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PILOT BRIEFING

The IMAC II competition is coming up fast as it takes place September 8 - 9, 2018. There are 19 pilots registered and two or three more that are not registered making a group of 21 or 22 competitors. This is our second and last IMAC event of the season. These events always put a fair chunk of cash in our account, and aside from dues, are the primary fund raisers for the club. If you can, please come out and help with the event.

We need scribes (you just write down a number given by a judge) and runners, the person who takes the score tally to the score keeper. It's nice to have a few people to help so one or two don't get stuck for the whole day. Two scribes are required to be on duty and one runner at all times during the competition. If we have 6 to 8 people we can rotate you off and on so you can watch or relax during non-duty times. The event will begin Saturday morning as soon as the sun is not a factor.



We are trying to make it very attractive for pilots to attend and entice them to come back to Salinas Area Modelers. Augie requested and received from Star Market two cases of Monterey County wine, a case of white and one of red, all gift wrapped, to supplement the awards. Here is his contribution to this article. "I would like to utilize this month's briefing to thank Star Market for their donation of two cases of wine for our IMAC contest. Not only did they donate the wine, they gift wrapped each bottle, and even provided a wine guide for each of our winners. This was a very generous donations, and if you shop at Star Market, please give them a huge thank you -- Augie"

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Lost and Found!

Robert Shaver found the pictured canopy while mowing. If you recognize it and it belongs to you, come and get it.



Lets' Get Radical

The Pylon race was pretty much cancelled a month ago but I called in a few volunteers to help out just incase competitors showed up via our publicized listing that was required in Sanctioning the Event with the AMA. Dan Peterson came down from Oakdale but I had previously informed and welcomed him to come down to enjoy our BBQ and a fun fly day which he did. No one else showed (as suspected) and we are done hosting pylon races!



Dan Peterson, Dan Nolan, Tristan Williams and I did, however, indulge in a 6 lap Hybrid Race whereas Tristan flew his Electric EF-1 racer and the rest of us flew our Warbird-racers. Consequently we found that indeed Warbird and EF-1 are very equivalent in speed. I hit the start line first (just right) and in a couple of laps Tristan ran me down and passed me so I passed him back, we passed back and forth quite a few times but soon I was only chasing lol. In my last gasp I nearly cut the last pylon (perfectly) but still lagged 50' behind Tristan of who I found in a perfect speedy high tailed 5 degree descent as he crossed the finish line ahead of me at 130MPH at only 3' AGL. That was as aggressive a race as I've ever seen, many of the lap times were in the 9's; the average lap time for all 6 laps was 10.06 seconds; That's hauling the mail and "A-Lot of Fun"! Dan Nolan was late to the start line and was keeping but not catching and soon found himself in a glide (engine out); he brought it home safely, Dan Peterson I believe missed his first turn (the hardest one) and simply couldn't catch back up. His Airplane was a Clipped Wing Mustang that was well tucked and trimmed throughout its' entire airframe and, it was sporting a Rossi Engine with a carburetor that I'm still pretty sure came off of a V-8 lol; it probably came off of a .90, at least a .60. I'm pretty sure that his Mustang was the faster than all of ours. It sure had all the fixings and trimmings: Beautifully defined!

The R/C Car Track is now also an "R/C Car Park" in that now when you show up you'll ask "OK... so where's the track" and that's just it, you tell me, there's now 32 possible tracks that you can "map out" within all of the inter-cuts, turnouts, interchanges and junctions (lol) that I've added to the original "race track". There's Snake Canyon, The Drifter, Rattlers Tail, Hay Belle, Long way, Short way, Candy cane, Candy Cutter, Mid-Eight and Drifters Cut; Rattlesnake Gulch



is under construction and if we elevate the drivers there can be a Snake River bed. Once I get all that under control in preparing for the winter months, I'll be adding many Jumps, some to be spectacular in jumping 10'+ across the track and thus over cars that will be crossing underneath. Most of that will be next year but I anticipate the first jumps to be laid down shortly after the IMAC, eventually there will be many!

The Track has changed in having many "Avenues" of which to choose and travel on which provides an "R/C Car Park" feel; in other words, beyond it being a

"Race track" it's also very entertaining to Fun your car about the many differing Avenues.

When will I burn out? Not yet... this is way too much fun and I'm feeling good for the exorcize (lol?), I do miss it and I'm just not ready for this "old thing" that's ever creeping into my life, I enjoy accomplishing... Onward while I can!

Crazy Ivan

Right and below - Konrad Cayce and Mile Aliotti with Konrad's P-47



Below - Richard Ciampa's Edge and Robert Shaver's Extra.



Bob's Great Planes kit bashed Trainer 40



The electric sail plane to the left originally belonged to Dr. Don Rogers, an Orthodontist who was a club member a number of years ago. It was hanging in his office along with three other airplanes. When he retired he asked me to come and get them and give them away. I kept the sail plane and just recently got it into flying condition. Editor

The cars to the right belong to Robert Shaver (the left one) and the other two to Richard Ciampa. Even with the wings on the aft they still won't fly. However they do get around that track pretty fast. Seems like members are having a lot of fun with the track. It's an excellent venue when the wind comes up.



Welcome to "CRASH'S CORNER!!"

Hi Folks, here we go again with more member history. I feel BLESSED to have known so many of the past members, a lot of them I was close to. I feel even though they are physically gone, I have them here with me telling their stories. Even those that I wasn't close to, seeing their pictures brings back memories.

Walt Parker left us in 1990, but left behind a history of total involvement with the club. His BIGGEST priority to the club was he was EVERYONE'S friend. We spent many nights holding the Board meetings in his workshop at his house. If you needed wood cut, or needed a piece of wood, he would help. He always had coffee and cookies at both the board meetings and monthly club meetings. He cooked at a lot of club events. He did fly, but his passion was Free Flight events. He had a BIG collection of Tether Cars, most



with gasoline engines from the 20's & 30's. He did fly R/C, even had a float plane. He just enjoyed building, and everything he built was to perfection. He even built a wooden toilet for his house and it's still there. It looked like factory made. He enjoyed seeing people happy, and if he could help them be happy, he would do what it took. He IS a GREAT friend!

Bob Morse was VERY much into Giant Scale. I think he believed "good things come in small packages, BUT better things come in BIG packages".

He was into scale models, and flew them to enjoy. He enjoyed details, as you can see from his picture. He didn't fly his "toys" cautiously, he flew them as they were meant to fly. I knew Bob, but not well enough to go into more details of his history. He left us in 1991.

I'm happy to share the history of the club like this, I just wish I had kept more notes and taken more pictures of the members instead of just the planes. Next month's article will be bigger as one of the guys was one of my Best Friends. I wish ya'll a FANTASTIC Month!!!

HAPPY LANDINGS!!!! "CRASH"

The Desert Hawks RC Club Presents



Let's Have Fun

Registration Process

Pre-Registration On-Line September 1, 2018 through October 21, 2018

Pre-Registration includes a free T shirt of your size, a plaque, 2 Pilot Raffle tickets and an assigned pit station. Entry Fee \$50.00

Registration On-Line October 22 through November 1

The web site Registration Process will be removed after November 1st.

After October 21st T Shirts will be available (price to be determined) but sizes may be limited, plaques will be free plus 2 Pilot Raffle Tickets. Pit Stations will be first come first serve. Entry Fee \$50.00

The cutoff date for pre-registration is necessary so we can order T shirts to size.

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Registration On-Site November 9 and November 10

T Shirts may be available, but sizes will be limited, plaques will be free plus 2 Pilot Raffle Tickets. Pit Stations will be first come first serve. Entry Fee \$60.00.

Logistics

For those of you traveling in RV's Free (dry camping) Parking will be available on Wednesday and Thursday November 7 & 8 at the Desert Hawks RC Club Facility (Sterling Field) in SARA Park and on Sunday evening. Thursday Evening there will be a Trail End Cookout and Night Flying event at Sterling Field. For those of you interested please email Ed Heil havasued@gmail.com

The parking fee at Windsor Beach 4 is controlled by Windsor Beach and State Parks and Recreation Organization. Parking Fee is \$20.00 per night, per camper (dry camping). Parking fee must be paid to the park ranger who will issue a parking permit.

A free airplane shuttle service from parking to the beach will be provided as it has been in past years. The shuttle will be available from: Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. / Saturday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. / Sunday 7 a.m. to Noon

If you require wheel chair access or any special service, please email Ed Heil havasued@gmail.com

We are working to find a food vendor, more on this on the web site as information becomes available

Program

Friday

Registration Opens At 7:00 a.m. Pilots Briefing 8:00 a.m.
Open Flying 8:30 am.— Noon Open Flying 12:30 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Saturday

Registration Opens At 7:00 a.m. Pilots Briefing 7:30 a.m.
Open Flying 8:00 a.m.— Noon Spectators Event Noon—1:00 p.m.
Spectators will be invited to tour the pits, talk with pilots and take pictures. Pilots will be invited to fly demonstrations

Open Flying 1:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. Pilots Raffle Event Raffle Closing Awards
Best Crash, Furthest Distance, Best Plane (voted on by pilots attending)

Sunday

Open Flying 7:00 a.m.—Noon

Calendar of Events

September 2018

- 8-9 IMAC II
- 21-23 Lake McSwain Float Fly
- 28-29 California International Airshow
- 29 RudderGate and Membership Meeting

October 2018

- 5-7 SAM Float Fly—Cancelled
- 22 Board Meeting
- 27 RudderGate and Membership Meeting

November 2018

- 10 Work Day
- 22 Thanksgiving

December 2018

- 1 Toys for Tots
- 2 Christmas Dinner at the Flying Artichoke

January 2019

- 16 Board Meeting
- 23 Membership Meeting - Flying Artichoke

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This includes pictures. The email above is checked regularly, so any submission will not go unnoticed.

Link for field weather station: <https://www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=KCACHUAL3>

If link doesn't work, cut and paste it to your browser.

Submissions for the newsletter of any kind (this includes opinions) are welcome and will be used on a space available basis.



Pictured are a group of war birds. Front row is Dan Nolan's Mustang, Howard Power's PT-19 and Spitfire. In the rear is Don Meeks' electric T-28.



Above, Ben Gacayon on the business end of a shovel helping shape the car track. That looks a lot like work, Ben. Above right is Robert Porter's newly acquired Yak. Let's keep it in one piece for a while, Roberts. Lower right - I don't know what or who it is, but rumor has it Augie was under there somewhere. Looks like he's going into the bee keeping business. Now there's an idea! More revenue for the club. Go for it, Augie!



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