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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 7:30 PM January 9, 2016

### **Board Meeting:**

No Board meeting

### **General meeting:**

Club President Steve Hoyt called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. The meeting was held at The Round Table Pizza, 37480 Fremont Blvd., Fremont CA. There were 16 members present and no guests.

### **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.

President Hoyt welcomed the members and said the previous meeting was the Christmas party/meeting, held in Newark, CA on December 12, 2015. The party was attended by 50 members, family and guests and was a huge

success. There was a lot of delicious food and great gifts given out at the raffle.

### **MINUTES:**

December meeting was the Christmas party and no club business was conducted and no minutes taken.

### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Jim Utley gave a very detailed report of the clubs financial status. Jim said through club fund raisers and other contributions, the club was able to give the Viola Blythe Community Services Center in Newark a check for \$1,600.00. For further details contact Jim.

The treasurer's report was accepted as reported

### **SAFETY REPORT:**

Lou Morales said that it is ok to fly float planes off the small strip of water on the north end of the parking lot near the rest-room. He said to be very careful and aware of your surroundings such as other members and cars in the parking lot. There were no safety incidents to report.

### **FIELD REPORT:**

Steve Woodall said the he and Brady Deitrick walked the field and the adjacent areas and it all looks good with all the rain we

Next meeting:

February 13

At the Field

have had. The drainage ditches have water in them and there may need to be some trenching to help the water to flow. The area north of the restroom that Norm dug out for float planes, is getting some water in it but not enough to fly in for now.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

President Hoyt said to be careful if you fly a float plane at the north end of the parking lot. We don't want to have any incidents involving members or vehicles. Hoyt said that the old club house is now fenced off and we no longer have access to it. He asked for suggestions for finding a meeting place until we can return to the field in the spring. Two suggestions were made: 1. The Mission Pizza Parlor in Fremont; and 2. The Fremont Cultural Arts Council building, 3375 Country Drive, Fremont. Hoyt said he would look into the suggestions and let the membership know.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was a question about the health of member Scott Clinton. It was said that he is getting better and should be back flying soon.

There was discussion regarding obtaining another storage container and repairing the club house near the field. Both ideas ended in negative results.

There was a lot of input and discussion regarding the recent FAA required registration of our model aircraft. The registration is free until January 19, 2016 and there is an FAA legal deadline on February 19, 2016, with a \$5.00 registration fee. The registration will be recurring every three (3) years. After much discussion, the AMA and our club is advising all members to just wait and they will advise on how to proceed.

#### **SHOW AND TELL:**

Lou Morales showed the members a key finder called the "Nut Mini Smart Tracker", which is a small tile or chip that can be placed or attached

to items and then be tracked through a blue tooth phone app. He said he has tried the nut mini at a long distance and it has worked leading him back to it. He thinks it will work great attached to a plane canopy, battery or the plane and help a pilot locate a downed plane. Check the internet for more information and a location to purchase one. He said his cost \$8.00. (Ed: I am still waiting on mine!)

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Jeff Whitney said there will be The US Scale master Championship, in Woodland, CA, on September 29 through October 2, 2016. These are great shows to attend. Jeff passed out some Solo Certificates.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.**



Treasurer Jim Utley and a very happy  
Debbie Carvalho-Rodriguez  
With the \$1600 SACRC Donation to the  
Viola Blythe Foundation

Lost and Found by Alvin Dockter

Lost: September 28, 2015 Apprentice 15 e-flite, Lost sight, flyaway.

Found: November 29, 2015 Apprentice by duck hunters on hill south of SACRC landing strip. The airplane lost for 61 days was exposed to full sun and 2½ inches of rainfall .

Following are observations, comments and deductions after the plane was returned:

1. It seems that the plane was in an upright position.
2. No crash landing was evident.
3. The steel landing gear that was exposed to rain was rusted.
4. All exterior surfaces were dirty from dust and rain.
5. Interior of the plane was found relatively clear of debris, which indicates that the wing remained on top of the plane.
6. An insect inhabited the fuselage as evidenced from the ID label, which was chewed by an insect.
7. Spider web shows that a spider inhabited the interior.
8. After the transmitter and receiver were bound, the elevator and aileron servos worked correctly, along with the speed control and motor.
9. The rudder servo motor ran in an erratic and jerky way (this defect might have contributed to my losing the plane in the first place).
10. One must conclude that the most durable material to weathering is the foam material.

Just a reminder to register with FAA:

[LINK](#) February 19 is the deadline. If anyone has a model in excess of 55 lbs the registration process becomes more like a home-built aircraft.

AMA is continuing to work with the FAA to relieve AMA members of the onus of registration. And there has been another bill introduced that would emphasize, reiterate and restore the Special Rule pertaining to model aircraft.

AMA is also pursuing the legal ramifications in the US Court of Appeals.

In a separate action John Taylor of Maryland has filed suit against the FAA—the most recent report I could find is [HERE](#).

I have not seen it yet myself, but I understand that the recent rains have provided us with a float fly area

I noted the next meeting as at the field on Feb 13—just in case the weather changes dramatically, check the website and Facebook page a day or two beforehand.

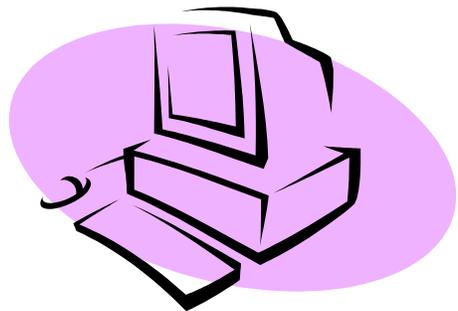
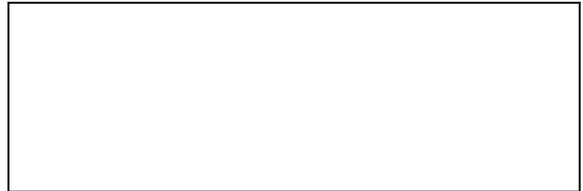
See you!

Jeff

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