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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

The Club meeting was at 11:00 AM May 10, 2014

Board Meeting 10:00 AM:

Location: Field

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

Steve Hoyt advised that the Livermore club is not interested in purchasing our tractor. He suggested posting it for sale on line, but wants it checked to see if it runs first. It was also suggested that we see if any of the club members are interested in purchasing it.

The President indicated that Brady informed him that he has been having problems with the weed eater the club currently uses to trim the brush at the field. Club member Norman has a tractor and it was suggested that the club consider purchasing a brush cutter attachment to use with that tractor.

Steve Hoyt brought up our proposed Family Fun Day. The Fourth of July weekend would not be workable for this as many members

will be away is it is part of a 3 day weekend.

Brady mentioned that Steve Woodall has been very helpful with doing field work for the club during the week. He asked if he could be considered as another Field Marshall. The board decided to propose making him an assistant Filed Marshall and comping his membership costs to the membership at large.

Bob Freshwater proposed setting up 2 tables for future club meetings. One would be a swap/ sale table where members can sell or trade items. The other would be a giveaway table, where members can leave items for others to take if they want them. However, the expectation is that if an item is not taken, the member would take it back.

Steve Hoyt announced that club member Gary Rebiskie has passed away. Gary was one of the founding members of the club in 1966.

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Approve Last Month's Minutes: Approved

Financial Report: Submitted by Treasurer and approved.

Old Business: President advised club members that we are looking to sell riding mower as we are not currently using it. The plan is to post it for sale on line unless a club member wants to purchase it.

New Business: Bob Freshwater asked for more help from club members in setting up and cooking the lunches at future club meetings. Per Brady's request the President proposed that Steve Woodall be made assistant Field Marshall for all of the work he does for the club and that he be comped for his membership dues.

The President announced that club member Gary Rebiskie had passed away. We held a moment of silence on his behalf and several members shared memories of him. Gary was one of the original 16 founding members of the club back in 1966. Herb Burns mentioned that he had contacted Hobbies Unlimited in San Leandro. They indicated that if club members could purchase 4 cases of fuel at a time it could be purchased for \$65.00 per case. They are

located at 937 Manor Blvd in San Leandro. The phone number is 510-351-7112.

We are experiencing problems with the computer/phone line at the field. This is the number that provides the field temperature and wind speed. The current cost to keep the service is \$70.00 per month. We will attempt to fix the problem. We will also compare the costs for repair with replacement costs. We will also compare the readings from our station with the free weather station information from the Hayward airport. If there is not a significant difference, we may simply shut it down and save the cost.

We are also considering seeing if we can reduce the costs of the porta potty at the field by having the servicing done less frequently. Bob Freshwater announced that we will be setting up 2 tables at future meetings. One table for items to sell or trade. The other table would be for items to be given away by members. However, if an item from the give away table is not taken, the member must take it back.

Field Report: Brady wants to set up a work party for a Sunday, 7-6-14 was originally considered, however as that is on the July 4th 3 day weekend that would be a scheduling conflict for many members. The electric benches will be placed in the new, extended, pit area. We did put up one of the shade covers after the meeting. In response to a member question, all nitro powered planes are required to have muf-

flers.

Safety Report: Per Lou Morales, there have not been a lot of problems. All fueling should be done at the tables in the pit area, not on the other tables or benches. There have been some problems with spilled fuel on the tables. Reminder, all radios need to be placed in the impound area when not actually in use. Steve Hoyt reminded everyone that when you are taxiing your plane back to the pit area to come back parallel to the pits, do not have the plane pointing toward the pits. Bob Freshwater reminded everyone that when you are arming your planes, do not have the prop facing you, the prop needs to be facing away from you. Art Vargas pointed out that there was a man and child who were watching us fly and that they sat down in an unprotected area behind the pit area. They needed to be advised that this is not a safe area and be shown a safe area to observe from. There was also a reminder that some people are still flying too close to the caretaker's house.

Prospective new members Greg Bennet

Guest: Steve Hoyt brought a guest, Steve Small who was taking pictures of the flying.

Show & Tell: none

Editor:

I recently forwarded emails from AMA about the recent FAA ruling (read more about it here: [AMA](#)) To me, the most disturbing thing about the FAA ruling is that they ignored the Congressional mandate to lay off model aviation.. The ruling also places pretty stringent regulations on the FPV pilots. Also, if you fly near an airport (5 miles) you are required to contact the tower and "coordinate" your activity. The wording effectively allows the tower to deny you permission. This does not affect us, but it could affect many other clubs. Another statement in the ruling could possibly negatively impact companies developing new models since the test models could be interpreted as being flown for profit.

It really is important to contact our representatives and let them know you object to the ruling.

You can find your Senators and Representatives at this site: [LINK](#)

Our resident photographer extraordinaire Burt Rosenweig has a video of Yefim's B25 here: [VIDEO](#)

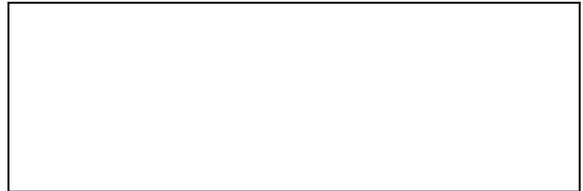
Hope you all had a happy and safe 4th!

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