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Southern Alameda County Radio Controllers

President: Steve Hoyt

Secretary: Matt O'Sullivan

Vice President: Bob Freshwater

Treasurer: Jim Utley (510) 352-3150

The Club meeting was at 11:00 AM July 12, 2014

Board Meeting 10:00 AM:

Location: Field

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

The weather station has a new phone service that should be more cost effective than the last.

The fact that Arnold Schwarzenegger is on the first page of the club's web site was brought up. The concern is that it is not friendly and we need to make our web site less intimidating.

It was brought to the board's attention that we will be losing our club house. The property has been sold and it is believed that the new owners will be developing the property. We should have the building until the end of this year. Next year is in ques-

tion.

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Approve Last Month's Minutes: Approved

New Members: 3 new members were voted in:

Financial Report: Submitted by Treasurer and approved.

Old Business: There are still people flying beyond the line on the south side of our flying field which places their aircraft too close to the care takers house. It has been

stressed many times that no one is to fly south of the line between the telephone pole and the high power tower. This is one problem that if it continues to happen can cause us to lose our fly field

New Business: There will be a new sign put up at the front gate of our field listing its address of 5000 Benson Drive.

Field Report: The expansion of the hot pits is proceeding. One of the changes that was made was to reverse the direction of the glow starting stations. A number of club members who fly almost exclusively glow opposed the reversal of the starting stations. After a long debate, a compromise was proposed and accepted to reverse the direction of a single station leaving the other two facing in the direction that they have been from when the field was first set up.

It was mentioned that club members need to police the field when they run across broken props, pieces of plans, etc.

Safety Report: There was an incident at the flying field where a club member got three of his fingers caught in a prop. He was assisted by several other members who helped him to a bench. One member helped him and another helped with bandaging his fingers. While this was going on, the injured person passed out momentarily from shock. The person came out of shock after only a few seconds and the bleeding was stopped. The point to this is that it is that you should never fly alone.

Show & Tell: Norm presented his Chi-Che which is a model of a home build aircraft.

Announcements

There was a War Bird Fly In on July 19, 2014. We raised over \$100 for the Viola Blythe fund.

Delta Valley Modelers is having a Mini-Festival August 30-31 ([link](#))

Waldo Pepper's Flying Circus will be held at the field September 6 & 7 ([link](#))

Ukiah Dawn Patrol will be October 4 & 5 at Ukiah ([link](#))

Oroville Air Corps Float, Wheels and Skids is October 18-19 ([link](#))

Editor:

I recently forwarded emails from AMA about the recent FAA ruling (read more about it here: [AMA](#)). The deadline for comments has been extended, but if you have not yet commented please do so soon!

Bob Violett (Bob Violett Models) sent a comment to AMA regarding FPV and the FAA Ruling—see his letter [HERE](#) and his comment to the FAA [HERE](#)

Personally I agree with Bob. I think that the AMA's inclusion of FPV drones (because that is what they are) imperils the rest of model aviation. There was a recent article about a drone interrupting flight ops for fire bombing here in California ([ARTICLE](#)). The general public neither knows nor cares about the difference between FPV, FPV Quads and our models—to the general public it is just a toy interrupting the fire bombers.

A friend told me about a recent experience he had at a sprint car race—a “hobbyist” was using a FPV Quad to take go-pro footage of the races for the local news sports segment and was later flying the quad over the grandstands. When my friend approached the pilot and his helper they packed up and left. They appeared to be AMA members but were ignoring the rules that AMA has set down as far as FPV is concerned. We KNOW the kinds of things that can go wrong with a model and do not fly over people. FPV pilots often don't know or don't care. Of course you can't stereotype them, but WE get painted with the same brush they do when there is a problem such as the fire bombing event.

Please take the time to comment to the FAA **and** the AMA and make your feelings known whether you support the AMA stance or otherwise. There are not so many modelers that your voice will go unheard.

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

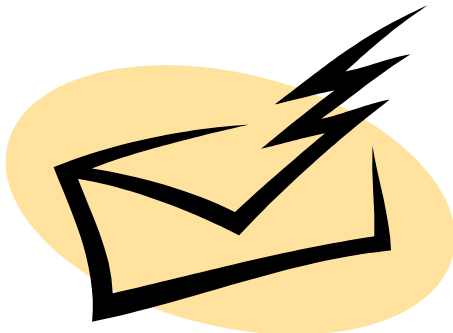
Many thanks to Jim Newman who recorded the minutes of the Board and General meetings.

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