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## Chief Pilot Sounds Off:

**Hello Flyers!**

**Well spring is here and I can't wait to get some serious flying in. All the hanger work we've done over the winter soon will have the great satisfaction of seeing all our planes in the air.**

**My plan this year will be to take every plane up in my hanger and fly every one of them, no more watching them hang in the rafters.**

**With all of our events schedule this year, it should be a great season of flying. Our club continues to grow with new members, veteran and novice flyers, youth involvement and different kids of planes, helicopters and quads.**

**Hope you enjoy the latest newsletter and see you at the field...**

**Best Regards,**

**Brian**

## Happy Spring/Goodbye Winter

The bulletin is back albeit very late. The past few months have been quite a ride. In early February, I picked up a bug (pneumonia and a nasty strain of the flu) within a few days of one another. I spent 14 days (in two separate stints) in the hospital, bedrest at home for another month, lost 30 lbs. and was too weak to even start an electric motor on my sail plane. You get the picture.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer **Michelle McBride** reminds us all we need to send in our dues for 2017 which gets you the new gate combo.

**The deadline was January 19th.** If you haven't already paid your 2017 dues, please do so as soon as possible.

## Warning, Warning, Warning!!!

**Just a Reminder!** We are being advised by our Government (the old one), "do not fly your RC models in or around a hurricane." "Fines, if caught, are upwards of \$32,140.00 per violation." This information was provided by the F.A.A. ( this bulletin editor reports just the facts !)

## No Fly Dates @ Toyota Amphitheatre\*

Below is a listing on the Amphitheatre's 2017 Schedule.

However, it is recommended that Red Baron members check the Amphitheatre's website before heading out to the flying field to see if additional dates have been added to the schedule.

Remember, whenever there is an event at Amphitheatre, those are considered no fly for our club.

- MAY 28** [Lady Antebellum: You Look Good Tour 2017](#)
- JUNE 3** [Chris Stapleton](#)
- JUNE 16** [Brad Paisley Tour 2017](#)
- AUG. 12** [Sam Hunt 15 In A 30 Tour](#)
- AUG. 19** [Dierks Bentley - What The Hell World Tour 2017](#)

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**AUG. 25** [2017 Honda Civic Tour Featuring OneRepublic](#)

**SEPT. 1** [96.9 The Eagle Welcomes: Foreigner w/Cheap](#)

**SEPT. 6** [Nickelback: Feed The Machine Tour](#)

**SEPT. 14** [Florida Georgia Line: Smooth Tour](#)

## Dumb Thumb Award

Every now and then your plane does something really dumb- so dumb, it hits the earth really-really hard! So, in 2017 Red Barons RCers who experiences a Dumb Thumb Moment are entered in a chance to have a special warm fuzzy moment sometime in October or November.

Simple rules: Crash a plane on our field or on Amos, snap a photo of the carnage, text or email me: 916-397-3980 / [chuckmcbride 32@icloud.com](mailto:chuckmcbride32@icloud.com) with info of who, when, where and how the incident happened. Really, hope you don't win! But! S.....happens!

## Club Calendar

### Red Baron's 2017 Events

**April 22 – 09:30 AM**, General Meeting, Meet and Meat, Bring your own – BBQ & Clean out your Hobby Shop, Spring Swap Meet.

**May 13 – 1:30 PM** – Tour of Sanders Aeronautics – Eagles Nest Private Airport, lone CA. Ted Olds (POC) Please RVSP to Ted as soon as possible.

**June 10 – 9:00 AM** General Meeting, Slow Flyer/ Heli and Quad Copters Event. Bring your “slowest flyer” or “Helicopter”, “Quad Copter” and see how many flying objects we can put into air, and/or do “The Limbo” contest. Soar on thermals. How slow can you go? How long can you stay in air..?

**July 15 – 9:00 AM** General Meeting, Patriot Fun Fly, Bring your Warbirds out and have a scale photo shoot of your plane in the air. Ground judging of your Scale bird could win you a prize...best looking ARF, Kit, or Scratch Build?

**Aug 19 – 9:00 AM** General Meeting, End of Summer Fun Fly – Bring your anything and show off your stuff. Giant Scale, Jets, Heli's, Quads, FPV's, Gas, Glow, Electric (P.S. this is President Brian's Birthday.)

**Sep 23 – 9:00 AM** General Meeting, Meet and Meat, NATS (Nasty Airplanes That are Small) & Electric Fun Fly Only 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM, Show off your Electric Flyer(s), Come and enjoy the 11:30 Lunch BBQ. Bring your NATS airplane (glow powered is allowed) and see if it will fly.

**Oct 28 – 9:30 AM** General Meeting, RB Presidents Day and Pattern Flying Fun Fly...bring your sport or pattern plane and practice the Golden Age of Pattern Flying, Demonstrate your best maneuvers. Practice with a spotting buddy, Try your hand at a perfect roll, or perfect loops, no pressure - just practice makes perfect. Senior Pattern Association (SPA) Cue Cards and Rule Books will be on scene to ensure you don't miss something. (Possible

Practice Contest by participating members with pattern planes). BBQ will be in operation by our President.

**Nov 16 – 7:00 PM** General Meeting, Vote for Officers– Location TBD.

**Nov 18** – Fall Fun Fly.

**Dec 9** – Fun Fly and Chili Dogs, Bring your winter flyers and coat.

**Dec 16 – 7:00 PM** General Meeting – Old Officers/New Officers hand-off. \$20 Christmas/Holiday Swap (bring something from your bench or an any gift). Location TBD.

## Member Spotlight



**Jeremy Saltman**

My interest in aviation started but I was very young and growing up in England watching the planes fly overhead to the local airfield. I was probably four or five years old when I started making airplanes from pieces of wood found in the garage and nailing them together, in a cross formation to make wings.

Soon after I started building 1/72 scale airfix kits of all the World War II aircraft, meticulously gluing and painting each part. Naturally, this progressed into building balsa gliders and rubber powered. It was not until I was 23 years old did I take the plunge and decide to take flying lessons, one of the flight schools was the British Airways flying club based at Wycombe Air Park. Soon after earning a British private pilots license. I continued to fly for many years, and decided that I wanted to fly commercially. After much thought and a couple years of planning, In 1986, I decided

to leave England and move to Canada. I was 26 years old. After waiting 18 months for my immigration papers, I moved to Guelph, ON Canada May 8, 1989 to start my commercial license. It was about 18 months later having successfully completed a multi engine ifr and instructor ratings I taught students how to fly and flew charters. To supplement income I taught ground school to both private and commercial pilot trainees. I also flew the occasional charter to the US and to northern Ontario. One question I have often asked was how many aircraft types have I flown. The answer is many. From the Pipers, Cherokee, Warrior, Seneca, Seminole, Arrow, Cessna's 150,152 aerobatic, 170, 172, 182, of all shapes and sizes to Tiger moths, aerobatics in an Ultimate, Beech Stagger wing, to an Emeraude.

The aviation business in the early 90's was full of layoffs and getting a job with an airline large or small or even a small charter company out in the boonies of northern or western Canada was impossible. The qualifications needed were simply ridiculous that a pilot with 1100 hours just didn't have. Primarily turbine time. Some of the students I trained did eventually get jobs after about 10 year wait, to fly cargo at night from east coast to west coast and back again for \$12,000 a year in an old beat up 25 year old Boing 727, or fly newspapers in a light Piper Navajo twin from Toronto to Buffalo over the lake , about a 25 min flight each way for a few \$ an hour. Could have made more money selling shoes in

the local mall. It was about the early 90's that I decided to stop the aviation career, start the computer business and take up radio control planes instead. I found a local club that was started and run by people like me, Brits. Naturally this was the club to learn at as we spoke the same language. I will forever be grateful to Len, Andy and Jack. Len mainly taught me to fly and became a lifelong friend. After destroying 2 trainers in trees, I flew my flight test with a Cherokee ARF to prove I could take off, land, and call out each maneuver as I was doing it. And be safe. Did I mention that the flight test was in a 15 mph direct crosswind? Needless to say my crosswind landings became good, mainly as I was always doing them and because I had flown full scale planes and applied the same techniques to RC flying.

Computers were just starting to make an appearance and I was about to jump careers. I grew with the computer industry and rose after some years to senior network administrator for a multinational insurance company with offices in both Canada and the US. I flew to Montreal every couple of months or so for the day and was back home at night. I had been assigned to Vancouver BC to move an office to its new location. My love for the west had started. The wife had an opportunity to come and work in California. We made the move to Rocklin from Hamilton ON. We drove. For 3 1/2 days with the dog. Here I was at the envy of my friends, back in cold wintery Ontario, living the high life as compared with what was home.

Blue sky, warmth and everyone seems happy and friendly whereas no sun grey and gloomy for many months on end people were miserable.

My first job was finding a local RC club. I did, the Red Barons when they were out on Fiddymment Rd. That was 2004. Since then I have made many friends within the club and have held a few positions too. Presently I make the membership cards, mail them and maintain the website. So if you have paid and don't have a card blame me! All membership forms and club info is posted on the site. For those that don't know [www.redbarons.org](http://www.redbarons.org) is our club website.

Some 25 years later I still fly RC with the addition of drones with a part 107 and have combined a hobby of RC planes and gliders and my interest in photography to make a small business of photographing real estate, land and video, both here in the central valley and on the Mendocino coast.

See you at the field and keep the rubber side down and the blue side up. Life is good.

Best,  
Jeremy