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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 11:00 AM 07-08-2017

### BOARD MEETING:

President Steve Hoyt brought the board meeting to order at 10:28 AM at the field in Union City, CA

The board members present were President Steve Hoyt, Vice President Mike Pimentel, Treasurer Jim Utley, Secretary Steve Woodall, Safety Officer, Norm Coates, Board Member Harry Kart and Director of Communications Jeff Whitney.

### ITEMS DISCUSSED:

Burt Rosensweig sent each of the board members his review of the clubs financial outlook. This report pointed out that if we stay on our current yearly expenses and income, we will have a negative out flow of about \$1,500 per year.

The board members brought up and discussed the following: Increase membership, decrease expenses, fund raisers, put together a membership flier, have events that make money, stop the meeting BBQ, raise membership dues, form a membership committee, have event funds go to the club, put ads in the local news papers.

The board decided and voted on two (2) items:

1. Starting with the next meeting, the club will furnish coffee and donuts for the members attending and no longer have BBQ's.
2. The club will still rent a place for the Christmas Party and provide the main dishes, but will only get gift cards for the ladies that attend. The club will not pick up raffle prizes for the members.

Jeff said that in future events at our field, he will charge for any food.

The board meeting was adjourned at 10:58 AM

Next meeting:

August 12

At the FIELD

**GENERAL MEETING:**

The club President Steve Hoyt called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM at the field in Union City, CA. There were 15 members present.

The officers present were President Steve Hoyt, Vice President Mike Pimentel, Treasurer Jim Utlej, Secretary Steve Woodall, Safety Officer Norm Coates, Board Member Harry Kart and Director of Communications Jeff Whitney.

**Prospective New Members:**

David Banaga, Union City; Jimmy Chang, Fremont; Denis Berlan (Returning member), Atherton; Dale Pereria, Hayward

**News Letter Issues:**

None

**June Minutes:**

Approved as posted in last months newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Jim Utlej made a complete financial report, which showed our club is in good shape. Jim notes that we are currently at 108 paid members. For complete details contact Jim.

His report was approved by the members present.

President Hoyt talked about what was discussed in the board meeting regarding a review of the clubs financial out look. He said the board voted to cut back on the meeting BBQs and furnish coffee and donuts in the future. The board also voted to just give gift cards to the women attending the Christmas Party. He said that an increase in dues was also discussed. He said that \$5 of your dues goes to the Viola Blythe along with money earned from club events. Future monies from events will go to the club. He asked if anyone would like to head up a membership commit-

tee. Hoyt will try to put together a membership flier.

**Safety Report:**

Norm Coates said that members still arm their planes on the outside tables. He said it doesn't matter how many people are at the field this is an unsafe practice and they should use the pit area for arming.

Norm also pointed out that he recently discovered two (2) open duck blinds in the weeded area on the north end of the field. These pipes are three foot drainage pipes that stand up vertical. He filled them with dirt, so no one would accidentally fall into them. This is just a reminder that you should be careful when going out into any area off the runway. A good practice is to always go with another person when looking for a downed plane.

**Field Report:**

Brady Deitrick sent in the following email report for the month of July.

This month Norm graded the berm on the approach and he and Harry Kart cleared some of the old pipes. We also looked at the outflow pipe and determined that the opening of the pipe is lower than the exit, which is why drainage is not occurring. There is not a solution as correcting this would fall to the Alameda Flood Control.

I ask the members occasionally to walk the runway and pick up any debris that could damage aircraft and look for any stakes that may be protruding.

Thanks to Harry, Norm and Jim Utlej for their help, and also to Art Vargas for regularly spraying for weeds and spiders around the pits.

Since Deitrick's report, Norm has removed the rest of the tall dry weeds on the berm and graded a flat trail on the west side of the runway. Thanks Norm for your many hours of hard work.

#### **Old Business:**

Jeff Whitney reported on the Club Fun Fly on Saturday June 24, 2017. He said that there were only six (6) contestants in the following four (4) events.

Climb and fly a timed event.

Touch and goes in a certain time.

Most loops in a certain time.

Cone race which is timed.

There were first, second and third place winners. The prizes were money from the entries. Norm Coates was the overall winner. For the names of the other winners contact Jeff.

Thanks to Jim Utley for coming up with the different events and managing the timed events.

#### **New Business:**

Jim Utley said that on August 4, 5, and 6, 2017 a Boy Scout group will be coming to our field for a camp out and learning to fly event. He will need some volunteer help for instructors and spotters. Any one that can help please contact Jim. This is a fun event

#### **Show and Tell:**

David Ching showed off his new Avanti S Jet from Motion RC. It has a 80mm inducted fan, which uses a 6 cell battery and 48.5" wingspan. The jet also has retract landing gear. He will do a maiden flight later.

#### **Announcements:**

Whitney said the clubs War Birds event will be next weekend July 15, 2017.

Utley said that after the meeting there would be hot dogs and chili for the members.

#### **Upcoming Events of Interest:**

Warbirds by the Bay—July 15, 2017

Boy Scout event, August 4 - 6, 2017

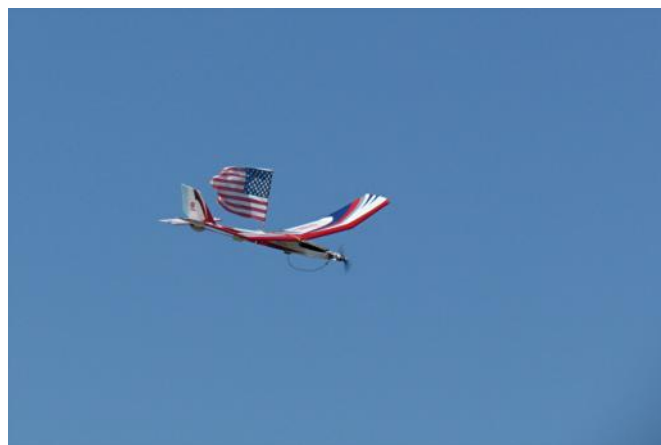
Waldo Pepper's Flying Circus, August 26-27, 2017

NorCal Huckfest, October 14-15, 2017 Roseville, CA

#### **Christmas Party December 9th or 16th, 2017**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40AM.

The club furnished hot dogs, chili, chips and drinks.

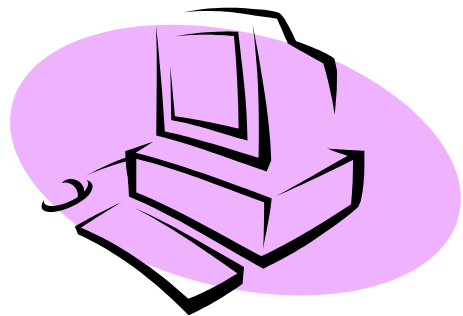
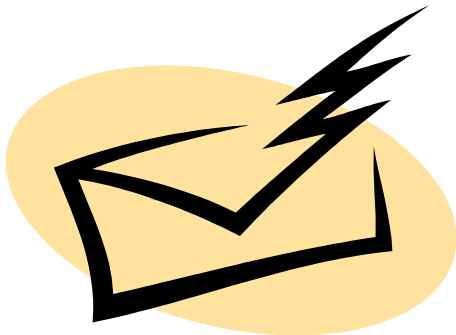
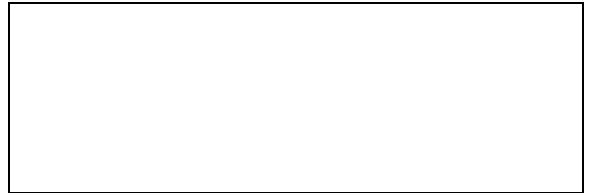


Dan Jacobs Old Glory Glider (top), Scott Clinton's Old Glory Waco (Coates photos)

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