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Southern Alameda County Radio Controllers

President: Steve Hoyt

Secretary: Jeff Whitney

Vice President: Mike Pimentel

Treasurer: Jim Utley (510) 352-3150

Meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM 11-11-2017

BOARD MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM by President Steve Hoyt.

Board members in attendance were President Steve Hoyt, Vice-President Mike Pimentel, Treasurer Jim Utley, Members-at-Large Norm Coates and Burt Rosensweig and Secretary Jeff Whitney.

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

Gravel has been added, but the fill was no longer clean fill; there was a lot of crushed concrete and it was noted to be on the watch for rebar and wire mesh as it may penetrate your tires. No more fill is needed at this time. Be careful of the bare dirt in the parking area as it has not been compacted and with the wet weather approaching it is possible to get stuck out there.

Also noted was a request from at least one of the animal keepers to keep the gate closed. There is a bit of pink rope that can be used to

keep the gate closed, Jim U will get some chain to replace the rope. If the gate is open when you enter or leave, just close it and secure it with the rope or chain. If you are leaving and are the last one then lock the gate (lock-to-lock as usual).

There was some discussion of the ownership of the shed – the last tenant of the house apparently stopped by and was asking for money for the shed. Some county workers had been out sometime prior to that and in a discussion with Jim Utley and a couple of other members a county worker had stated that the county had bought the shed for the previous tenant. It was decided that if the last tenant could provide proof of ownership we would discuss compensation with him.

The board meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM.

GENERAL MEETING:

Meeting was called to order at 11:05 by President Steve Hoyt..

Prospective New Members:

Jim Weiss was accepted as a new member

News Letter Issues:

None

Next meeting:

7:00 PM December 16

Newark Community Center

October Minutes:

Approved as posted in last months newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim Utley gave the Treasurer's report and noted that we are solvent, and will be making our annual donation to the Viola Blythe Foundation. The report was accepted as read. Jim also noted that the Membership Renewal form was available on the website (http://sacrc.org/pdf_files/2018_RENEWAL.pdf).

Safety Report:

Norm noted that people have become lax about arming and disarming their model. ALL models are to be armed in the hot pit (the designated area). NO models shall be armed, started or flown in the general pit area. NO EXCEPTIONS. Well – one exception – if your model stops at the North end and cannot be taxied back for some reason you may DISARM it at the last table to the North. DO NOT carry an armed model thru the pit area. Glow and Gas models should be fueled in the hot pit area.

Field Report:

Norm Coates noted that the fabric at the South end of the runway had blown up in the last couple of storms; he and Brady Dietrick nailed it back down and use more nails than previously. Next time Norm has his tractor out he will see about covering the very end of the fabric with some dirt to prevent the blow up again. The field crew lined the parking lot and put out parking bumpers. If you are ever out on a weekday or see them on a weekend be sure to thank the weekday fliers for their efforts!

Ownership of our new shed was discussed (see the Board Meeting minutes).

As noted in the Board minutes – the animal people have asked us to keep the gate closed (not locked) in order to prevent the animals from wandering into the street. If you are the last one leaving the field, then please lock the gate (lock to lock).

Art Vargas noted that the impound board had been left unlocked a couple of times. The key to the lock box used to be stored there, and the keys to the shed and container used to be in the lock box. Art moved all of the keys into the shed – if you need into the shed or container there are usually several people at the field with keys (most of the board and a few select others).

Old Business:

The Christmas Party on Saturday December 16, 2017. The event will start at 7:00PM and be held at the Newark Community Park, 35501 Cedar Blvd, Newark, CA. All members planning to attend give Mike Pimentel a phone call at (510) 792-6823 or e-mail him at michaelpimentel@att.net to let him know how many people, members and guests, you will be bringing. Also let him know what you intend to bring as a side dish. The club will furnish ham, turkey, drinks and dinner rolls. Suggestions would be appetizers, salads, mashed potatoes with gravy, relishes, cranberry sauce, casseroles, vegetables or deserts. **Let Mike know.**

New Business:

Burt noted that long-time member and employee at J&M Hobbies Rico Dalmau has been in the hospital for pneumonia. Kaiser Redwood City. He may be released Monday or Tuesday (11/13 or 11/14).

Show and Tell:

Monday or Tuesday (11/13 or 11/14).

Show and Tell: (or show and sell) Burt showed off his venerable seaplane Donald. He has had it for quite a while, brushed motor, 3-channel. Says with the standard battery it will fly for half an hour. See Burt if you are interested in purchasing it.

Norm showed off his electric conversion/hybrid. This was one of Drew Allen's estate airplanes and when Norm grabbed the wing and fuselage and started to put them together he realized they were from different models. The fuselage is a Sig Kougur and the wing is from a Bridi Kaos – both were popular airplanes in the 80's. Flies very well

Announcements:

None.

Upcoming Events of Interest:

Dec. 16, 2017 SACRC Christmas Party 7:00 PM at the Newark Community Center 35501 Cedar Blvd. Newark.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40AM.



Norm Coates and his E-flite Cirrus SR22t.



It is a "Donald 4" 3 channel plane. Powered by a Graupner speed 600 brushed motor. Flies for up to 20 minutes on a 3S 3300 Lipo. Fiberglass hull, built-up wing. The only thing it needs is a connector soldered to the speed control. Comes with Hitec servos, ESC, motor and Spektrum 2.4Ghz receiver; Wingspan 55", length 37.4", weight with battery: 49-53 oz., wing area 428 sq in
Prop 8x4
Contact Burt, email: brosenguy@mindspring.com

Silly me—I was at the field 11/25, lots of people for a change—Dez brought a small air force he had recently purchased: Hurricane, Me-109 and a Stuka. I left my reporter hat at home and did not think to take any pictures or get any information. I did see the 109 fly and it flew really nicely—but like all 109's is a handful on the ground. I think Dez will tame it though.

Fast Mike had one of his EDF (Futura?) largish, and it also flew very well.

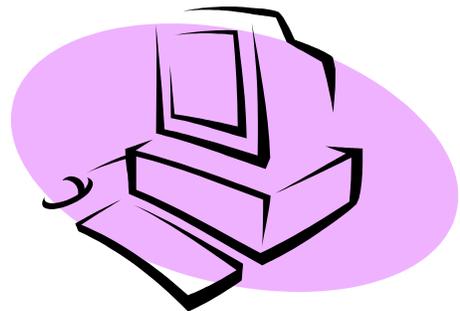
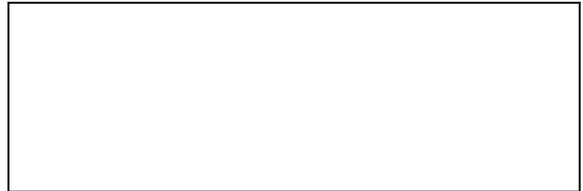
Greg Beshouri came out after a long absence and brought 4 friends/prospective members. They had been flying at an "outlaw" field in Richmond (apparently land owned by UC Berkeley); one of the group (not the group with Greg) flying a quad had caused a fire, and the next time they went to fly were told they could not.

While they are negotiating to get AMA status and permission to fly there again they will be members of SACRC.

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