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Southern Alameda County Radio Controllers

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Minutes of the July 10th General Membership Meeting

Jim Newman

Minutes

Accepted as published.

New/Prospective Members

Tom Wagner, Yefim Lukashevskiy, Robert Rubio, Walter Oyung and Eric Resser were voted into the Club as new members.

Treasury Report

Accepted as read.

Secretaries Report

None.

Field Report

Bob Freshwater thanked Art Vargas for his diligence in keeping the flying field trimmed and weed free. Bob also thanked the members for helping in the work party prior to the Club meeting.

Safety Report

Art Vargas gave a quick review of the safety and field rules in part for the new members but also to remind Club members that we do have safety and field

rules and that they need to be followed.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

Bob Freshwater proposed holding the August 14, 2010 General Membership meeting at the flying field. A motion was made, seconded and passed by voice vote.

Announcements

None.

Dummy of the Month

None.

Show and Tell

Jeff Whitney showed a Sopwith 1 1/2 Strutter Biplane built from a Proctor kit by Lou Haynie and rigged by Jeff. Uses a Laser 80 for power. The plane was very nicely done.

Food for Thought

Submitted by Dick Franco

Evidently some of our members feel that they should be able to fly anywhere they want, regardless of any rules or safety concerns. It has been expressed that the skies are free up as high as you can go. This is not true for real or model planes. Since 1994 the US has had a restricted class of 6 controlled flight zones ranging from A to G. Class "A" is for the "big boys only", it is for everything above 18,000 feet. It is restricted to IFR flight plans operating with a mode C transponder only. Class "B" airspace is also under IFR rules and includes the 12 busiest airports in the country. Students and other general aviation pilots are excluded unless they have a class "B" endorsement. The other classes have varying altitude and location requirements and pilots must know and understand the requirements of the airspace they are flying in. **The can't just go blundering around the sky wherever and whenever they want. If they do, they will probably lose their license and could go to jail.**

These restrictions have good and logical reasons for their existence and ignoring them is just plain stupid, dangerous and bad manners. The same is true for the AMA rules and restrictions. For example, model planes are restricted to 400 feet altitude near airports, for the good reason that most real planes are operating around 600 feet in the same area. The restrictions include the AMA flight rules, which we all agreed to abide by as a club membership requirement and our own airspace restrictions. **Every time we ignore them, or allow some one else to ignore them, for any reason, it just puts us one step closer to losing our flying field. Do you want to lose the field just to allow some idiot to violate flight rules whenever he feels like it?** Yes some "looseness" is nice, but where does it end and when does stupidity begin. We have tried to let policing of these rules be largely on the "honor system". Some of our members are obviously more "honorable" than others. Where does the "honor system" end and stupidity begin? **I don't want to lose our field, do you?**

This article is being borrowed from the Columbia County RC Flyers Club 4/2010 newsletter.

As the test pilot climbs out of the experimental aircraft, having torn off the wings and tail in the crash landing, the crash truck arrives. The rescuer sees the bloodied pilot and asks, "what happened?" The pilot's reply: "I don't know, I just got here myself!"

People Behaving Badly

Let's get started by saying thanks to all the members that are doing their part to make the field safe for everyone and lets hope we have this field for a while....it may be the last one we can find!

DUST

Another one of our problems. Nobody likes it. The signs on the road say "10 MPH" so please don't go over it. Our Caretaker doesn't like it and let's not ruffle his feathers. When we have a cross wind, which we have a lot, dust blows over the fence on the road closest to the homes. Please try to keep it down.

Now for the impound. No radios are to be left out on the tables. I have been asking the same people over and over. Please put them away....you know who you are. No more asking, it's ticket time. Don't say I didn't warn you.....

Bob Dutra (Safety Officer)



Like Mickie, you could be the grand prize raffle winner!

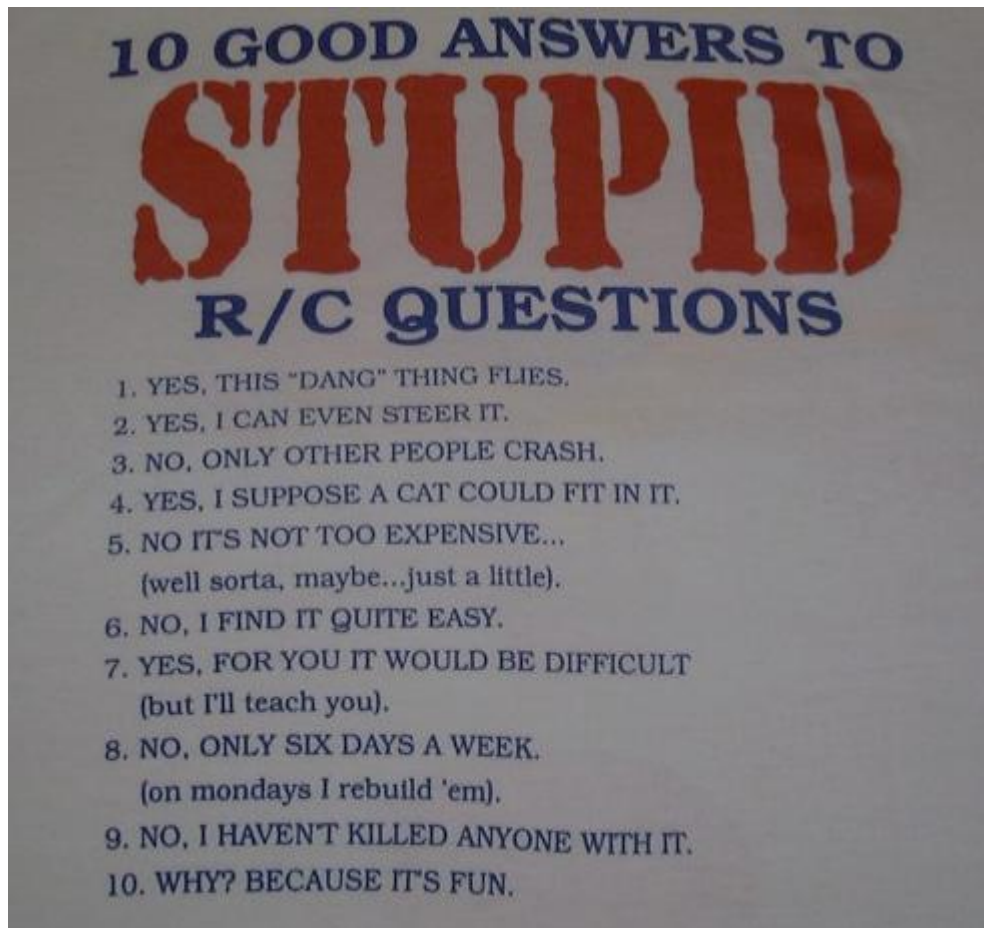
Join us on August 14th for the next General Membership meeting at 11am.

A great raffle and BBQ lunch follow the meeting

Patriotic flying on the 4th of July



Burt Rosensweig caught a couple of good pictures on the 4th the pusher belongs to Lou Morales and the plane with the flag belongs to Dan Jacobs



Our Safety Officer, Bob Dutra, took a picture of a sign he liked



New Hybrids seen at the field

Scott Clinton and Lou Morales both have attached electric aircraft to their cars in an effort to turn them into gas/electric hybrids....not really.....but they do look great going down the road and get a lot of attention

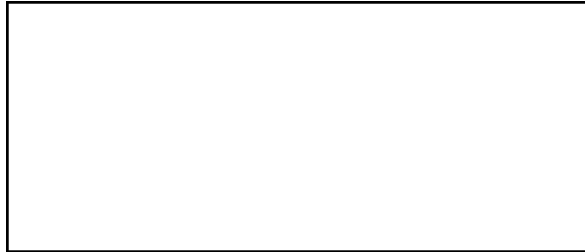
Upcoming Events

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| 8/1 | Hot August Flights Warbird Race @ Sac Aero Modelers
Kimo Dias 916-797-3076 sk_dias@hotmail.com |
| 8/7 | Swap Meet @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill
Steve Smith 408-234-0095 stevejsmith2001@hotmail.com |
| 8/21 | 1 Day Pattern Contest @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill
Luke Peng lsjpeng@comcast.net |
| 8/28 | Summer Sizzle Fun-Fly @ LFE, Livermore
Les Shovah lessemau@yahoo.com |
| 8/28 & 8/29 | US Scale Masters Qualifier @ Madera Aeromodelers
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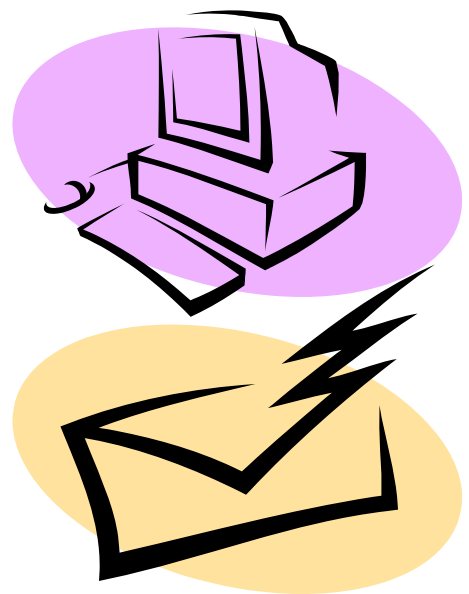
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