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Southern Alameda County Radio Controllers

President: Steve Hoyt

Secretary: Matt O'Sullivan

Vice President: Bob Freshwater

Treasurer: Jim Utley (510) 352-3150

The Cub meeting was at 11:30 AM April 12, 2014

Board Meeting 11:00 AM:

Officers Present: Steve Hoyt, President; Bob Freshwater, Vice President; Jim Utley, Treasurer; Matthew O'Sullivan, Secretary, Former President; Jim Solar; At Large, Jeff Whitney; Safety Officer Lou Morales.

Discussed the club's recent purchase of 2 fire extinguishers and 2 5 gallon Indian backpack water jugs with attached sprayers. These items were acquired after a plane fire last month. The extinguishers cost \$22.95 each, the water backpacks cost \$150.00 each. The club President indicated that we need to put up signage with the address of the club and signs at the gates explaining how to get to the field. When the fire department responded to last month's fire he had to go meet them at the gate and guide them to the field. Jim Utley indicated he has the official address for our location, he will put that information on the hut with specific instructions as to what to do in an

emergency.

The President brought up a proposal to consider selling the club riding mower and purchasing a brush cutter. Brady will look into the possibilities on this and report back to the board. Bob Freshwater announced that he is going to step down as Vice President after his term ends so we will need to look for a replacement.

Club Meeting 11:30 AM:

Location: Field

Officers Present: Steve Hoyt, President; Bob Freshwater, Vice President; Jim Utley, Treasurer; Matthew O'Sullivan, Secretary, Former President; Jim Solar; At Large, Jeff Whitney; Safety Officer Lou Morales.

March Meeting Minutes approved as published in the Newsletter.

Finance Report: Presented by Treasurer and approved.

Old Business: The club still needs a committee of 4 to 5 members to get ideas for a “fun” day, the proposed date on or about June 21, 2014. Scott Clinton volunteered to head up the committee. Jeff Whitney will send out an e-mail to solicit for more volunteers. Bob Freshwater indicated he can bring a plane that people can shoot at with paintball guns.

Field Report: As read by the President. Planks have been repaired, the tables have been painted and work has started on the heli-pad. We will need to draft and post specific helicopter flying rules. There was a work party on 4-10-14 from 11 am to 6 pm. The area around the parking lot and the ends of the runway were trimmed. New covering was put on both ends of the runway. Thanks to the work crew. All members are asked to help out when and how they can. People were asked if they can participate in Sunday work parties.

Safety Report: Lou Morales reported that there was a fire about 3 weeks previously. The fire started when the LIPO plane battery was damaged in a crash. The fire started quickly and the flames were about waist high. The plane was completely destroyed and a circle 8-10 feet in diameter was burned. The Fire Department was called but we were unable to provide them with a good address, one of the club members had to meet the fire truck and guide them in. Signage will be placed on the

hut with our address and instructions for emergencies. If we do have to make another emergency call, one of us will have to meet the first responders at the gate by the sewage treatment plant. We have purchased 2 new fire extinguishers and 2 5-gallon water backpacks to use on fires. Bob Freshwater suggested we get an air horn to use as an emergency signal. Lou emphasized that we have to react quickly in the event of a fire or other emergency, the area is very dry and fires can start and spread very quickly. Lou also emphasized that it is not safe to fly alone because if there is some sort of emergency there would be no one to assist. Another club member brought several LIPO bags that batteries can be placed in for storage or while charging that can help stop or slow down fires. There was also a demonstration of a metal “LIPO bunker” that batteries can be kept in to prevent fire from spreading. Lou also mentioned that several cigarette butts were found along the side of the road, this is not safe as it would cause a fire.

Prospective New Members: None

Announcements: Lou Morales announced that there will be a night fly on 4-18-14. The annual float fly will be held at Hogan reservoir on the weekend after Memorial day. If any club member has an event they want to announce they were asked to get the information to Steve Hoyt or Jeff

Whitney a couple of weeks in advance so we can get it posted to our website or newsletter.

Show and Tell: Alvin brought in an old RC plane from the 1950's with home built servos and a radio with actual vacuum tubes. Jim Newman showed an Electri-Stik with foam floats. Jim Utley showed a Gizmo kit plane. (The Gizmo was designed by our member Rico Dalmau—as far as I know it is still available here: <http://www.dldesigns.net/gizmo.htm>)

Below is an AW-FK10 Quadraplane at 1/4 scale, designed and built by Tim Hooper, in the UK.

Powered with a Turnigy G160 Outrunner and a 10S 4000 MAH battery pack—he did not say what he is using for an ESC.

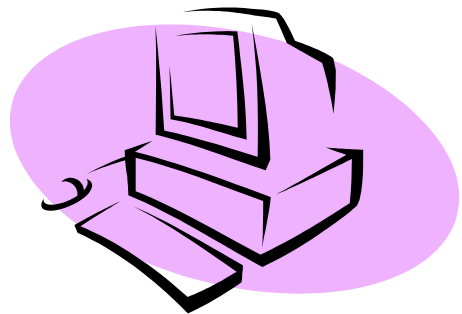
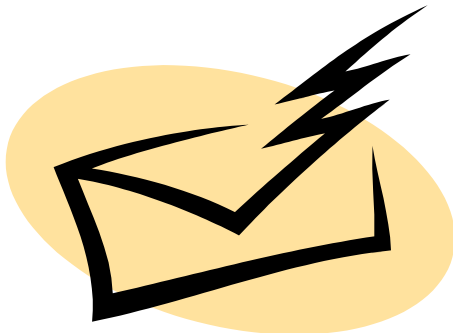
Tim has a lot of plans published in RCM&E—smaller electrics.



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