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“Flying a plane is no different from riding a bicycle., It’s just a lot harder to put baseball cards in the spokes.”

From the movie “Airplane”

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President Says!.....

IS ANYONE LISTING OR READING?

Based on what has been happening out there in SAM RC land, I’m wondering if anyone is reading this Newsletter. For the past two months the newsletter has contained a notice concerning problems with the gate being left open. This seems to be a particular problem for those of you who fly on Wednesdays. I point the finger at you Wednesday flyers simply because we have found the gate open almost every Thursday morning lately. What gives guys? A few years ago it was the gate left open that led to major vandalism at the field. We have a big investment in our flying site and it is the responsibility of every member to see to it that the field is properly secured at the end of our flying sessions. If you are the last person out it is your duty to lock the gate!



President John

The Board has only scheduled five Rudder gates for 2004, beginning with the first one on May 23rd. As many of you know we did not have a permanent Rudder gate cook this past year and several of us took turns cooking. I will be putting a sign-up sheet on the field bulletin board. If we can get a few of you to sign up to cook at the Rudder gate dates for 2004, we will continue to have this activity. If no one signs up, there will be no Rudder gates. Hot dogs and/or hamburgers don’t cook themselves!

A special thanks to **Robin Constance** for locating and purchasing the new rescue boat for our float flies at Lake San Antonio. Thanks to **Dave Florence** for driving to San Luis Obispo and hauling the boat to Prunedale. We also appreciate **Dale Oxford** storing the boat and volunteering to see that it gets to the float flies. **Dick Moeller** is handling the registration of the boat with DMV. Thanks **Dick** for handling this.

Our official flying season is upon us. Our first Glider Fly at Los Banos Reservoir is March 7th. If anyone is interested in meeting for breakfast at Casa de Fruta café on Highway 152, be there around 8:30 to 9:00am. **Bob Francis** is already underway with the planning and advertising for the April 23-25th, Giant Scale Fly In.

For our March meeting bring your building and/or flying questions to the meeting. Our panel of “experts” will have all the answers! See you then.....

John Midgorden, President 2004

Minutes of February Meeting

By Dick Moeller, Secretary

The meeting was opened by **President Midgorden** at 7:30pm.

Treasurer **McGregor** was not present for a report. However, **Midgorden** reported a net income of \$500 for 2003. Current membership is about 60.

Both **Dave Roth** and **Dick Moeller** obtained prices on club jackets. It was decided to go with a local supplier and to offer wind-breaker type jackets to the membership rather than the shiny, insulated jackets of the past. Final pricing will be available at the March meeting.

The aluminum boat for retrieval at our float flys has been purchased and moved to **Dale Oxfords's** home. **Moeller** will handle registration of the boat.

A group of 5-6 members will inventory **Dick Millers** models and equipment in the near future.

The recent rains appear to have washed away the seal coat debris that was on the runway.

It was decided to have our electric fly-in on July 17-18 and to advertise the event locally to clubs and hobby shops.

Next month a question and answer session will be held where members can ask modeling questions of the membership present.

President Midgorden presented a history of Chance-Vought Aircraft.

Malcolm Beety showed his Rascal and **Dick Moeller** showed his electric Ultra Stick 40.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

MODELING TIPS.....

Keep screws in place:

If you are having trouble with screws backing out of servos, cowlings, or anything else, try this. Put a little carpenter's glue on the threads before installation. The glue will hold the screws but will allow them to be removed if needed.

Flying wires:

Do you want real scale looking flying wires on a 1/5 size aircraft. Remove the metal from your used windshield wiper blades. They are 1/8 inches wide, flat, and around 24 inches long. They are also stainless steel for long-lasting good looks.

From *Transmitter* Mike & Sandie Brown, editors

Canopies:

Before gluing on your canopy put a small hole in some obscure place to allow air circulation under the canopy. This will keep your canopy from popping off in the summer when the air inside expands.

FOR SALE.....



9' Sea Eagle Inflatable Boat.

Excellent Condition! Comes complete with Electric air pump, as well as a foot operated pump, 2 oars, floor boards and storage bag. Only \$250.00!

Contact Dale Oxford (81.663.5066) for further information.

INNER STRENGTH

If you can start the day without caffeine.....

If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains.....

If you can resist complaining and boring people you hear every day.....

If you can overlook it when people take things out on you.....

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment.....

If you can face the world without lies and deceit.....

If you can conquer tension without medical help.....

If you can relax without liquor.....

If you can sleep soundly every night.....

Then you are probably the family dog!!

Borrowed from *Hangar Talk*, Betty Bliss, editor



Bob Francis'
New
Extra 300

COME FLY WITH ME

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

March 15TH

Send me all your news, pictures and "For Sale" items.

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COMING EVENTS

March 3	Board/Club Meeting	Salinas
March 6	Make a Wish Fun Fly	Fresno
March 7	Glider Fly	Los Banos
March 13	Flea Market	Morgan Hill
March 27	Challenge Fun Fly	Woodland-Davis
March 28	IMAC Practice Day	Oakdale
April 3	Glider Fly (Saturday)	Los Banos
April 7	Board/Club Meeting	Salinas
April 17	Fun Fly	Livermore
April 17-18	IMAC	Hollister
April 23-25	Giant Scale Fun Fly	SAM Field

Mark Your Schedule
Electric Fly In, July 17-18, SAM Field

SAFETY RULE #11

All aircraft must meet SAM noise rules, I.e., engines must have muffler or be below 85 dba at 50 feet.

Dick Miller
Ready
To
Go!



Aren't you
supposed to
do this at
home before
you come
to the
field?

Gliders
are
A
favorite
activity
Too!



RADIO CONTROL EQUIPMENT CHECK LIST

AIRFRAME

- ◇ Check wing for warps and use a heat gun to correct if necessary.
- ◇ Check wing attachment mechanism (dowels or bolt on).
- ◇ Check for loose covering and seal down and remove wrinkles if needed.
- ◇ Check physical attachment of fin and stabilizer.
- ◇ Verify that name, address, and AMA number are in or on aircraft and are legible.

CONTROL SURFACES

- ◇ Check linkage for flexing/bowing – should be able to move servo with control surface. (Note that some servos do not like to be reverse-driven, so be gentle).
- ◇ Check control horns and clevises for tightness/wear/keepers and replace if necessary.
- ◇ Check thread-on metal clevises and tighten jam nuts and check keepers.
- ◇ Check brass threaded couplers – use only on throttle. (Use stainless on control surfaces).
- ◇ Check for broken or worn hinges and replace if necessary.

RADIO INSTALLATION

- ◇ Check servos, servo tray, and servo rails for secure mounting.
- ◇ Check servo output arm screws and linkage attachments (clevis, EZ connector, Z-bend).
- ◇ Check receiver on/off switch for proper actuation and mounting.
- ◇ Check all servo connections to extensions and the receiver itself.
- ◇ Check receiver and battery foam padding – replace if worn or fuel soaked.
- ◇ Check antenna integrity and routing
- ◇ Check battery capacity with cycler or ESV – replace if less than 80% of rated capacity.

LANDING GEAR

- ◇ Check landing gear for bends and replace as necessary.
- ◇ Check that landing gear mounting screws are tight.
- ◇ Check that wheels spin freely and tighten wheel collars if necessary (use fuel tubing outside of collars).

ENGINE/PROPELLER

- ◇ Check engine mounting – engine to mount, mount to firewall, firewall to airframe.
- ◇ Check engine cylinder head bolts and muffler attachment.
- ◇ Check valve clearances on four-cycle engines.
- ◇ Inspect propeller for nicks/cracks.
- ◇ Check needle friction for both high-speed and low-speed needles (if applicable).

FUEL SYSTEM

- ◇ Remove fuel tank and check for debris and/or leaks (vacuum test).
- ◇ Replace fuel tubing between fuel tank and engine if it looks worn/old.
- ◇ Use filter between muffler and fuel tank to eliminate debris.
- ◇ Hold airframe nose up and shake to verify that fuel tank clunk is free.

SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

- ◇ Empty out your flight box and clean it.
- ◇ Review tools carried and remove any you don't use.
- ◇ Stock up on glow plugs and props that you will need.
- ◇ Charge/check 12-volt starter battery.
- ◇ Charge/cycle glow plug battery and replace if necessary.
- ◇ Test electric fuel pump/lines/filter to verify everything works properly.



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NEXT CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, March 3, 2004
7:30pm

Salinas Recreation Center, Lincoln Ave.
Between Alisal & West San Luis
Salinas, California

Club meets the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Next Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, March 3, 2004
6:30pm
Salinas Recreation Center

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