

# **PROPWASH**

Newsletter



Rob Thomas' Hawk flies past Old Glory at the conclusion of the National Anthem during the Top Fun Model Air Show November 4, 2017

Photo: Dan Metz

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## President's Message

# Welcome Back!

By Dan Metz



Welcome back to everyone in the club. We have some great events planned this season!

While we have over 150 members in our club we only saw approx 15 actually show up at our Top Fun Event, and 8 of them were doing all of the flying. We are

curious as to why? We also have members who think they should get in for free: why?

I must point out that in order to maintain our legal IRS status we must reach out to schools, veterans groups, and the community at large. Our 501-C-3 status is only available as long as we continue do those things. In order to keep things interesting we are trying new events such as the Top Fun Air Show event of November 4th.

Also the official workers list will be posted for the next event as we had a few members come in claiming to be volunteers only to just get in for free. Entrance fees were only 5 dollars and 5 bucks for a hot dog etc. Honestly is that too much?

Remember it is hard to keep going back to the same pool of volunteers for every event.

Our cleanup day was not very well attended at all. In fact we only had 10 actual workers doing all of the work. We were blessed to have Wayne Copeland and his wife Joyce come out with his tractor. They really did a great job of scraping all of the edges and took out material from the south triangle in order to improve the drainage. Hats off to Alan, his son Johnny, George Krueger, Joe Scuro, Tim Dobrolsky, John Cunningham, Eddie Mann and yours truly for the cleanup. We now have new fencing too.

Our Top Fun Air Show made a little money, not bad for an out-of-the-gate first time event. We are now in the process of having an over the shoulder, critical-eye look at it. Things such as advertising: was that money well spent? Polling people as they were driving in as to how they heard of the event. Etc. We are trying to learn in

order to make a bit more money for the club at future events.

Speaking of money and future expenses:

While we do have a reserve fund being built up we have some large expenditures facing us. We need in excess of \$61,500 over the next few years.

The shade cloths are 15 years old, they only had a 10 year life expectancy, so we are overdue to replace all of them. That cost is \$20,000.

In order to bring our runway back to a like-new condition it will take \$36,419 to have a Class 2 slurry applied. That type of over-coat is a 2 step process. While the cracks would still be there it would bury the cracks under a granulated asphalt emulsion. We would also grind back one foot on the concrete-to-asphalt edge, to make that transition safer.

Then there are the tables. To replace all of the tops it would take over \$5,000 in marine grade plywood. By the way, hats off to Ron Leader who came out and bolted the warping and loose tops back down. Thank you Ron.

So as you can read from the above list, we need YOU to come out and support the club. This model flying facility was built with private funds. We are NOT in any County, City, or Federal budget. Its up to all of us to help the club repair and maintain this site.

I must point out that our dues have not been raised since I joined in 1982. It's only \$12.50 a month to fly off of a world class runway. We have over \$225,000 invested so please help by supporting your club when we have events.

Our Aero Tow event is December 2nd.

Please come out on Badge Day/Fun Fly; it's also a Toys For Tots Day: bring an unwrapped 15 dollar toy for the local kids. Checks are also accepted. Please pay your dues December 3rd.

Make sure you support our new hobby shop owner Rob Thomas. Go to [riseuphobbytown.com](http://riseuphobbytown.com) to see when he opens.

Also a huge thank you to George Krueger, our new Newsletter editor.

Happy landings!

Top Fun Model Air Show, Nov. 4, 2017  
(See more photos on club website)



Krueger



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Top Fun Model Air Show (Continued)



Krueger



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Metz

Top Fun Model Air Show (Continued)



Top Fun Model Airshow, Continued



Night Fly, Oct 28, 2017



Summer Flying at Lake Hemet



Several club members made a regular Thursday visit to Lake Hemet for a morning of off-the-water flying (or off-the-beach for landplanes) followed by lunch at the nearby Paradise Cafe. Lots of fun and a nice once-a-week break from the summer heat! Pics: Krueger, Metz





## Rise Up Hobbytown, a New Hobby Facility in Palm Desert

by George Krueger, Interview with Rob Thomas



Owner/Operator: Rob Thomas (Member CVRCC Board of Directors)

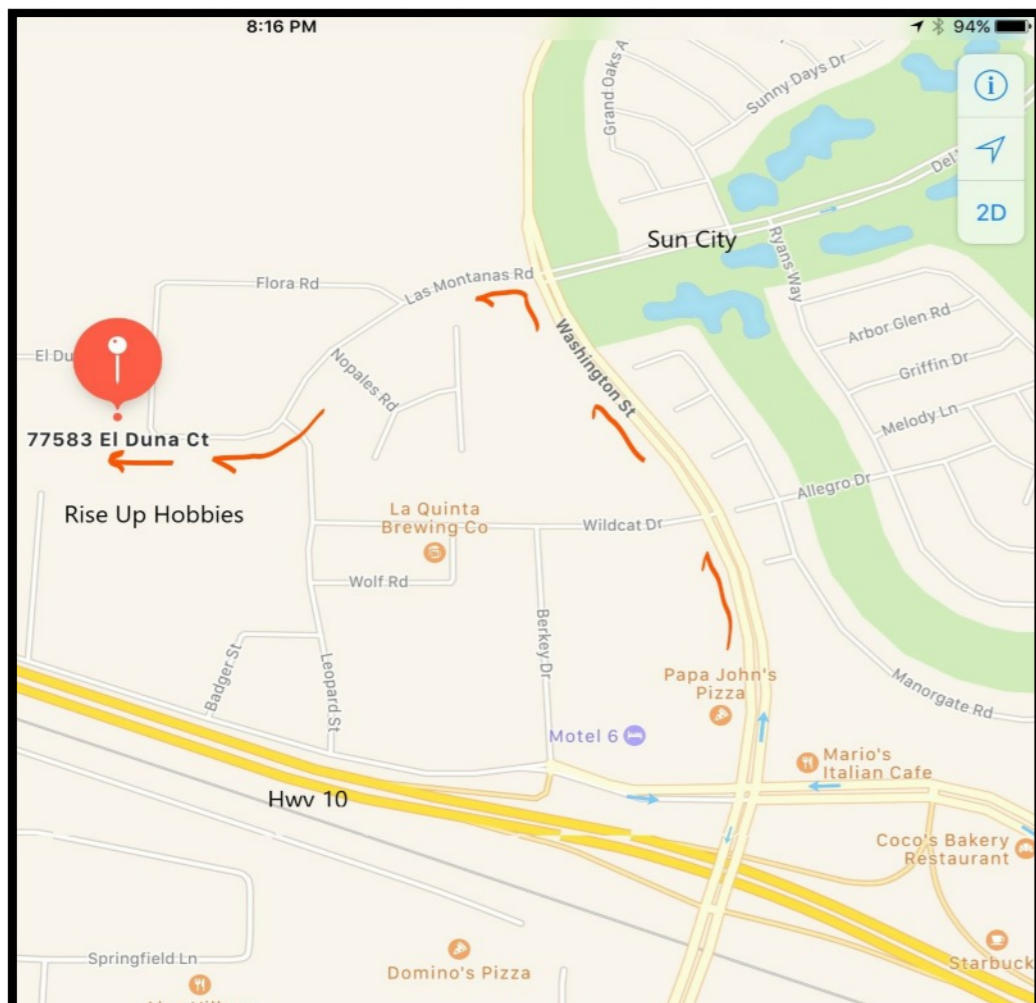
Address: 77583 El Duna Ct, Suite H, Palm Desert, CA

Opening Date: Early December 2017.

Driving Directions: I - 10 Fwy, exit Washington St. north, proceed to stoplight at Del Webb/Las Montanas, turn left and follow Las Montanas, street ends at driveway to shop (no signs yet, Suite H is left of Desert Polymer Flooring).

Rise Up Hobbies is a 10,000 sq ft hobby facility, not simply a retail hobby shop. There will be counter and wall space devoted to retail sales in the front corner of the building, approximately 1500 sq ft including offices. The side and rear

areas of the building will feature assembly and repair benches (1500 sq ft), storage and locker areas, a jet model aircraft construction area, and extensive floor space for 1/10 scale electric car race track, pit, driver and spectator areas (5000 sq ft). Additionally an off-road-racing track will be installed (2000 sq ft). Staffing and operational details are being worked out now. Supplier agreements are in place with Horizon Hobbies and Tower Hobbies, also T-1 Jets and King Tec Turbines. Eventually customers will be able to purchase, assemble and repair airplanes, cars and trucks within the facility with experienced instructors and proper tools. The facility and the services will be the first of their kind in this area. CVRCC members will all benefit from Rob's progressive thinking and his very significant investment in this enterprise. Your support is anticipated and will be greatly appreciated!



## CVRCC Board Notifications

CVRCC Bylaws require notification of all members when a disciplinary action is taken against any member (Article 7.5). This newsletter is one means of that notification.

Infraction, Saturday 11/11/2017: A pilot-member made repeated attempts at takeoff, all erratic and finally running into the pit area. Verbal sanction and written letter applied. The member's response has been positive. He will demonstrate to a Board member properly controlled takeoffs and aborted takeoffs.



## Recommended Transmitter Switch Setup

The switch setup shown here is recommended in order to allow the right hand to stay on the primary control stick while principal switches are operated with the left hand. Using this setup will avoid confusion if you need to hand your transmitter to another pilot to get you out of trouble, to demonstrate a maneuver, or whatever.

When holding the radio at about a 45 degree angle every switch should be up or away from you before flying. Throttle Cut when not ready to fly should be down or towards you. Spektrum Radios should basically be set up the same way.

## Safety

Battery fires remain a constant threat. Li-Po batteries burn like flares and only smothering with earth will put the fire out.

Fires can start from impact, puncture, shorting, overcharging and over-discharging. Never let your guard down on a Li-Po battery: anything can happen, anytime. Charge batteries inside a fire-resistant bag. Store and transport batteries in a fireproof container. Be wary of any battery that's been in a crash, shows signs of "puffing," is hot to the touch or won't balance properly.

Li-Po fires have caused homes and automobiles to be lost. Don't be the next victim!

## Recognition

Congratulations to Darrell Morgan for his ever-improving standing among IMAC competitors. He is now ranked 3rd in the nation in IMAC's Advanced category. Many people dream of standings like these: very few achieve them. The club is proud of you Darrell!

## Events Schedule

- Nov 28, 2017: Club Meeting (Sloan's Restaurant, Indio)
- Dec 2: Aero Tow
- Dec 3: Badge Day, Toys for Tots (new toys or checks), 2018 Dues
- Jan 13 & 14 2018: Scale Warbirds
- Feb 15 - 18: Jet Jam

All flight events will be preceded by work parties, dates to be announced.

Enjoy the company of your fellow club members as we prepare and conduct these events!

## Editor's Notes

By George Krueger

My goal is to assemble a newsletter periodically during our yearly flying season, probably on a bi-monthly basis. This will be dependent on events and my own availability. I'll attempt to keep the newsletter entertaining and informative. Club meeting minutes won't be included since they were emailed to you separately. I have applied photo credits to any photos which are not my own. I have not applied photo captions because of the tedium involved, also the great potential for inaccuracies and the resulting complaints.



Along with my RC modeling hobby, my background includes commercial and military aircraft engineering, full-scale piloting and operating my own aircraft resale business. I will occasionally include a relevant article from those pursuits.

Our club meetings and events are an opportunity for camaraderie and the satisfaction of accomplishing something that benefits everyone. Please join in. We're all benefiting from the money and efforts of those who've preceded us. It's our turn to add value. We say "thank you" by our continuing contributions to the betterment of our club and our facility.

It's not well known, but several of our dedicated members have been adding to the proceeds from our events and activities with financial gifts of their own. They seek no recognition for this, but it is part of the reason the club has a reserve fund. If you would like to make an anonymous financial gift, see any club officer.

My thanks to Murray Ross for his help in understanding the software used to create this newsletter.

If you have constructive comments about the newsletter or an article and photos you'd like to submit, please see me at the field or write to me at [george.kru@gmail.com](mailto:george.kru@gmail.com).

Final content of this newsletter is at the discretion of the CVRCC Board of Directors.