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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

Meeting was called to order at 11:00AM 02-11-2017

### **BOARD MEETING:**

No board meeting.

### **GENERAL MEETING:**

February 11, 2017

The club President Steve Hoyt called the meeting to order at 11:00AM, at the Fremont Arts Center, 3375 Country Drive, Fremont, CA. There were 11 members present and no prospective members

The officers present were President Steve Hoyt, Vice President Mike Pimentel, Treasurer Jim Utley, Safety Officers Burt Rosensweig and Norm Coates, and Director of Communications Jeff Whitney.

### **NEWS LETTER ISSUES:**

None

### **January MINUTES:**

Approved as posted in the January newsletter

### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Jim noted that we have a pretty good bank account. Members are still renewing – Jim will have an up to date membership count in March. His report was approved by the members present.

### **SAFETY REPORT:**

Everyone seems to be behaving themselves. As a reminder during this wet weather there are boots in the impound shed but it is important to take a buddy if you have to go retrieve a downed airplane, especially if it is outside the berm area of the runway where it is difficult to see anyone from the pit area.

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

### **FIELD REPORT:**

The South end plastic is loose – we will reattach it when the field is dry. The soil is too soft currently to actually hold new staples. (The Woodland/Davis field was completely under water, and when the water receded and the winds came up their petromat was picked up and blown away.)

Art Vargas brought a shovel and filled in some of the potholes from the Benson St gate in a ways, using gravel and dirt from the side of the

Next meeting:

March 11

At the FIELD

road. Thank you Art!

New, bright orange windsocks have been mounted.

### OLD BUSINESS:

There are some models in the house from the estate of Bruce Filena that are for sale – a Top Flight C-47 mostly built with landing gear, a Stinson Reliant and a few other items (plus a box of balsa sheets and sticks). Contact one of the officers if you wish to inspect them. A few items have been sold already

### NEW BUSINESS:

None

### SHOW AND TELL:

Norm showed a DuraFly DeHaviland Sea Vixen EDF – pretty nice looking but Norm says it is a bit underpowered.

Steve Hoyt brought a Sbach aerobatic ship. It has a plywood structure and thin EPP sheeting. Designed for a 3542 950Kv motor with a 3S 2200 MAh battery.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Past member and Treasurer John Mitchell has passed away.

We will have a fun-fly contest early summer, the Warbird fly-in will be July 15<sup>th</sup> and the Waldo Pepper WWI/Golden Age fly-in will be August 26-27<sup>th</sup>.

### UP COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Saturday June 17, 2017 Club Fun Fly  
 July Boy Scout event Date to be announced  
 Warbirds by the Bay 07/15/17  
 August Waldo Pepper 08/26-27/17

The club furnished coffee and donuts for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45AM.

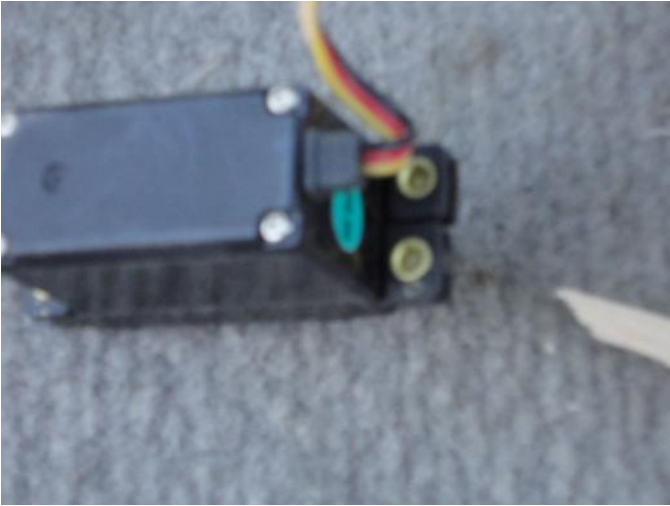


Our gifted Photographer Burt Rosensweig shot Norm's Sea Vixen at the meeting



I found this recently on someone else's airplane. If you notice, the brass eyelets are installed in the rubber grommets with the wide side up. This is wrong, as it will allow the eyelet to sink into the wood or plastic as the servo screw is tightened, leading to a loose servo and poor centering, as well as flex in the pushrod which COULD lead to flutter.

I know a lot of you fly ARFs with servos pre-installed or EP where grommets may not even be used, but if there is any vibration the same thing could happen.



Here the eyelets have been re-inserted correctly, with the wide side down towards the bottom of the servo. This will prevent the eyelet from sinking into the wood when the servo screw is tightened.



By the way, the screw shown to the left here is from RTL Fasteners and they are simply awesome for mounting servos and a host of other applications

(<http://www.rtlfasteners.com/RC/d.html>)

Their assortments are very handy if you have need for various sizes and lengths of screws.

Another favorite of mine is [Micro Fasteners](#). They also have many assortments, plus small size machine screws including 0, 00 and 1 sizes.



One of the airplanes from Bruce Filena's estate, a Stinson Reliant for glow-power. About a 60-inch wingspan. No cowl or servos, needs some TLC.

Also available is a Top Flight C-47 with retractable landing gear, also for glow power. This model is nearly complete, needs engines, radio, paint and some sanding.

Retracts and struts for the Top Flight Gold Edition Corsair, plus 3 servos.

Various other items—all are up for grabs for the best offer. The money goes to Bruce's children. Contact a club officer to view the items.



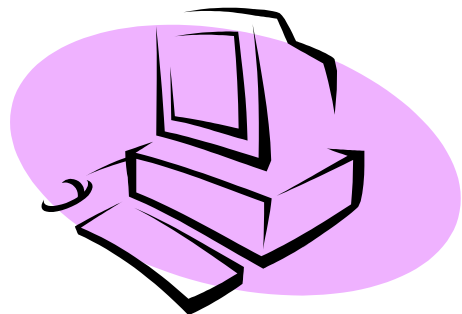
Burt Rosensweig has a World Models P-51 for sale. It uses 3S 2200 LiPos with a brushless motor, 39" wingspan, built-up balsa structure.

If you are interested contact Burt at 650-504-4981—or catch him at the field!

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