger than last year. Now that the AMA contest has grown to 3 days, we've discovered that it's more difficult than before to satisfy 'everyone' with respect to placement of events on specific days. One comment I heard was, "You can't put P-30 on Monday, no one will fly it!". Sure, there's that fear we have that lots of people will go home Sunday afternoon, but we did schedule P-30 on Monday and had 11 entrants, so Monday isn't such bad news after all. We have grown to 41 events, offering all of the NFFS National Cup events, plus many AMA, NFFS and SAM events. SWR 2009 was designated a National Cup "Exempt" contest, which is a good thing for folks who are chasing National Cup points. Speaking of that, when you see the National Cup winners for 2008, you'll realize that many of those high finishers fly with us at Eloy!

The weather was very nice. Maybe it was a little cold Saturday morning, but each of the 3 days got into the mid and high 70s. Wind wasn't bad at all and we had set up the AMA & FAI flight lines for a possible move from the north side of parking to the south side. Sure enough, at about mid-day, models began landing near their launch points on the north line, signaling the beginning of the 180 deg shift in direction, so we relocated everyone to the south flight lines each day. By late afternoon, the winds got stronger, but there was only a little blowing dust.

This was the first year in a very long time that Greg Tutmark wasn't able to be with us, holding down the officials' desk. Lots of people asked about him and we can hope that he's able to return with us for 2010. Sitting in for him and helping me at the desk were Bob McKeon, Chris Lidberg and Annie Lidberg - see, Greg, how many people it took to do your job!

We got a real treat this year watching a couple of Junior flyers from California, Taran and Sevak Malkhasyan. These boys really know how to fly hand [i.e. tip launch] launch and catapult gliders. They know how to find lift and they really know how to achieve altitude.

Bobby Hanford was really busy this year, taking 5 firsts and 3 thirds in gas events. My son Chris asked Bobby about his fuel pressure systems and learned some useful tricks. Sadly, we learned that R. Hanford, the 'elder', Bob's dad, passed away some days after the contest. He was a real gentleman, seen at Eloy in years past, and a darn good modeler - who will be missed.

It was good to see Bruce Augustus flying with us - believe this means that the weather in Idaho was clear enough to let him fly out. Funny thing tho - as he drove off the field on Monday, he said something like, "See you at the SAM Champs in Las Vegas, where I'll give you flying lessons!". When I asked if that would be in the Bonanza, he said, with a big smile, "No, no, model flying lessons!". Over at the eastern end of the flight lines, Ben Nead and some helpers were conducting the Carlo Godel Rapier [modern replacement for Jetex rocket motors] postal contest. In this special event, builders send their models to Ben who undertakes to fly them all with contest-furnished motors from the same production batch. Evidently the wind and some other difficulties prevented completing those flights, but Ben will pick up on this at the Marana field near Tucson or at the next Eloy contest in February. Ed Augst, one of Ben's assistants, flew his own model in the SWR Jetex/Rapier event and took first.

Caley Ann Hand from 29 Palms, CA brought over a P-30 for her first contest entry. She got in her flights and was quite pleased at that mark of success. She began the hobby with RC models [only club in her home area flies RC], but that wasn't much fun for her. She also flies Rapier rocket models, so she also came to Eloy for Ben's postal contest.

Dick Nelson won the Powerhouse event this time around. Each previous time, Powerhouse had been won by Jean Andrews, so now Dick will have to have his name engraved on the perpetual trophy. It was really great to see Gerald Martin from Hereford, TX at Eloy flying his Gollywock. Gerald is usually seen flying RC Old Timers, but he hasn't been traveling much for a while and really wanted to fly that rubber model.

Three people entered Twin Pusher. Jim O'Reilly's model never achieved the altitude of the other 2, but it managed to stay up the longest, with but 14 seconds separating the 3 places.

Al Lidberg

Southwest Regionals AMA/NFFS/SAM Free Flight

17-19 JAN 2009 Eloy , Arizona

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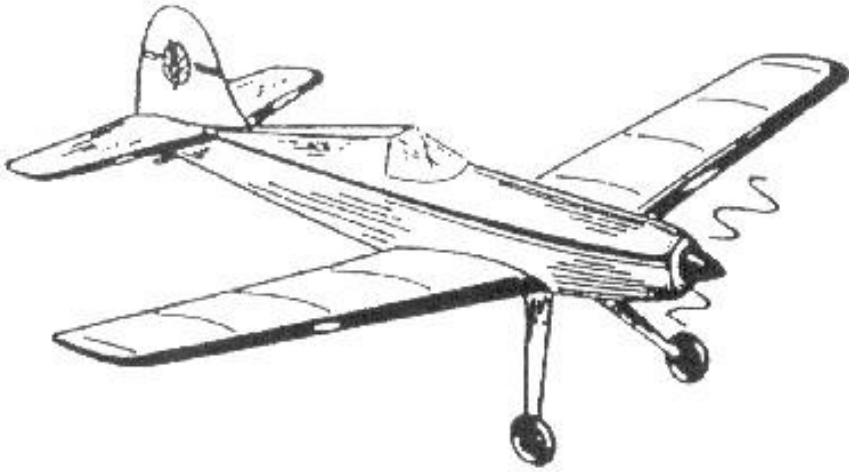
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