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Southern Alameda County Radio Controllers

President: Steve Hoyt

Secretary: Steve Woodall

Vice President: Mike Pimentel

Treasurer: Jim Utley (510) 352-3150

The Club meeting was at 11:00 AM February 13, 2016

Board Meeting:

No Board meeting

General meeting:

There were 28 members and two guests/prospective members

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Steve Hoyt, President; Mike Pimentel, Vice-President; Jim Utley, Treasurer; Jeff Whitney, Board member/Acting Secretary

Prospective members were Mark Guidi and Keith Sutton. David Jones was not present but was voted in by proxy.

Steve reiterated the safety procedures for the benefit of the new members. He also pointed out that everyone should announce their intentions such as "Taking off!", "Landing!", or "On the field!"

MINUTES:

Minutes of the January meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Jim noted that we have a pretty good bank account, and that we have 111 members as of 2/12/16 (number increased by 3 after the members were voted in).

SAFETY REPORT:

The FIRST maneuver you should make after taking off is AWAY from the pit area/parking lot, e.g. to the West side of the runway.

Any float flying from our winter pond should be done to the North side beyond the parking lot.

FIELD REPORT:

36 tons of rock were added to the parking lot and the road. Many thanks to the crew that spread the rock! The outflow that was cleaned by the tree-trimming crew we hired a couple of months ago is working well.

Next meeting:

March 12

At the Field

OLD BUSINESS:

Steve read the letter of thanks from the Viola Blythe foundation. We adopted the Viola Blythe Foundation as our charity because when we originally got the old field and the Hangar from Cargil it was a charity that they supported. Over the years since then we have donated an average of at least \$1000 to VBF annually. They do a lot of good work in the Newark/Union City/Fremont area – check their website to see what their wants and needs are (one thing they need a lot of is 1-gallon freezer bags for distributing rice).

NEW BUSINESS:

The FAA Deadline for model registration is past. Steve noted that you must be registered with the FAA in order to fly at the SACRC field. Models weighing less than 0.55 lbs are exempted, and models in excess of 55 lbs follow a different registration procedure (but still need to be registered to fly at SACRC).

SHOW AND TELL:

None. :-(

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Walter Oyung passed away recently; he was a long-time member of SACRC but usually flew across the bay at PCC.

Wine Country Flyers will be hosting an All Hobbies swap meet at the Santa Rosa Veteran's Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa. (Flyer attached in the newsletter.)

US Scalemasters Championships will be at Woodland/Davis Aeromodelers again, September 29-October 2. There will be many excellent scale models here, last time from as far away as Tennessee!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45AM.

From my keyboard:

I really enjoy WWI, Golden Age and WWII aircraft. I was about 35 when I got seriously involved in RC, and for a while was just happy with sport planes (Sweet Stik, Alley Kat, etc.) but then I heard the guys talking about Ukiah, the Dan Sullivan. At about that time I purchased a Royal Beech Staggerwing. It was a .60 size airplane, probably 55" wingspan or so—and I could not land it. I mean—it was so clean for a biplane that it would just sail by me every time. I think in all the time I owned it I got maybe 2 or 3 decent landings.

Nevertheless—that was the first airplane I took to Ukiah, and I had a ball! Even though I got 0's for landing I had a great time and I keep going back. In about a 30-year span I have missed one. At several of them I had no airplane, so I judged. Sometimes I could only go for Saturday. I have several good friends from that event.

A lot of members enjoy float flying, and attend a lot of float flying events and have made a lot of good friends at those.

The point is—flying at events is fun and rewarding and should not be overlooked! Ukiah is coming up in June, the 49er in May—there are float flies seemingly every weekend starting soon—even just a regular fly-in—it is worth your while to attend events at other fields (or lakes). Guarantee you will enjoy it!

Jeff

10th Annual All Hobbies

SWAP MEET

May 14th 2016

8am ~ 2pm

Presented by:

**The Wine Country Flyers
and Jake's Performance Hobbies**

Swap open to All Hobbies. RC Airplanes, Heli's, Quads, Cars, Crawlers, Boats, Drones, Trains, Plastic Models, Rockets, Die-Cast and More.

Swap Meet starts at 8AM, with set-up at 7:30am.

No Early Bird selling, or parking lot deals.
(both parties will be asked to leave)

Coffee and donuts will be for sale.

Come see displays from local Hobby Clubs!

10th Annual, bigger and better. 100+ tables!

Tables are \$10 reserved, \$15 day of the Swap.
Vendors are welcome, \$20 per table.
Tables are provided, limit 3 per person

Buyers Entry Fee \$3.00 (Kids under 12 FREE!)

Hobby Swap will be in the Main Hall of the
Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building.
1351 Maple Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 95404

For questions, or to reserve a table,
contact Adam at adamplement@gmail.com
or Jake at jphracing001@aol.com
See www.WCFlyers.com for more info.

All Hobbies welcome!

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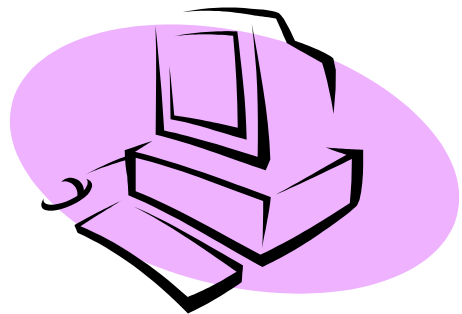
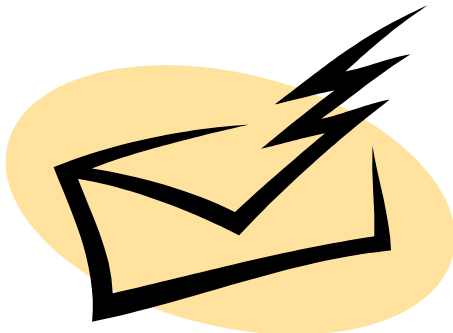


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