

# Radio Control Flyers Unlimited

## Flight Plan

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### Current News

The January Club meeting will be held at the flying field. The meeting will be on January 21, 2017 at 10:00 am when the field opens. The meeting will be canceled if there is rain on that day.

If you haven't paid dues for 2017, please do so as soon as possible. I will try and send out the 2017 roster during the first week of February. Also please note that the return address has changed. The new address is:

RCFU  
PO Box 578837  
Modesto CA 95357-8837

If you have paid your dues for 2017 and have not received your membership card, please contact me at [rcfu@rcflyersunlimited.com](mailto:rcfu@rcflyersunlimited.com) and let me know.

I understand that some of the membership has not received any emails from me for the newsletter or other information within the past few months. I have researched this and I think I have found a solution for this. If you or somebody that you know should have gotten an email for the January monthly newsletter email but did not, please let me know asap.

Also there are members that are having a hard time getting on the web site. If are experiencing problems with the web site, please let me know. I have just gone through the web site to clear any issues that may be causing problems. For anybody that finds that when trying to launch the web site they are being redirected to a pharmacy web site, please do the following: with the browser open, enter <http://rcflyersunlimited.com> without hitting enter (just type in the address and not go to the web site). Once you have it typed it

hit enter and immediately press ctrl key and the F5 key together. This will force the web page to reload into your browser instead of pulling the web site from your cache (where the web site is pulled from your temp file list instead of the web site for speed of loading into your browser).

If you are having a problem getting on the web site, use an alternate browser like Chrome, Firefox or Internet Explorer (Edge if you are on Windows 10). This may also solve the problem.

### **AVOIDING A CRASH**

Article by Gerry Yarrish June 21, 2013

**Center of Gravity Balance Point.** In my opinion, more airplanes are damaged or destroyed on their first flight because they were improperly balanced. The balance point for all RC model airplanes (with the exception of small foamy RTF planes,) are called out on the plans of a kit built plane, or in the instructions of an ARF plane. It is absolutely imperative that you take the time to balance your plane properly. Use a balancing jig or simply use your finger tips to hold the plane by the wing to see where it balances. If the tail hangs low while placing your fingers where the instructions say the balance point is, it is tail heavy. If the nose hangs low, it is nose heavy. Of the two, slightly nose heavy is better than slightly tail heavy. As the plane becomes more and more tail heavy, the more and more sensitive it becomes to control inputs until it gets to a point where it is uncontrollable. We see this all the time. The plane takes off and the wing rock back and forth. The nose stays high and eventually the plane snaps to one side and crashes. You prevent this by adding nose weight.