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## Southern Alameda County Radio Controllers

President: Steve Hoyt

Secretary: Steve Woodall

Vice President: Bob Freshwater

Treasurer: Jim Utley (510) 352-3150

The Club meeting was at 11:00 AM August 8, 2015

### Board Meeting:

The board meeting was brought to order at 10:00 AM, at the field, by President Steve Hoyt.

Board members present were, President: Steve Hoyt, Treasurer: Jim Utley, Secretary: Steve Woodall, Board Member/Safety Officer: Lou Morales, Director of Communications: Jeff Whitney and Past President: Jim Solar.

### ITEMS DISCUSSED:

A card for Bob Freshwater was passed around and signed

The roof for the shack will be replaced as approved.

Membership: Does a prospective new member have to attend a meeting before being approved? No Can we restrict membership? No

Jeff said he has the new club rules revised and will send them out and post them on the club web site. Steve said he would try to have them put on a banner to hand on the fence at the pits.

Jim Utley will call a tree trimmer to remove the palm tree and trim the pine tree near the club house near the field.

Jim Utley said, that on the days that the club sponsors an event at the field, it should be restricted to event entrants flying only and not open to club recreational flying. He said that we only sponsor two events a year and this should not be a hardship to the membership. It could be posted in the news letter to let members know in advance.

Lou said he had to approach a new member who was starting to train a person and tell him he needed board approval before he could act as a flight trainer. It was decided that the names of all club member that are approved as flight trainers will be posted on the bulletin board at the field.

Jim Utley said he has made a payment to reserve the room for the up coming Christmas Party.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM

Next meeting:

August 8

At the Field

**General meeting:**

The club meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM, at the Field, by President Steve Hoyt. There were 27 members present.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

President: Steve Hoyt, Treasurer: Jim Utley, Secretary: Steve Woodall, Board Member/ Safety Officer: Lou Morales, Director of Communications: Jeff Whitney and Past President: Jim Solar.

There were two (2) prospective new members present. Larry Murphy is a returning member and Raj Kumaran, of Fremont, were introduced to the membership and approved as new members.

Steve Hoyt said there was a board meeting prior to the membership meeting and the items discussed were the removal of the palm tree and pruning of the pine tree near the club house at the south end of the field. The club flying rules have been revised and will be posted on the club web site. He added that the shacks roof has been removed and reframed. It should be completed soon. We also need to look into field drainage before the winter months.

**MINUTES:**

Last months minutes were approved as posted in the news letter

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Jim Utley gave a very detailed report of the clubs financial status. For details contact Jim. Jim stated we presently have 143 paid members.

The treasurers report was approved by the membership

Jim pointed out that next year the club membership badges will be replaced with laminated

membership cards. The replacement will be quicker and less expensive.

**SAFETY REPORT:**

Lou Morales reported that recently a plane went down south of the runway in the weed area and created a small fire. Members responded and put the fire out. This should be a reminder that any downed plane can cause a fire. He also mentioned that members are getting a little lax and leaving their radios on the tables. Our radios should be returned to the shack, in the middle of the field, when not in use. He also pointed out that only approved members are allowed to be flight trainers and a list will be posted on the bulletin board in the shack. Any one interested in being a flight trainer should request approval from the board. Members that are going to break in a gas engine or do a long run up should use the stands at the north end of the field and not use the pit area. Another reminder: DO NOT FLY OVER THE CARETAKER'S HOUSE.

**FIELD REPORT:**

No field report.

Steve Woodall said the shack's roof was removed along with the two (2) benches on July 21, 2015. The demo team consisted of, David Lathrop and Mike Pimentel on the roof, John Chavez and Rico Dalmau on the benches, Frank Vaughan doing many jobs and trash disposal. Filling in as needed was Norman Coats and Steve. Reframing by Dave Silva and Steve Woodall.

Many flyers at the field helped remove the contents from the shack and gave helpful advice and guidance. Brady brought in pizza for the workers. Thanks to all who helped.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**SHOW AND TELL:**

Jim Solar showed us a plane he is building from Maxford USA. The plane is a Curtiss Flier built in 1911. It was the first plane to do a carrier landing and take off, which was done on San Francisco Bay. He says it is not an easy build, but he is nearly finished. He hopes to fly it in our up coming club event the Waldo Pepper's Flying Circus on August 29 - 30th.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Jeff said that the Waldo Pepper's Flying Circus event on Saturday August 29 and Sunday the 30th will be for entrants only. **There will be no club flying on those dates.**

Jeff said that Crows Landing is having a fly in soon. Contact him for more details.

AMA has reported that unknown persons have been flying drones in the wild land fire areas, which has been causing delays to tankers. Jeff said we need to have positive articles written about R C in the local news papers.

Dave Silva showed us two (2) items with club emblems on them. An embroidered ball cap and screened tee shirt. The cap was \$25 and the tee shirt was \$10. Please contact him for more details and placing an order.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.**

Lunch was served after the meeting with chef Mike on the grill.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM

From me to you:

A couple of items:

The Crow's Landing fly-in is Sept 13, I sent information out earlier in August. Landing fee is \$35, apparently any airplane is welcome, but large ones are more impressive.

Crow's Landing was the original site of the West Coast IMAA Festival, AKA the Castle Fly-in. It would be awesome to be able to get back in to Crow's Landing for other events.

Also I sent out info to a few people about writing op-ed pieces for your local newspapers, even the community based ones, about model aviation and what it means to you. This is to counteract the reports of the "drones" flying near the wildfires that California has been experiencing.

I have seen little ads here and there showing a quad and a CalFire spotter plane or helicopter near each other and saying something like "If you are flying, we can't."

Please do your bit to help the public awareness that we are a responsible group of enthusiasts and not to paint us all with the same brush.

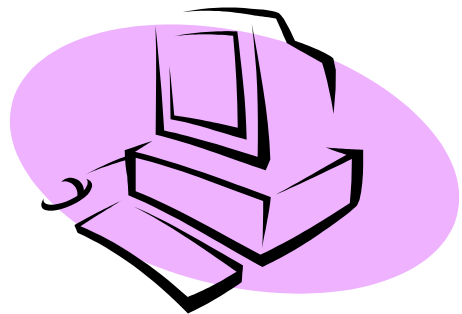
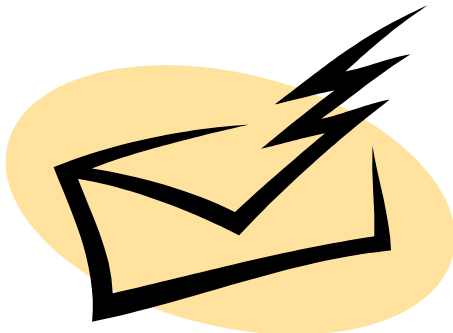
See ya

Jeff

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