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PILOT BRIEFING

This month instead of the usual Pilot Briefing from Augie, the Covid 19 rules are being published. Please read them in their entirety as this is a situation we are taking seriously. We realize there are a lot of opinions out there as to the severity, complexity and urgency, but regardless we are obligated to follow guidelines put out by the CDC and the County Health Department. The most important rule is **DON'T COME TO THE FIELD WITH ANY KIND OF ILLNESS INCLUDING A COMMON COLD.**

TEMPORARY SAM LEVEL 1 COVID 19 FIELD RULES

As you are probably aware, the Monterey County Health Department has declared that the Covid 19 virus has now reached the level of community spreading. This means that the virus is spreading for one person to another, and it appears that a person who is asymptomatic can be infectious. This virus seems to hit older individuals harder, especially if the person has an underlying medical issue. This definition fits many of our members. Thus, until further notice, our field will remain open for flying but the following changes to our rules will be in effect:

- 1) You may not come to the field if you are feeling ill in any way. Especially, if you have a headache, cough, shortness of breath, or a fever that is above 100.4 °F. You may return to flying fourteen days after your symptoms have resolved.
- 2) You may not come to the field if you have been out of the country within the last 14 days
- 3) You may not come to the field if you are caring for anyone with the Covid 19 virus, or if you have been notified to quarantine yourself by any health authority.
- 4) While at the field, maintain a separation of at least 6 feet between yourself and any other individuals.
- 5) Refrain from touching or handling the property of any other members, and the sharing of food or drink is prohibited.

This is an extremely serious life or death matter! If any member is found violating any of these emergency measures, the offending member will receive an immediate 90-day suspension. Upon the second offense, they will be suspended from the club for not less than 180 days.

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PILOT BRIEFING (Continued From Page 1)

TEMPORARY SAM LEVEL 2 COVID 19 FIELD RULES

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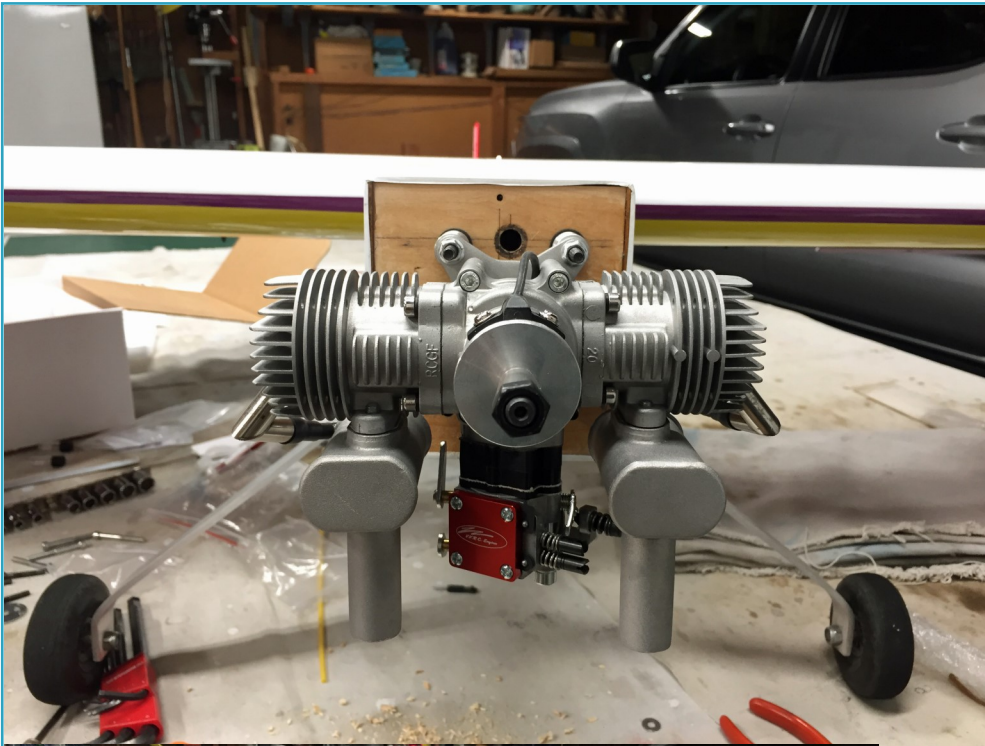
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- 4) While at the field, maintain a separation of at least 3 feet between yourself and any other individuals.
- 5) Refrain from touching or handling the property of any other members, and the sharing of food or drink is prohibited.

In addition to the above rules two additional rules will now be implemented.

- 6) Non-club members will not be permitted to fly as a guest, and any spectators will be asked to maintain a separation distance of least 6 feet between themselves and any persons present.
- 7) All contest, special events, ruddergates, and club meetings will be cancelled until the events can be held without the risk of spreading the disease.

As you read this newsletter, Level 1 rules are in effect. It is imperative that you abide by them.

The April float fly is still on the calendar and at this point a go. There is plenty of water. I have been trying to contact John Anthony, the ranger, to be sure the campground is going to be open. The state is closing many parks because of Covid 19 and at this point I have not been able to learn the County's plan for the Lake San Antonio campground. Rest assured I will put out an email as soon as I have further information. Bob



At the left and below left is a new engine for the Texas RC Drastik. It is a VVRC 30 cc twin cylinder engine. It replaces the G-26 Zenohah previously used on the Ultra Stick Lite and the Drastik. It appears Zenohah is no longer supporting the line of air engines as parts are extremely hard to get and only three engines are now offered, the G-38, (Continued below left)



The G-62 and the GT-80 twin. The VVRC engine seems to run great and is lighter than the G-26. I have one flight on it and am pleased. The 22 X 8 prop is not the prop being used—that was for photo purposes only. It swings an 18 X 10 or a 19 X 8. I'm using the 18" prop. To the right is Augies P-39 Air Cobra. The only problem with it is that it is battery powered.



Calendar of Events

March 2020

- 14 Slope Soaring - Seaside
- 18 Board Meeting
- 25 Membership Meeting at the Flying Artichoke

April 2020

- 3-5 Float Fly - San Antonio Lake
- 12 Easter
- 15 Board Meeting
- 18-19 IMAC I
- 25 RudderGate & Membership Meeting

May 2020

- 2 Glider Contest I
- 10 Mother's Day
- 15-17 SAM Float Fly 2
- 20 Board Meeting
- 30 RudderGate & Membership Meeting

June 2020

- 6 Glider Contest 2
- 13 Work Day
- 17 Board Meeting
- 21 Father's Day
- 27 RudderGate & Membership Meeting

July 2020

- 11 Glider Contest 3
- 15 Board Meeting
- 18 Memorial Fun Fly
- 25 RudderGate & Membership Meeting

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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. The newsletter editor retains editorial rights to any submission solely for the purpose or cor-

I'm sure you can all see this newsletter is a little sparse. I continue to ask for contributions whether that be in the form of pictures, articles or ideas of different things I can do with the newsletter.

I also encourage everyone to keep up with what is happening concerning the NPRM (Notice of Proposed Rule Making) put out by the FAA. Fortunately there are a lot of organizations that have joined the fight in opposing what the FAA is trying to do. Regulation is certainly needed for the commercial aspect of the issue, but the hobbyists are being unfairly lumped in with the commercial flyers. Stay abreast of the situation and write letters when asked to do so. Your voice will count. Over 30,000 comments were submitted to the FAA by the March 2 deadline and the FAA must go through everyone before they can issue a final rule. There's still a long ways to go, but if things go the wrong direction because we did not get involved in the process, our hobby/sport could become a thing of the past. This is something we certainly do not want to happen. It is therefore incumbent on all of us to get involved and each do their part.