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Memorial Fun Fly

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July was an eventful month at the SAM field. We had the Memorial Fun Fly, the Glider Meet, and a Rudder-gate. These events were well attended except, of course, for the glider meet which was cancelled due to weather.

A special thanks to Jim St. John who lead the remembrance of club members now passed, a very distinguished roster indeed. Jim also



flew his giant scale Ryan pictured here

(above), and this is the best way to honor those who passed the torch to us. The rudder-gate too was a lot of fun. Thanks to Dick Moeller for the fine grilled chicken and everyone who brought sides and goodies. Augie's pies were so good I had to take some home... on my shirt of course. Howard flew his spit-fire (left).

Remember:

* Many thanks to Bob McGregor for his excellent story in last months issue about the Float Fly. Remember that all of us can contribute stories and photos about flying and our club.



Club Meeting Minutes

President Chris Meharg called the July meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Landing Zone Restaurant in Salinas.

Board members present: Chris Meharg, Walt McCommons, Bob McGregor, Dennis Stanley, Gary Sobak, Pat O'Keefe, and Randy Bonetti.

Members present: Malcolm Bruce, Dick Moeller, Jack Jellá, Gary Mallett, Malcolm Beety, Ed Glynn, Chuck Bosso, Bill Hurst, and .

Bob McGregor gave the treasurer's report.

Old Business

1. Membership Roster: Dennis Stanley talked about the membership roster and the need to get it up to date. He found this after leaving his plane at the field and trying to contact the members. He noted that a number of the e-mails came back.

Bob handed out an updated roster if you have corrections contact Bob. If you are not receiving the newsletter contact Mike Parley so he can add you to the distribution list.

2. Use Permit: Bob gave a briefing on the status of the use permit and everything that had been completed thus far. Bob will submit it to the city July 6th 2012.

3. Salinas Library: Lisa Duff from the Steinbeck library had contacted Chris about displaying some model aircraft. Chris gave a briefing and will follow up with Lisa. Discussion followed and the board thought this would be a great way to promote our sport and inform the community.

New Business

4. Pylon Races: Greg Balesteri and Dan Nolan wanted access to the plyons for practice. The board determined Mondays would be a good day of the week and they would take care of putting them up and taking them down. Discussion followed and it was then suggested that they use the foam noodles that are used in swimming pools. Chris will contact Greg.

5. RTI Fasteners: Chris was contacted by this company and they will give us free of charge some fastener items for our events. The board approved and Chris will contact them.

6. Upcoming Events: Chris talked about the upcoming events. Jim St John will cd the Memorial Event but will not cd the T-34 races. Joe Francis will not be able to cd the Scale Fun Fly in August. Dennis is going to run the Glider event July 7th. Discussion followed.

Club Meeting Minutes continued

7. Float Fly: Bob talked about the May Float Fly. Bob was contacted by the Santa Maria club and they will be rescheduling their October Float Fly at San Antonio Lake. Bob would like to schedule early with San Antonio so as not to have any conflicts.

8. Electric Fun Fly: Chris will contact Jack Tossman and see if he is interested in taking on this event.

9. Flight Line Safety: Don Meeks reminded us that we need to be vigilant when in the flight boxes and remain there while flying. This is for your safety and others. Dennis told us about an incident from up north where a person started a 40% airplane without help and it went to full throttle injuring three people in the pits before it was stopped. Remember everyone is a safety officer.

10. Lipo Batteries: Discussion followed on LIPO battery safety.

Show and Tell

After a short break a number of show and tell items were demonstrated and discussed.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm

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Schedule of Events

August

1 - Club Meeting	Salinas Airport
11 - T-34 Race	SAM Field
4 - Glider Contest	SAM Field
24-26 - Scale Fun Fly	SAM Field

September

1 - Glider Contest	SAM Field
3 - Board Mtg.	Location to be announced
3 - Labor Day Fly In	SAM Field
5 - Club Meeting	Salinas Airport
14-16 - Float Fly & RudderGate	Lake San Antonio
22 - Field Work Day	SAM Field

October

1 - Board Mtg.	Location to be announced
3 - Club Meeting	Salinas Airport
6 - Electric Fun Fly	SAM Field
12-14 - Float Fly	Lake San Antonio
27 - RudderGate	SAM Field

November

5 - Board Mtg.	Location to be announced
7 - Board/Club Meeting	Salinas Airport

December

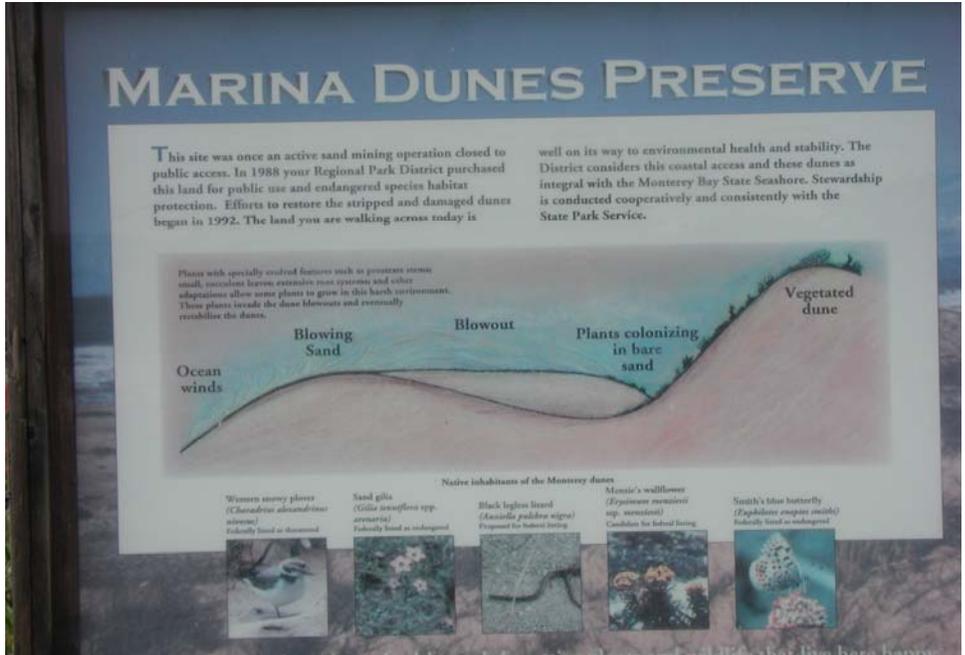
1 - Toys/Tots Fun Fly	SAM Field
1 - Annual Banquet	Landing Zone



Slope Soaring Site

I had been looking for a local slope soaring site to test my Schweizer 1-26 for quite a while when I finally came across the Marina Dunes Preserve. Oddly enough it's just a stone's throw away from where I used to fly hang-gliders many years ago.

I needed a place with strong winds, a long steep bluff, and a landing area (on top) big enough for a large glider to slip into easily. Marina Dunes has it all and it's nearby. The Preserve is also far enough from Hwy 1 that you can't see or hear the traffic, and there's not a chance of flying anywhere near the highway. In fact when you are on the dunes, bluff, and beach you feel like you are



on a deserted island. Very few people venture out there even though it's only about a hundred yards from the parking area. Serenity now!

If you would like to try this great slope soaring site just take Reservation Road from Marina towards the Marina State Beach. Just before you enter the parking lot turn right on Dunes Drive. You will find the entrance to the preserve at the end of the street (about a quarter of a mile). There you will see the sign pictured above, and a short, scenic walk will take you directly to the bluffs and beach.

The breeze is fairly reliable and you will enjoy the strong and smooth lift created by the sea breeze flowing over the bluffs.

I'm slowly getting her dialed-in. Maybe just a tweak or two more?



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Giant Scale Writ Large

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