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## Southern Alameda County Radio Controllers

President: Steve Hoyt

Secretary: Steve Woodall

Vice President: Bob Freshwater

Treasurer: Jim Utley (510) 352-3150

The Club meeting was at 7:30 AM January 10, 2015

Board meeting was at 7:00 PM, members in attendance were President Steve Hoyt, Treasurer Jim Utley, Safety Officer Lou Morales, Past President Jim Solar, Member at Large Jeff Whitney.

Items discussed were bestowing Life Membership on Jim Utley for his ever-willingness to help and years of service.

The Board discussed Duck Days and decided to recommend that as good neighbors, DDs be restricted to electric only and keeping the airplanes close in.

Also discussed were allowing quads and helicopters on the main field since the helipad area is flooded. Recommended that the fliers in attendance that day agree unanimously to allow quads or choppers time on the field.

Jim Utley and Steve Hoyt will check in to the availability of a room at the new Newark Senior Center as a possible location for this year's Christmas dinner.

General meeting commenced at 7:30PM at the Round Table. Approximately 20 members were present.

**New and Prospective members:** Harold Driggers (returning to SACRC after about 10 years off) and Al Mi.

The minutes of the December meeting (HA!) were accepted as published in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's report:** Jim noted that we are still solvent, and that thanks to donations and proceeds from the 2 Fly-ins we donated \$1500 to the Viola Blythe Foundation.

**Safety report:** Lou noted that electric fliers are not always putting the wings of their models up against the wing poles on the tables, or otherwise securing them from inadvertent start-ups. Remember that familiarity not only breeds contempt,

Next meeting:

February 21

Clubhouse

it also breeds complacency. In other words, you can get too comfortable with your system and not always check that the throttle is down, or reversed or whatever. The fingers you save may be your own.

The club voted to restrict models on Duck Days to be electric only, and to fly close in. The club also voted to allow quads and helicopters on the main field when the helipad is flooded or otherwise unusable IF the fliers at the field that day all agree to allocate time for quads and choppers.

It was also noted that if you should happen to crash out by the levee to go out on the South side of the field in order to use the bridges and paths. Be careful if you stray from the cut paths as there are still some duck blinds (holes) from before.

**Old Business:**

We will be switching to a combination lock—it is already on the gate—you can still use your key, but new members will only have the combination. Currently it is the same as Frequency board combination.

**New Business:**

The 3rd weekend in April will be an Aviation Week for the Scouts, hosted by Jim Utley.

We need people with waders to help clean out the outfall, so that the field will drain better.

We need to attract younger members (one reason for the Aviation Week). If you know of a scout troop or other youth group that might be interested, please talk to Steve or Jim Utley, or one of the other board members.

Jim Utley was granted a Life Membership for his years of service and willingness to lend a hand and do for the club. Many thanks Jim and Congratulations!

The Night Fly is the 3rd Saturday of the month (the weekend after the club meeting) They usually get out there a little while before sunset, get a flight or two in, maybe BBQ a little and get going at dark. Come to watch or participate!.

The next meeting Feb 14 (Valentine's Day) will be at the clubhouse at 730PM.

There was no show and tell, and I have already covered the announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 810PM.

Submitted by

Jeff Whitney in lieu of Steve Woodall



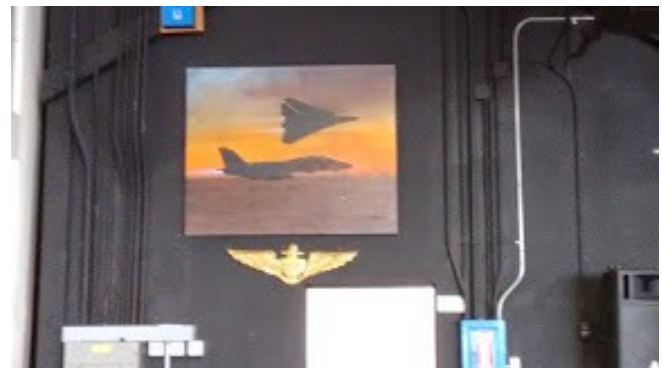
A busy day at the field Jan 24—good weather brought lots of people out!



Dr Lou prepping his Antonov



The honor roll  
On the back of the shed

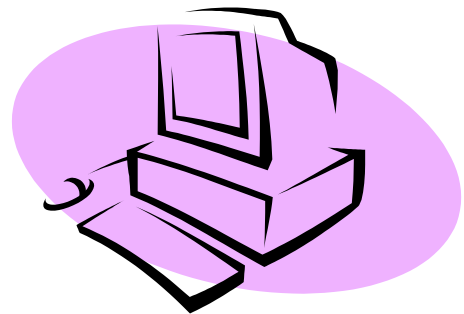
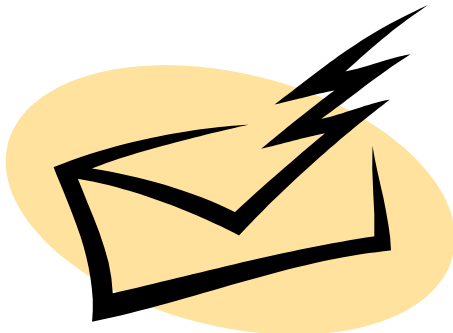
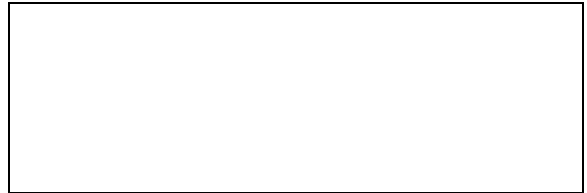


You can visit our Bob Hope paintings at the Oakland Aviation Museum—they are on loan there until we can find a new permanent meeting place

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