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Southern Alameda County Radio Controllers

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Secretary: Matt O'Sullivan

Vice President: Bob Freshwater

Treasurer: Jim Utley (510) 352-3150

There was no Board Member meeting for April 14, 2012

Minutes of the 4/14/2012 General Membership meeting by: Matt O'Sullivan

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

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:

None

New Business:

A thank you to member Roger Pena. Roger contacted Comcast/ Xfinity and was able to get them to resolve the problem of access to the club website. Previously access has been blocked for Comcast/Xfinity users.

Art Vargas put forward a motion to name the field "Lou Haynie Memorial Field". Lou is in the hospital and is one of the founders of the club. Lou served as President, Vice President and was instrumental in securing our flying fields. There was a discussion whether to do a plaque or a memorial stone. The details were not finalized.

The motion to re-name the field was approved by the club members.

Jim Solar suggested a new award be created for Dr. Lou Morales. Lou flew his plane through an opening in the fence at one of the flight stations without actually damaging his plane or anything else. Matt O'Sullivan suggested calling it "The Blind Luck Award."

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Art Vargas reported that the field is in good condition. However, after the recent rains it is noted that there are some soft spots/ squishy areas under the Astro Turf in the pit areas.

Safety Report:

Art Vargas brought up the operating rules for electric planes and where to arm them.. There was also a discussion of the use of disarming switches for electric planes. Electric planes can be armed and disarmed at the arming table or the hot pit **only**. All electrics over 50 inch wing span need to use the hot pit.

With respect to putting batteries in the electric planes, you can put them in the plane anywhere, but cannot plug them in (ie making the plane "hot") until you are at the arming table or hot pit.

There was also a discussion about use of the frequency pins. We are still having people taking the pins when they are not actually flying, or people leaving the pin and their AMA card in the impound at the same time.

The rule is this, when you are not flying, leave your radio in the impound, pick up your AMA card and leave the frequency pin on the board.. When you are actually flying leave your AMA card in the impound and keep the pin with you and your radio.

Prospective New Members:

At present the club is at the limit of 150 members. New member Tim Brown was at the meeting, he was approved in March 2012 but could not attend that

meeting. There is one person on the waiting list, Michael Wood.

Announcements:

George Ellison announced that there will be a swap meet at the Alameda Air Museum on 5-5-2012.

Lou Morales announced that the 7th semi annual float fly will be at Hogan lake in the second week in June.

Jeff Whitney announced that there will be an ad put in the newsletter for club members selling planes & equipment and to contact him if you needed an ad placed.

Presentation:

Lou Morales did a presentation on waterproofing float fly planes. Lou indicated that if you do nothing to protect your planes electronics, there is a 50% chance you will have a failure. **"If you fly on water the electronics inside your plane will get wet."** You can cover items with balloons (or other polyurethane products) but they tend to trap heat and that could have a bad result. Lou demonstrated a product called "Corrosion X". You soak the electric components for 5 minutes then let them dry. He proved how well it works by dropping the electric components in water and then running the motor without a problem.

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Show and tell

Lou Morales showed a night flyer on floats, he attached strings of LED lights on the plane and in the wings. Lou recommends that new floats should be at least $3/4$ the length of the plane and extend beyond the propeller by an inch or 2 .



Burt Rosenweig showed his Hyperion float plane and a multiple battery charger.

Jim Solar showed his Hangar 9 Hellcat.



Alex Goddard showed his Goldberg 90 size kit under construction.

George Ellison showed his Great Planes plane belonging to his grandson that is decorated in "Hooters" colors and signed by several of the young ladies who



Barry Anderson showed a very old biplane he got but does not know

Dick Franco showed his Ercoupe.



Steve Hoyts F35 with
360 degree Trust vec-
toring.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45

**Our next meeting will be held at the FIELD
Saturday May 12, 2012 at 11:00 P.M. Followed by Lunch
Bring a model for the competition**

Editors notes:

There has been a lot of discussion about the frequency pins and the need for frequency pens when using a 2.4 GHz transmitter.

As we all know 72 MHz is subject to interference by someone using the same channel. In this case frequency pins are a must and without a doubt needed for safety, as is the impound of the transmitter when not in use. This prevents someone from accidentally turning their radio on and interfering with someone flying.

With 2.4 GHz this **cannot** happen. It is my understanding you can have as many as 40 and some say up to 70 transmitters working without interference. We only have 5 flying positions,

Even with people at the arming tables and in the pits arming their planes that could only account for another 5 or 6 with a total of 10 or 11 people. Far below the maximum before it becomes an interference issue.

Currently we have people removing 2.4 GHz pins and others making new pins to replace them. One comment I had was lets keep the impound so the people with 72 MHz don't lose the habit.

The second issue for discussion is, to not count the members that have a permanent membership and are not flying members as active members and to allow a few more people into our club that want to fly.

What is your opinion on these issues?

Lets hear from you at the meeting or email me your thoughts.

This page is dedicated to Lou Haynie

At our last meeting we approved the re-naming of our field after Lou Haynie who dedicated a great deal of time and effort to start and perpetuate our club. We tried to commemorate the field while Lou was still alive. Unfortunately Lou passed away before we could complete our task. We are dedicating this page to Lou and to those that would like to say something about Lou. If you don't make this edition I will be happy to add your comments to the next edition.

From: Chuck Bailey

"There is a pilot down, man I hate that call.

There is an empty seat in the meeting room and after a few seconds everyone knows who is missing, and the room becomes quiet.

Then someone breaks the silence with a "I remember when he did so and so" and a little laughter is heard, then some else shared about the good times and funny things that happened and then the room becomes quiet again as it becomes evident that the pilot in question is gone.

"My friends we have a pilot down and it is a loss to the club and to me for sure."

From: Jeff Whitney

I first met Lou as I was just getting into RC over 30 years ago. I was in Roots Hobby Hut, owned at that time by Howard Osegueda. In walked this bearded gent in a top hat showing pictures of a plane that flew into the outhouse at the field (this is the origination of the Outhouse award). That was my introduction to Lou. My only regret is that I did not give him more time these last couple of years.

From: Jim Kiger

"A most gracious friend. He will be well remembered"

Rest well Lou.



R/C SWAP MEET & BBQ BY LFERC

LIVERMORE FLYING ELECTRONS RC CLUB

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012

AT OUR FIELD 8:00 AM-12:30 PM

4455 RAYMOND RD., LIVERMORE 94551

[DIRECTIONS: WWW.LFERC.COM](http://WWW.LFERC.COM)

BUY OR SELL RC RELATED ITEMS. 10' x 10' SPACE RENTAL \$10.00-TABLES AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. BOOTH SHARING AND BOOTH PARTNERING IS PROHIBITED.

FLYING ALLOWED AFTER 12:30 PM OR AS TABLE SPACE BECOMES AVAILIABLE FOR AIRCRAFT SETUP

The following internet address links videos of some of our members flying:

Videos are by Burt Rosensweig

<http://vimeo.com/30059579> Lou's big Pulse on floats

<http://vimeo.com/27420440> Richard's big Citabria

<http://vimeo.com/20689875> Arnel's big P47

<http://vimeo.com/25948987> Bob's big Cessna

<http://vimeo.com/31297464> Jim's Saito powered Ryan

<http://vimeo.com/25698634> Hennessey Float Fly 2011

<http://vimeo.com/17946135> Dan's flying DUCK!

This link has some great information about glues and tapes

[Www.RCadvisor.com](http://www.RCadvisor.com)

Summary of Glue and Tape Recommendations

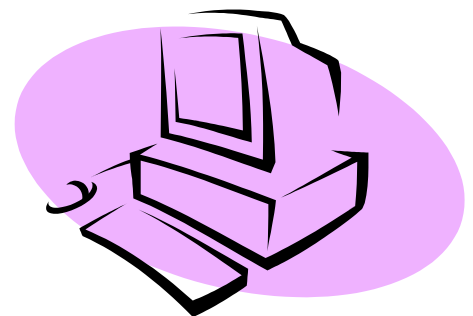
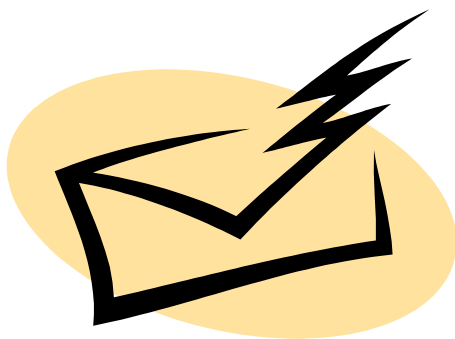


One of the many animals we share our flying filed with
Photo by Burt

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