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## Southern Alameda County Radio Controllers

President: Jim Solar

Secretary: Matt O'Sullivan

Vice President: Bob Freshwater

Treasurer: Jim Utley (510) 352-3150

There was no Board Member meeting for March 10, 2012

### MEETING HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE

6:30 PM

#### Board Members in Attendance:

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President: Jim Solar, Vice President: Bob Freshwater, Treasurer: Jim Utley, Secretary: Matt O'Sullivan, Safety Officer: Bob Dutra, Past President: Jeff Whitney, Board Member at Large: Art Vargas, Director of Communications: Steve Hoyt

#### Board Members in Absence:

None

There was concern about judging the **Model of the Month**, Stick Built versus ARF and Foamies. Some of the planes take a lot more time and effort than others and how do we judge them fairly? The board, in all fairness decided to give 5 raffle tickets to anyone who brings a plane in for show and tell and they would be limited to 5 tickets regardless of the number of planes. This matter

was to be submitted to the full membership for a vote.

The ban on **Gas Planes** for new members was re-opened. The initial suggestion was to limit the use based on wingspan or engine size. It was decided to limit the use of gas planes based on both, engine size and wingspan. The decision was to limit the engine size to 20 CC and a wingspan of 72 inches. This was later to be submitted to the full club membership for a vote.

There was a discussion on the use of the hot pits for arming large electric planes. (Planes with over 36" wingspan) The board decided this was acceptable because the arming table was for planes with wingspans under 36".

Jeff Whitney mentioned that the Peninsula Channel Commanders have obtained a new field. We may want to consider inviting their members to come to our field on a Saturday & our members go to theirs on a Saturday. This was tabled for later consideration..

Bob Dutra mentioned that there were complaints from some members about having to sit through the presentations on plane repairs etc before the raffle.

The board concluded that anyone who does not want to sit through the presentations is free to leave. No action was taken on this item.

Board meeting concluded at 7:15 pm

### Minutes of the 3/10/2012 General Membership meeting by: Matt O'Sullivan

#### **Last months meeting minutes:**

Motion was made to approve the last months minutes. It was second and approved

#### **Treasury Report:**

Given by ; Jim Utley

Submitted to the membership and approved.

#### **Old Business:**

Art Vargas made a motion for giving members 5 raffle tickets when they bring in a plane or planes for show and tell (maximum of 5 tickets per person per month) The club members approved the motion.

#### **New Business:**

Bob Freshwater proposed the purchase of 6 new plastic chairs for use at the field. This was approved by the members. Jim Utley proposed lifting the ban on Gas planes for new members with the limitation of a 20 CC or smaller engine and a 72 inch or smaller wingspan. This was approved by the members.

#### **Field Report:**

Art Vargas reported that the field is in good condition. However, the club may need to purchase a new weed whacker or lawnmower soon. He also mentioned that some of the rocks from the gravel pile have been thrown into the grass area of the field. This could cause problems when mowing that area, both damage to the mower and a possible safety hazard.

Bob Freshwater indicated that some of the tables and benches at the field need work. He indicated that he is looking into setting up a work party for May to deal with these matters.

#### **Safety Report:**

Bob Dutra brought up the issue of people not properly using the frequency pins, some folks are clipping their AMA cards to the pins and leaving both in the impound box. He reminded the club that you take the pin when you are actually going to fly and you leave your card on the clip where the pin is kept. When you land, you put the pin back and take your card back.

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Art Vargas mentioned that there has been a few members not having control of their plane and flying over the flight line.

**If there is a problem and you are not able to control your plane, do not fly it.**

Art reminded the new members to read the club rules. He also reminded the club that there is a 20 minute time limit for working on planes in the hot pit or arming table.

#### **Prospective New Members:**

Sunil Rikhye, Matt Huang, Brian Harrell, Andrew Harrell and Dan Ayala came to the meeting as prospective new members. Jim Utley spoke for Tim Brown as a new member who was not able to attend the meeting.

All were accepted.

This brings current membership to 150, the maximum currently allowed. There are currently no prospective members on a waiting list.

#### **Announcements:**

Lou Morales announced that the annual Float Fly at Lake Hogan is set for the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in June. Jeff Whitney announced that on the same weekend the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Dan Sullivan Memorial Fun Fly & BBQ is being held in Ukiah. Jeff has fliers for those who are interested.

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

Show & Tell Lou Morales brought his new Elekto from Nitro Planes. Burt Rosewig brought his Corsair Great Planes ARF. Art Vargas brought his Gee Bee E flite and a Little Stick.



Matt Huang brought his electric glider and pattern plane.



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**Presentation:**

Jeff Whitney did a great job of demonstrating how to fiberglass a wing. Thanks Jeff



Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**Our next meeting will be held at the Hanger  
Saturday April 14, 2012 at 7:30 P.M.  
Bring a model for the competition**

Other than Art Vargas there has been several people that have bought the new E-Flight Park Flyers.

Sever of these planes come equipped with internal gyros that stabilize their flight even on windy days.

Bob Freshwater gives his new Beast two thumbs up



Gee Bee



The Beast



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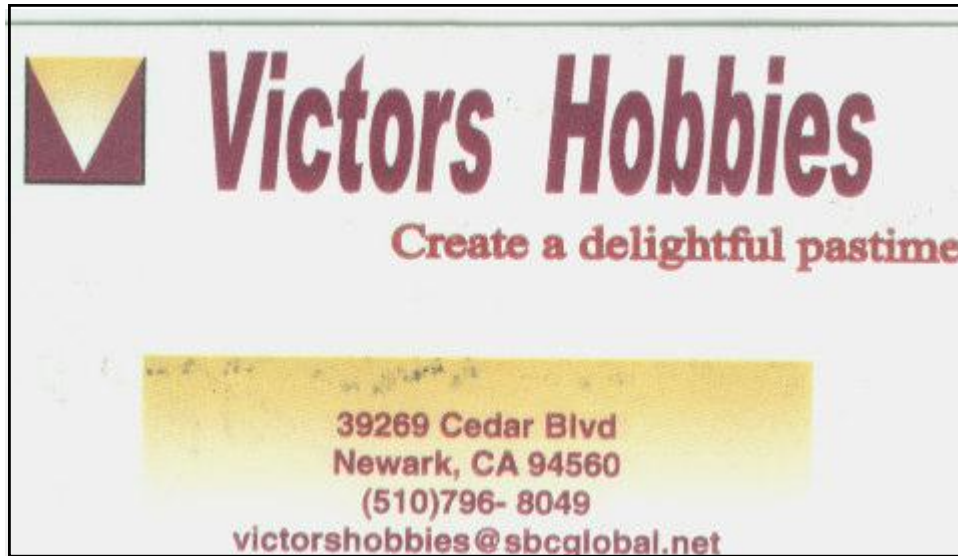
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Steve Hoyt



Article provided by Jim Utley



In 1946 a pilot was bringing a B-17 back from the Pacific theater. As he was coming into the bay area he miss judged the height of the Marin County hills by a couple of feet. The plane was destroyed, but the crew lived, and one of the engines was catapulted down a ravine and not found during the salvage recovery. Years later, the area became the Camp Tamarancho Boy Scout camp in Fairfax. If you have the energy, you can take the five mile round trip hike to the engines current resting spot. Here is Jim Utley and Scout Master Harold Weathers posing with the totally destroyed engine. There are plans to right the engine and place it on it's own stand with an explanatory plaque.

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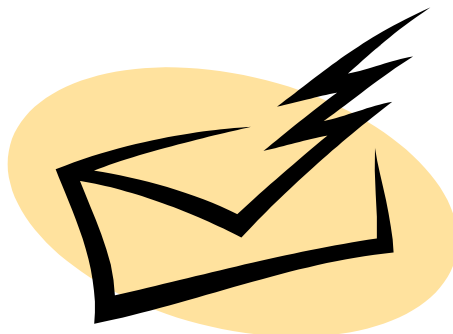
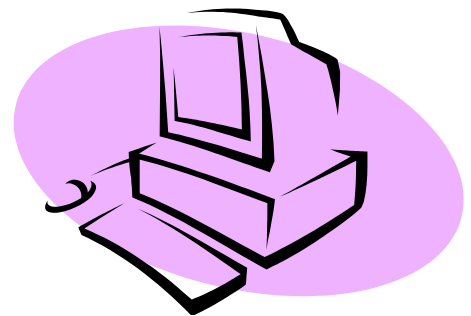
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