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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, Jim Utley Treasurer, Matt O'Sullivan Secretary, Jeff Whitney At Large.

Re-iterated concerns about Arnold on the front page. The new address sign is in place.

Club Meeting 11:00 AM:

Location: Field

Officers Present: Steve Hoyt President, Jim Utley Treasurer, Matt O'Sullivan Secretary, Jeff Whitney At Large.

Approve Last Month's Minutes: Approved

New Members: New member voted in:
Ethel Ramirez

Financial Report: Submitted by Treasurer and approved.

Old Business: The tractor is not on line yet. We plan to add a brush cutter attachment and test it.

New Business: We will need nominations for new board members and club officers. The election is in October. The club secretary will be stepping down after the current term.

The club is asking volunteers to help with the monthly barbecues. The next night fly is scheduled for August 16, 2014, and will be held on the third Saturday of each month.

George Ellison announced that Scale Masters is looking for sponsors to help purchase trophies for Best of categories at their event in Rosewood Indiana in September of this year. The cost is \$150.00. There was a

vote and the club voted to sponsor one trophy (we were given Best Mission Pro-Am Sport).

Cargill has sold the property where the clubhouse is located so we will be losing the clubhouse within the next year and a half.

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](#))

I received an email from the Editor of High Flight, stating that the Fall edition will be the last issue for both paper and on-line versions, and that IMAA itself will be winding down operations.

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.

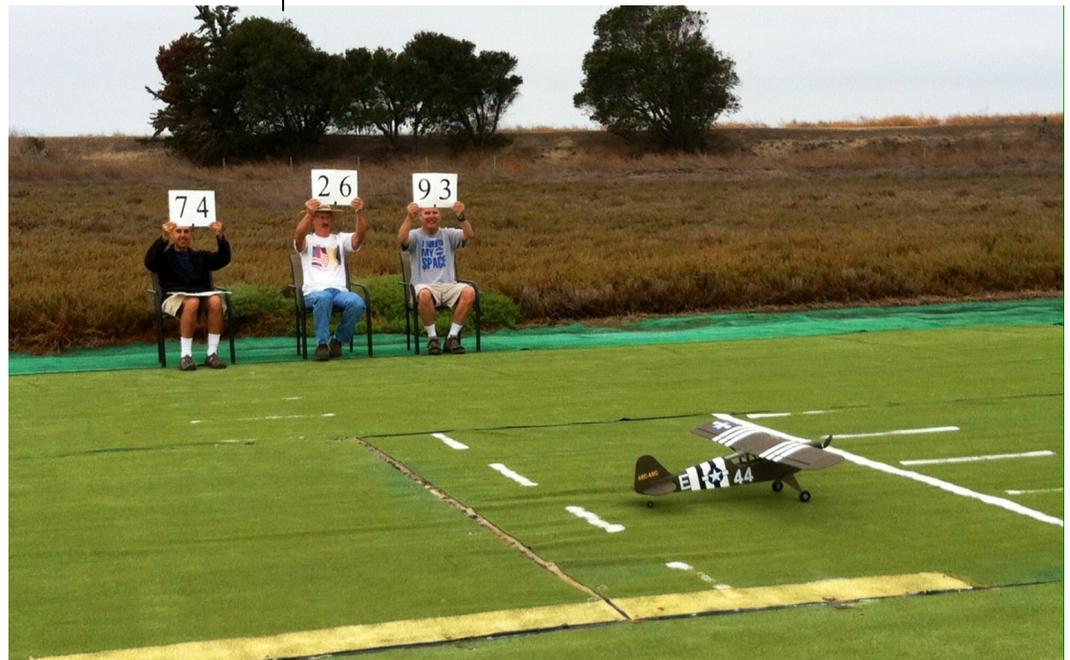
A friend told me about a recent experience he had at a sprint car race—a “hobbyist” was using a FPV Quad to take go-pro footage of the races for the local news sports segment and was later flying the quad over the grandstands. When my friend approached the pilot and his helper they packed up and left. 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



Some of the guys having fun pretending to be Olympic Landing Judges. Note that this is a staged picture and that no judges or airplanes were harmed during filming!

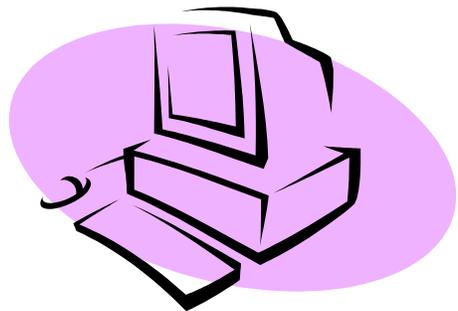
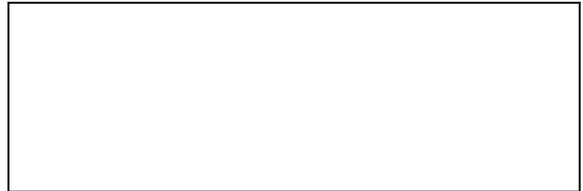
Those scores look like real Olympic Judges too!

minutes of the Board and General meetings.
Jeff

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