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Southern Alameda County Radio Controllers

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Minutes of the March 12th Board Of Directors meeting by Jim Newman

Board Members in Attendance

Bob Freshwater—President and Chairman
Of the Board

Rico Dalmau—Vice President and Member
of the Board

Jim Newman—Secretary and Member of the
Board

Bob Dutra—Safety Officer and Member of
the Board

Art Vargas—Director at Large and Member
of the Board

Board Members in Absence

Jim Utley—Treasurer and Member of the
Board

Jeff Whitney—Past President and Member of
the Board

Open Chair—Director of Communications

Business

The Board discussed flying rules for electric
powered aircraft. Art read a list of three
rules that he proposed. The Board discussed
simplifying the rules to one simple rule, to
Arm and Disarm at the table or in the glow
Hot-Pit.

The Board discussed helicopters at the flying
field. The Board proposed banning helicop-
ters because the flying field is not set up to
support helicopters. We also don't have the
bandwidth to police both fixed wing and
helicopters.

Starting this month....General Membership Meetings will be held

At the Field

Meeting time will be 11:30AM followed by a free BBQ

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

Minutes

Accepted as published

New Members/Prospects

John Hampton was voted into the Club as a new member.

Treasury Report

No treasury report due to the Treasurer not being present

Secretaries Report

None.

Field Report

Art Vargas gave a field report. He reported that the flying field is in good shape. The only exception is that the tree near the shack containing the weather station needs to be trimmed along with the porch needing to be repaired.

Bob Dutra reported that he has found the lid for the frequency board, at the flying field, has been left open. The last member leaving the flying field needs to close the lid when they leave.

Burt Rosensweig stated that the flying field looks good and thanked those who are keeping it in such good shape. This is primarily Art Vargas.

Safety Report

Art Vargas read the rules for electric that are being proposed by the Club's Board of Directors. The Boards' proposal is meant to clarify the rules that have been proposed and voted in by the Club at prior meetings.

The proposed rules were read as follows:

1. There shall be no flying before 7am or after dusk for Electric Aircraft unless in a fly-in put on by the Club.

2. All planes must be armed at the arming table or in the Hot-Pit. No armed aircraft in the Spectator or Pit area. Before hand-launching aircraft, only if you are next to fly, you must communicate with all pilots flying, before launching. You must launch in a westerly direction away from the flight box and pit area.

3. After flying, all aircraft must be disarmed at the arming table.

4. Aircraft greater than 50" wingspan should armed in the Hot-Pit area.

A motion was made to amend the electric aircraft rules as read by Art. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Old Business

Art Vargas reported that Lou Haynie is not doing too well. Lou has been a long time member and has done a lot for the Club over the past years.

Con't.....

Bob Freshwater reported to the Club that the Boards' decision is to ban helicopters at the flying field. He stated that the Club is now a fixed wing only Club. With the influx of new members, this question keeps coming up, so it came time for the Board to make a decision.

New Business

Bob Freshwater stated that the next Club meeting would be held at the flying field on the morning of the normal meeting date. The meeting will be held on April 9th, 2011 at 11:30am. A BBQ will be held after the meeting.

Announcements

Lawrence Dirksen announced that he is the proud father of a 9lb 1oz baby boy. Mother and child are doing fine, but the father seems a little stressed out.

Dummy of the Month

None.

Show and tell

Art Vargas showed a Park Zone twin engine Mosquito and Burt Rosensweig brought in an E-Flite Sukhoi that he won in a Club raffle.

People Behaving Badly

Well, the vote is in and there will be no disarming electric airplanes on the field. All electric airplanes will be armed and disarmed at the arming table or the hot-pit (nitro-pit). If you are going to hand launch, arm at the table then walk on the outside of the safety fence (on the flying field) and remember to announce this to other flyers. Walk down to your flying station and launch from there. Remember, after you land, pick up your plane and go back to the arming/disarming table to disarm the aircraft. It seems like a lot to do, but it's done to keep electric flyers out of harms way.

Upon arriving at the field, on three occasions, I have found the pin box open. With all of the kids in the area (we know they are there because of the spray paint on the walls) we are lucky that we haven't found those pins spread from the field to down town Union City. So if you are the last one to leave, make sure that you close and lock the pin box.

It was decided on, by the Board of Directors, that the field is not set-up for helicopters...and that the field would be "fixed wing aircraft only". This means no helicopter, only airplane!

(Bob Dutra, Safety Officer)

Upcoming Events for April 2011

- 3rd Big Kahuna Warbird Race @ Sacramento Area Modelers
Jerry Votaw - 916-366-9589 jerry @centerlinestripping.com
- 9th & 10th 7th Annual IMAC @ Salinas Area Modelers
Steve Saulovich - 831-484-9651 3dav8r@sbcglobal.net
- 16th Spring Swap Meet @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill, Ca.
Steve Smith - 408-234-0095 contests@sccmas.org
- 29th, 30th @ 1st Heli Jamboree @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill.
David Neves - 510-673-4467 contests@sccmas.org
- 29th, 30th & 1st 29th Annual Bob Francis IMAA Scale Fly-In @ Salinas Area Mod.
Joe Francis 831-476-7392 cdjf@sbcglobal.net
- 30th & 1st Pattern @ BARCS, Richmond
Derek Koopowitz -510-879-7282 derekkoopowitz@gmail.com

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

SACRC Swap Meet

It will be held on May 21st from 9AM to 3PM @ the **Hanger**

Tables will be free for SACRC members and \$10 for non-members

All proceeds will go to the **Viola Blythe Foundation**

So....bring your treasures for others to purchase, or...make other peoples
treasures your new treasures.....See You There!

Tips & Tricks

From the AMA's online forum

Cleaning Pushrod Tubes

The oily residue of model fuel sometimes makes its way into the pushrod tubes, which also capture small particles of grit. The oily residue also makes some of the flexible plastic pushrods and tubes swell and soften slightly, which makes operation in curves almost impossible.

A simple cure is to apply a solution of powdered graphite, mixed with mentholated spirits or rubbing alcohol. Holding the model in an appropriate position (thus having one end of the errant tube in an upright position), apply the solution with a syringe onto the rod (or it can be applied to the mouth of the tube while moving the rod in a back and forth motion) to encourage the solution to circulate. The mentholated spirits, or alcohol, wash away the oily residue and grit, leaving the graphite behind providing a good lubrication to the pushrod.

Tools for Beginners

A Beginner does not need a lot of fancy tools to do a good job. However, there are a few inexpensive tools that make life easier:

- * X-acto blade and holder, usually a number 11 for most jobs.
- * Coping saw.
- * Razor saw to cut across grain and hardwood
- * T-pins. They come in three sizes, but generally the small and medium sizes are the most useful.
- * 18-inch steel ruler is very handy. If the ruler tends to slip when using, try spraying with 3M-77 on the down side. Once dry, it acts as an antiskid.
- * 90 Deg. plastic triangles for squaring assemblies.
- * Sandpaper; aluminum oxide sandpaper is best. This is sold at auto paint stores, has a long life, and is often less expensive than what is found at hardware and model stores.
- * Sanding blocks. Always use a sanding pad or block. Various lengths of suspended ceiling tile grid make good, lightweight sanding blocks.

Seen at the Field



Tim Stingle knows how to fill a Honda Element!
He said he had to take the picture so he could repack the car
When it was time to go home.



Scott Clinton has a suggestion for those that want to keep the water out of electrical components during winter wet days. He spreads this product on his electrics and if he has an accidental “wet landing” it keeps the water out and the electrics working. It’s great for electric retracts!

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?

Take a look at these web-sites

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

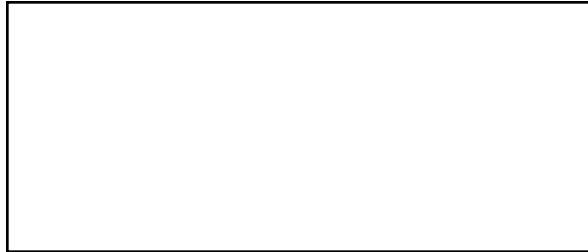
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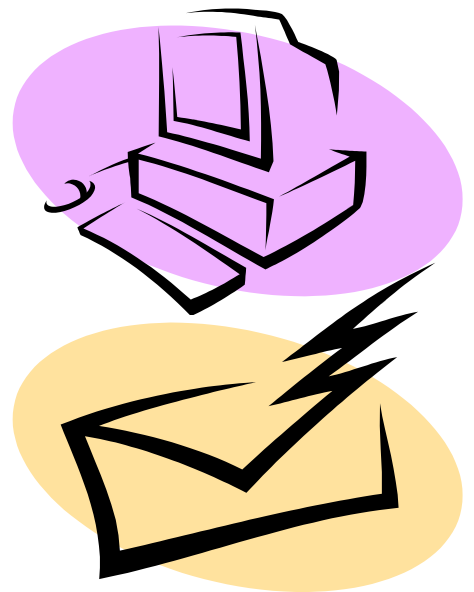
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