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Southern Alameda County Radio Controllers

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Minutes of the February 12th General Membership meeting by Jim Newman

Minutes

Accepted as published.

New Members/Prospective Members

Wayne Wood, Richard Linhares, Shervin Yasdi, Arlington Lewis and Michael Lewis were voted into the Club as new members.

Treasury Report

Accepted as read.

Secretaries Report

None.

Field Report

Bob Freshwater reported on the work party that was held in January. The field is staying in good shape.

Safety Report

Scott Clinton asked about the Club's policy on arming and disarming of electric air-

planes in the pits. He also brought up, when a flyer needs to hand-launch a plane, he needs to walk through the pits after arming the plane to get to the flight station. He suggested being allowed to arm your plane at the table and launch from the flying station. Jim Utley suggested arming at the arming table and walking on the runway side to the flying station to hand launch.

It was stated that flyers need to either disarm their plane on the arming/disarming station or disarm their plane on the runway.

Bob Freshwater stated that the Board of Directors will meet prior to the next meeting and come up with the Club's policy for the arming and disarming of electric aircraft. The Board will then present the new rule at the next meeting for the Club to vote on.

Bob also stated that electric planes are not to be armed in the pits. This policy is intended to prevent any accidents from an armed plane going live unexpectedly and possibly injuring someone.

Old Business

None.

New Business

A question was brought up asking what is the Club's policy on flying helicopters. The Club's policy is that we don't support helicopters. The Club does not ban helicopters, but we don't support them at our flying field.

Jeff Whitney stated that he will be holding his "Waldo Peppers Flying Circus" contest in September.

Bob Freshwater read a thank you letter from the Viola Blythe Charity. They thanked us for our Club's annual contribution of \$500.

Announcements

None.

Dummy of the Month

None.

Show and tell

None

Upcoming Events for March 2011

19th & 20th	Pattern @ Yuma Az. John Contreras - jacontrera@earthlink.net
20th	Club Race #2 @ Fresno Radio Modelers, Fresno, Ca. John Lockwood - 599-298-1606 imaavp@sbcglobal.net
26th	Fun Fly @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill, Ca. Steve Smith - 408-234-0095 contests@sccmas.org
26th	15th Annual Spring Swap Meet @ RCFU, Woodward Res, Ca. Paul Klahn - 209-962-6404 hiflyerjr@sbcglobal.net
26th & 27th	Cactus Classic @ Sun Valley Flier, Phoenix, As Rusty Fried - 602-540-3899 completemarine02@gmail.com

The complete NCRCS schedule is posted on the SACRC's website



People Behaving Badly

It was brought up at the last meeting that we should arm airplanes at the arming table and be able to disarm them on the runway. All well and good, if you are the only one on there. I witnessed two near-misses last weekend. One was where a pilot was disarming on the runway when another was trying to land, resulting in the landing pilot nearly missing the disarming pilot. Most electric flyers land when they are out of electrons....basically they are "dead-stick". If you are on the runway trying to disconnect a battery, you are now an obstacle. If you can land under power, please be safe and taxi back to the pits and disarm at the table. Once you have landed, if you are out of electrons, simply wait to see if it is clear, announce "on the runway" and retrieve your plane. But, if others need the runway, retrieve your plane and disarm at the table.

It used to be that when a pilot was making a first flight people would stand down and let him "go for it". This was done for courtesy, because it is nerve racking enough for that initial trimming, but having to watch for others sharing the air makes it worse. It was also done for safety....we have all been surprised on an initial take-off as to where that plane went once it left the ground. If a person announces "this is first flight"....give the pilot a break...stand down for the flight....a few minutes out of your flying time might save a plane.

(Bob Dutra, Safety Officer)

Your Help is Needed. Support AMA's Efforts to Protect Model Aviation.

(a message from Tower Hobbies)

Are you passionate about model aviation? Do you share AMA's belief that unnecessary and onerous Federal regulation will diminish this viable and meaningful recreational activity?

If your answer is, yes, then....

Go to modelaircraft.org/gov as soon as you can. There you'll find:

- * Background on what FAA intends to impose on aeromodeling.
- * Understand the difference between commercial and recreational sUAS.
- * What you can do to help.
- * Resources to help you contact your Representatives and Senators in Congress.
- * How to contact AMA's Advocacy Team.
- * Donate to our cause to defend your right to fly model aircraft without Government oversight.

In the current issue of Model Aviation starting on page 18 is an informative article on the FAA's involvement into model aviation.

IT IS WORTH READING!

If you are interested in contacting your "Congress Critter" to express your feeling about the Government's involvement in our fun....here is a link.

<http://amagov.modelaircraft.org/4077/this-is-placeholder-call-to-action/>

Seen at the field



Rico Dalmau's new
E-Flite Aeronca



Jim Solar's Mystery Ship
I actually met the duck hunter that removed
this from the pond and placed it on the levy
Small World



Scott Clinton's
Multiplex Cub.....it will be a float plane



It's that time of the year....again
Mosquito spraying will be done by Alameda Co.
Workers....Fly safely when he is near the Field.



15th Annual Spring Swap Meet

Saturday, March 26, 2011
8 a.m. until we're done
at
WARD HENDRICKS FIELD*
Oakdale, California

\$15 per space
For information contact
Paul Klahn at (209) 962-6404

We will have: Coffee, Donuts, and Hamburger lunch

Sorry, no commercial sales.

Open flying to all AMA members after the swap meet.

**Directions: Take HWY 120 north of Oakdale to 26 Mile Road, turn north on
26 Mile Road, turn right on Eastman Road (just east of Woodward
Reservoir), 1.5+ miles to field.*

www.rcflyersunlimited.com

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>

Do you like looking at photos of aircraft?

Here is a another websites for the aircraft buff in us

along with the two that were posted last month

<http://rareaircraft1.greyfalcon.us/UNITED%20STATES.htm>

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

<http://home.comcast.net/~bzee1a/edwards09/edwards09.html>

A former member of SACRC would like to talk to some of the "older members" of the Club

His name is Dick Weast and if you are interested in contacting him...

918-225-8809

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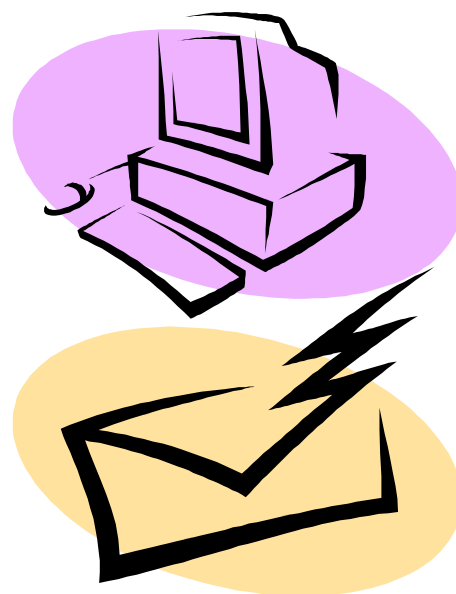
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7:30pm at the Hanger



Jim Utley, Editor