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Southern Alameda County Radio Controllers

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Minutes of the January 8th General Membership meeting by Jim Newman

Minutes

No December Meeting due to the Christmas Party.

New Members/Prospective Members

Robert Kinchen, Roger Vieira and Steve Woodall were voted into the Club as new members.

Treasury Report

Accepted as read.

Secretaries Report

None.

Field Report

Bob Freshwater gave a report of the work party that was held on Jan. 8th, 2011. A lot of issues were taken care of such as the trimming of the trees near the building that houses our weather station, the awnings were taken down and stored away for the winter, two bench tops were replaced and

Gravel was spread in the low spots in the road and parking lot. After the work party, each member that helped out got a raffle ticket for the raffling of a Tower Hobby's Kaos. Alex Goddard won the plane for all his hard work.

Safety Report

Jeff Whitney relayed an email he received from Brian Chan. Brian pointed out that the arming table should be used for disarming of planes as well. After a brief discussion, a motion was made to have the arming table be used for disarming of airplanes as well. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Old Business

Art Vargas reminded the Club members present that there is a ban on smoking at the flying field to prevent the littering from the butts.

New Business

Bob Freshwater proposed adding \$5.00 to each Club member's dues that would go to the Viola Blythe fund. After a brief discussion, the proposal was dropped.

Bob Freshwater proposed holding a night electric fly-in. If anyone is interested, please get in contact with Bob.

Announcements

Club member, Gary Rebiskie, received a kidney transplant. He is home and is recovering well.

Art Vargas thanked everyone who came out on the morning of the Christmas Party and helped clean the Clubhouse. He also thanked everyone who attended the Christmas Party.

Dummy of the Month

Scott Clinton received the "Dummy of the Month" award for getting his ailerons and flaps input to his receiver wrong on his new P47. This caused a very short and stressful maiden flight. Luckily, the plane survived with only minor damage and has since been repaired and flown successfully.

Show and tell

Jake Chichiletti brought in a Playboy Jr. that was originally designed in the "40s". It's powered by a 0.15 diesel engine.

Darrel brought in a Great Planes Electric Zlin 526.

Art Vargas brought in his Parkzone Ultra-Micro Series T28. He purchased an after market canopy from ParkflyerPlastics.com that make the plane look much closer to the original.

Useful Links

Introduction to Electric RC Airplanes

<http://www.rctoys.com/pr/2008/05/09/introduction-to-electric-rcplanes/>

Glow to Electric Conversions

<http://www.rcgroups.com/glow-to-electric-conversions-247/>

Power Systems

<http://www.rcgroups.com/power-systems-13/>

Castle Power Calculator

<http://www.brantuas.com/ezcalc/castlecalc.asp>

Scorpion Calculator

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=736782>

People Behaving Badly

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Which brings us to the subject of DUES....Have you paid them? If you come out to fly, you have to have a membership badge. The sign at the field says "NO BADGE NO AMA NO FLY". Wear your badge or bring something to show you have paid for this year.....no proof, no fly. Starting the end of this month I will be checking for proof of membership...so wear your badge.

There was a new rule for the electric flyers voted in at the last meeting. The arming table is now the arming and disarming table. This rule was put in for everyone's safety. Things can happen real fast....just ask those that had to have stitches last year.

There is still a lot of airplane parts laying around on the ground. No one wants to crash, but if it happens, please pick it ALL up for your home garbage can.

One more thing, I have been watching people drive in, get out of the car, walk over and grab a frequency pin from the impound....for what reason I don't know. Their airplane is still in the car.....somebody, getting ready to fly, might need that that pin. I know for a fact that two people, who don't fly at all, grab a pin then go shoot the bull with others....Leave the pins for the flyers.

(Bob Dutra, Safety Officer)

Do you like looking at photos of aircraft?

For airplane buffs, this is a keeper. You will be able to pull up every airplane that was built in every country in the world and by every aircraft company.

<http://www.aviastar.org/index2.html>

For absolutely incredible photos from Edwards AFB Open House

<http://home.comcast.net/~bzeela/edwards09/edwards09.html>

Upcoming Events

The NCRCS has not posted the 2011 schedule yet. So, the RC community is at a loss for what is coming up. As soon as it is posted, we will be able to publish events that would affect the members of SACRC

Get up to Speed on the FAA Issue

Reprinted from Model Aviation Magazine

For nearly three years AMA has been working with the FAA on potential regulations affecting model aircraft. A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) is due to be released for public comment in June of 2011.

However, now is the time for you — the AMA member — to familiarize yourself with this important issue and the regulatory process, and to prepare for action in case the need arises in the coming months. A section has been added to the AMA Web site for Academy members and all who are concerned about the fate of aeromodeling; check it out at www.modelaircraft.org/gov.

The site will feature background information about this topic, the latest developments; how to communicate with your federal representatives, information about you advocacy team, and much more, so visit it periodically. It's the AMA government relations "tool kit".

The Academy has been there for modelers for generations. Now is the time for you to do you part for the future of model aviation.

AMA Headquarters

Truly superior pilots are those who use their superior judgment to avoid those situations where they might have to use their superior skills

Seen at the field



The Field on New Year's Day

Unfortunately, Mother Nature didn't cooperate

To start the year off with a flight

Jim Solar's Mystery Ship

Jim lost this one into the "drink" a couple of months ago.....it reappeared recently



Burt Rosensweig sent in a couple of pictures

One is Greg Beshouri's new Cermak Fantasy Racer GB R-3 and the other is a great looking

Bi-plane with an unknown builder/owner

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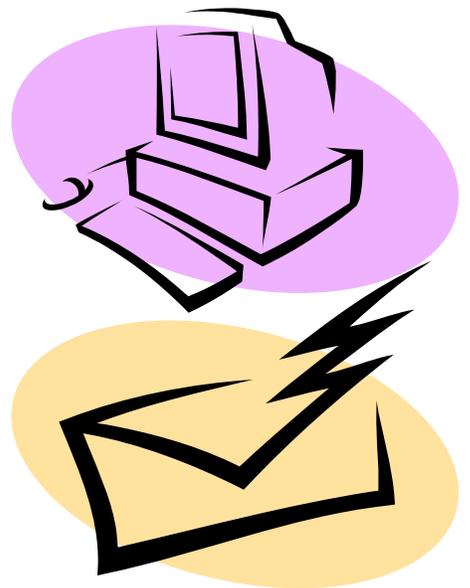
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7:30pm at the Hanger



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