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Southern Alameda County Radio Controllers

President: Steve Hoyt

Secretary: Steve Woodall

Vice President: Mike Pimentel

Treasurer: Jim Utley (510) 352-3150

The Club meeting was at 11:00 AM September 12, 2015

Board Meeting:

The Board met at 1030AM. Board members present were Steve Hoyt, Jim Utley, Jim Solar and Jeff Whitney

Items discussed were the annual elections (no debates were held), the clearing of the drainage ditch and repair of the outfall, and the purchase of a new leaf blower.

Meeting was adjourned at 1050AM

General meeting:

The club meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM, at the Field, by President Steve Hoyt. There were 16 members present and 3 prospective members.

OFFICERS PRESENT:

President Steve Hoyt, Treasurer: Jim Utley, Past President Jim Solar, and board member Jeff Whitney.

The prospective members were Bill Westcot, Mike Smith and Andrew Wright—all 3 were voted in. President Hoyt reiterated the flying rules for the benefit of the new members (and as a reminder to current members!)

MINUTES:

Last months minutes were approved as posted in the newsletter

TREASURERS REPORT:

Jim Utley reported that the club has paid the tree trimmer and the costs of re-roofing the impound shed.

The treasurer's report was approved by the members present.

SAFETY REPORT:

Jim Utley gave a brief safety report and some tips: If you get in trouble, disoriented or anything, the first thing to do is to cut the throttle—otherwise you arrive at the scene of the accident faster. (Cutting the throttle does at least 2 things—lessens the force of any impact, and slows things down a bit giving you more time to respond).

Jim also stressed the importance of a range check. This should be done before your

Next meeting:

November 14

At the Field

first flight of the day, and again if you make any changes to your model during the day.

FIELD REPORT:

The Field Crew has discussed repairing and/or replacing the petromat at the South end of the runway, it is getting pretty ragged.

There was discussion of cleaning and repairing the drainage ditch and the outfall, the same crew that trimmed the tree by the main shack would do it for \$1200. Motion made, seconded and carried to have it done.

Also noted was some trash left behind. If you smoke, be sure and do it in the designated area AND pick up your butts. If you should happen to crash (and forgot to chop the throttle) be sure and pick up ALL the pieces and take them away with you.

OLD BUSINESS: Bob Dutra's RC estate is still up for sale, many airplanes, kits and motors (gas and glow) are available—contact Art Vargas or Mike Pimentel.

Gary Rebiskie's RC estate has largely been disposed of—there are still many books and magazines left.

NEW BUSINESS: Bayside Auction 10/31 Mike Pimentel was elected Vice-President, all other board members remained the same.

SHOW AND TELL:

Norm Coates showed his E-flite Apprentice on floats, and pointed out the changes he had to make in the float kit to have it fit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.



“If you had only put it here . . .”

Jim Newman, Jim Utlely and Norm Coates inspecting Norm's Apprentice



Looks like Matt is saying:

“I'm a gummint employee, you can't take my picture!”

Many thanks to our excellent cooks for the BBQ!

Alvin Dockter photos—thanks so much Alvin!

From me to you:

Oh boy, a whole page for me to pontificate on!

Most, if not all of you have received the email from AMA about the FAA/DOT proposal requiring registration of some sUAS (AHA , RC models). It is pretty easy to follow the links provided and to cut and paste the AMA suggested responses (contained in the email) or to personalize them so they don't look so much like a from letter (which is what I did). The website is kind of awkward, but you can cut/paste the text into the comment section easily.

Additionally—it could be a good idea to write your Representative and Senators a note expressing your thoughts on the subject. They DO pay attention to letters like that, so long as they are not out-and-out rants.

A friend of mine has written a letter to his rep, and has graciously allowed me to post it as a sample for you to use. His is personalized with his history, I have posted it in rtf format which can be used by just about any word processor so that you can edit it to suit your own history. Most of us are in the 15th Congressional District, Representative Eric Swalwell—who sits on the subcommittee for Transportation Security, and also subcommittees for Science, Space and Technology. He should be receptive to our input.

Here is the link:

[Model Airplane letter](#)

It is also linked from the main page of the website.

Here is a link to Rep. Swalwell's contact page: <https://swalwell.house.gov/contact> And/or you could edit and paste the letter into the DOT comment box instead.

John Gross sent this link to 21 cockpits, from the early days to the present: [LINK](#)

Here is another [LINK](#) to a Stipa-Caproni experimental ducted fan circa 1932 (Picture below), with a movie! Looks like a bizarre GeeBee, don't you think?

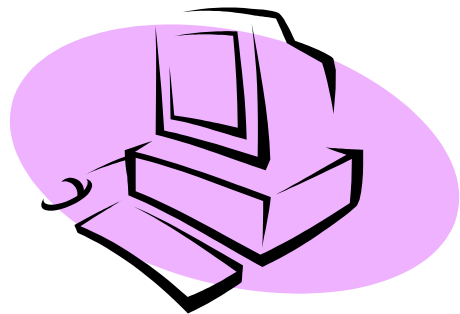
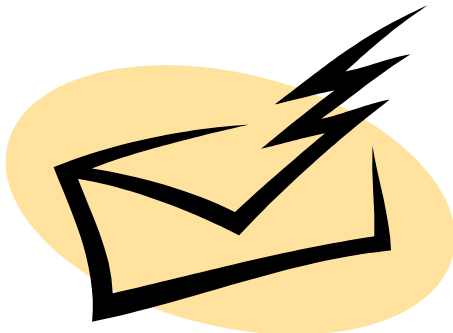
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