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## Southern Alameda County Radio Controllers

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### Minutes of the August 12th General Membership meeting by Jim Newman

#### Minutes

Accepted as published.

#### New Members/Prospects

Dan Sievert and Roger Pena were voted into the Club as new members.

#### Treasury Report

Accepted as read.

#### Secretaries Report

None.

#### Field Report

Art Vargas reported that the flying field was in good shape. Art has been keeping the weeds under control and the grass cut.

Bob Freshwater reminded everyone that there will be a work party on Aug. 20th at 9AM. The plans are to peel back the Astro-turf in the pit area and fill in the soft spots with gravel. This is being done as an attempt to firm up the pits during the rainy

season.

Art Vargas asked everyone to pick up all pieces of your aircraft after a crash. We are starting to find a lot of pieces of aircraft in the weeds around the field. We need to keep our flying field as clean as possible to prevent anyone from coming up with a reason to evict us from the field.

Electric flyers were asked to be considerate of nitro flyers when launching their aircraft. It takes a little while for a nitro flyer to prep and start their aircraft. This gives electric flyers sufficient time to put a battery in their plane and launch in front of the nitro pilot. This becomes a problem when the flying field is busy in that the nitro flyer waits until a flying station is open to start their aircraft only to find that an electric flyer jumped in front of them once their plane is ready to fly. Then they have to shut down their engine and wait for another station to open. The conclusion of this whole paragraph is please be considerate of all other pilots and communicate with them.

Electric flyers were once again reminded to

point their aircraft towards the fence on the starting table prior to arming the aircraft.

**Old Business**

None.

**Safety Report**

Bob Freshwater brought to the attention of the Club that there has been an issue with people crashing in the bay and not recovering their aircraft due to the difficulty of doing so. Recently, a Club member was at the bay to see if they could recover their aircraft when a Park Ranger came up to him and inquired about the aircraft. The Ranger was concerned about "gas" getting into the Bay. Luckily, the downed aircraft was electric and the Club member informed the Ranger of this fact. The Ranger was also concerned about aircraft being left in the bay.

Bob Freshwater stated that any Club member that has a plane go into the bay is responsible for that plane's recovery. The owner of the aircraft has no more than one week to recover the

plane. Bob also warned that no one is allowed to go to the bay without an assistant. The mud is very dangerous in that you can sink up to your waist if you're not careful. And be aware that this has happened to several different members when they've attempted to go out into the bay.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Announcements**

Rico informed the Club members that Sig has once again been sold. This means that the future of this once great RC company is uncertain.

**Dummy of the month**

None.

**Show and tell**

None.

## Next General Membership Meeting

### Saturday September 10th at the Field

### Start time will be 11 AM

Former member Jim Lynn has decided to sell his models and accessories. There is no list, but he has several glow engines (some NIB), a couple of airplanes, and 2 Futaba radios (both on 72MHz, one is PCM). If you are interested in seeing what he has, call Jim at 510-797-0320.

## People Behaving Badly

Well, here we go again. **No Communications!** Electric flyers are jumping the gun....not only jumping ahead of nitro flyers, but each other. I sat by the arming table and watched as they walked up to the table, looked at the people that were preparing to fly, hurry to arm their planes, walk through the nitro pits and launch. They didn't even ask the nitro flyer, who had their engines running, if it was OK to launch ahead of them. If a nitro flyer is waiting for a spot to open up, he can't keep his engine running the whole time, just has to wait for a spot before starting his engine. If you see a nitro flyer in the pits, have the courtesy to ask if he is waiting, don't just jump the gun. I have watched some people do it that are suppose to know better. **THE FIELD IS FOR EVERYONE!** Flying over people that are on the runway or working on the runway is not safe. I have seen Art cutting the grass, at the edge of the runway, and people flying over his head. That is not a good practice nor is it very safe. If you have to land, **YELL** and get their attention. Don't try to land around them.

(Bob Dutra, Safety Officer)



Here is the aircraft recovery team of Scott and Art. They were able to recover this aircraft after an extended stay in the Bay. We now have an inflatable raft to aid in the recovery of aircraft. If you read The Minutes, you know why we now have the raft.

## Upcoming Events for September 2011

2nd—4th	Mini West Coast Festival @ Kingdom Airpark, Lodi Jose Macias - 209-464-5313
5th	3rd Annual Labor Day Fly-In @ Salinas Area Modelers Rick Maida - 408-778-6855 mrcorsair@usa.net
10th	Electric Fly-In & BBQ @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill Mike Radu 408-358-6773 con tests@sccmas.org
17th & 18th	Pattern @ WavemastersR/C, Hollister Jon Carter - joncarter60@comcast.net
24th &25th	Trashman Classic Warbird Race @ SAM, Sacramento JR Schiager -916-792-2156 paul@schiagerslawnservice.com
24th & 25th	Waldo Pepper's Flying Circus @SACRC, Union City Jeff Whitney 510-537-0141 jeff.whitney@sbcglobal.net

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



We had a short “Work Party” on Aug. 20th  
Here you can see Arnel painting the flight box and Jim  
Tacking down the new matting

## Seen at the Field



Former member Richard Eberli has one of the most spectacular charging stations.

The lighting system on his aircraft was pretty cool also....although the picture doesn't show it well. But it sure made the aircraft visible against our gray sky.



Art Vargas has two new aircraft from Nitro Models.

These are larger than the E-Flite versions and have far more detail to them.

Art did give both some additional detail. Both aircraft come with retracts and the T-28 has sequential gear doors and running lights.



## WWI and Golden Age (to 1935) Fly-In

Saturday and Sunday, September 24 & 25, 2011 at the SACRC field in Union City, CA — 500+ foot astro-turf runway. Large pit area, partly shaded. Vendor spaces available. Limited RV parking at the field (no hook-ups), several local motels and restaurants. Gas, Glo and Electric of all sizes are welcome.

**Saturday night BBQ at the field!**

(Please acknowledge beforehand if planning to attend the **BBQ**)

**Waldo Pepper's Flying Circus** is not a competition, but there are many special awards and prizes!

Special Pilot's Choice award, Balloon Bust, and Racing

### **RACING:**

**Golden Age:** Open to all models, no restrictions.

**Proctor Micro-Antic Class Racing:** Restricted to Proctor Micro-Antics and similar size and powered airplanes. Kit built, scratch built or kit bashed are eligible! No handicap is used in the Antic class.

**Military Class:** Open to all WWI models of all sizes, it provides many surprises for the pilots and spectators.

Waldo Pepper's Flying Circus is sponsored by:  
Southern Alameda County Radio Controllers  
4011 Meadowview Dr.  
Castro Valley, CA 94546

You may pre-register on-line at [http://www.sacrc.org/wpfc-reg/wpfc\\_reg.html](http://www.sacrc.org/wpfc-reg/wpfc_reg.html)  
or send check to the above address and a list of your airplanes and frequencies. Landing fee is \$20.00.  
For more information about the event, contact Jeff Whitney at 510-537-0141, 510-861-3214 or email to  
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*2nd Annual*

*Biplane & Vintage Models*

*Sat. Sept. 10, 2011*

**Invitation**

**Rain Date Sun. Sept. 11**



**Aircraft 1903-1940.**

Please Join us with your Scale WWI - Golden Era / Antique Aircraft (ARFS welcome)

Last years event was a great success! Please join us in making this years just as much fun.

Fun competition based on scale flying.

Class 1: "Scale" static judging & scale flying.....based on AMA rules and flying figures.

Class 2: "ARF / Fun Scale".....based on scale flying only

Class 3: "Antique / Vintage".....based on scale flying only.

#### **Mission Statement:**

The goal of the "Canvas Falcon" event is to create interest in WW1 and Vintage aircraft scale building and flying.

To promote the building and flying of these fabulous aircraft.

Based loosely on AMA Scale Competition regulations.

Great Prizes for top three places in all catagories !!!

**Liberty Field, Stony Point Rd. No Petaluma, Gates open at 8:00 AM,**

**Practice from 9 AM / Competition starts at 10 AM sharp**

**Contact: Eric Kirby, Kirbstone48@gmail.com or 707-483-0464**

2010 AMA card mandatory! \$10.00 entry fee ..... Grill - Hamburgers Hot Dogs and drinks available (extra charge)

....bring your own tables & shade !!

Please visit our Website : [www.Libertyflyers.org](http://www.Libertyflyers.org)

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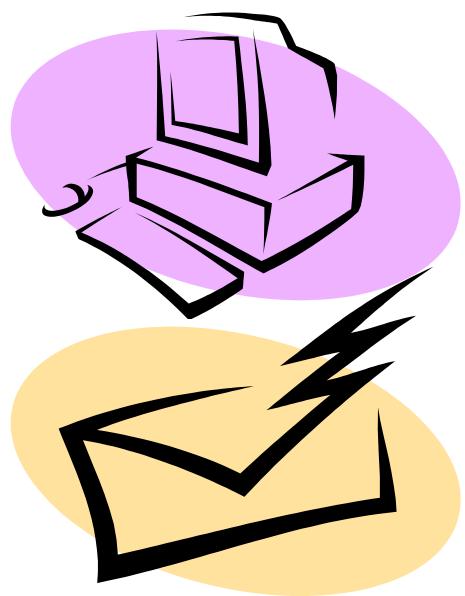
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