

TRI-VALLEY RC NEWS

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NOTICE

NEXT MEETING IS May 2, 7:00 PM

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Veterans Memorial Community Center, Santa Maria

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER: [In case you missed it, President Van Corbach posted this very nice tribute to Frank Bognuda on our website. Ed.] "We are all saddened by the loss of fellow RC'r, Frank Bognuda. Frank has been a mainstay of Tri Valley for many years. My first introduction in RC was at Frank's field in Guadalupe and then when I rejoined Tri Valley, a couple of years ago, Frank was there. He didn't miss too many club activities. Our condolences and thanks go out to Frank's family as Tri Valley has been named as beneficiary of any memorials."

Ken Van Corbach,
President, Tri Valley RC Modelers

April 2007 MEETING MINUTES (Provided by Jerry Miller):

President Ken Van Corbach opened the meeting at 7:00

Visitor Jeff Armstrong was welcomed.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were read by Secretary Jerry Miller and accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: The 7 day CD balance is \$27,856.74.
The checking account balance is \$4,654.43.

Safety Report: Mark Serio reminded us that the flight box is not a taxiway. Please stay to the west of the safety line and do not taxi in the pilot's station. We are beginning to attract some spectators. They need to be reminded to park well away and to remain out of the way of the flying activities. Everyone is responsible for the safety of visitors. Mark felt that we are not doing range checks as appropriate and we need to remember to always check new equipment. There is still some concern that the flyers using the soccer field at College and Southside fly in an unsafe manner and although they are not members of our club they reflect on the public perception of us.

Web Site Report: No report

Old Business: **1. March Fun Fly:** Devin reported the fun fly on March 17 was a big success. Tentative dates for the remaining contests are: June 16, September 15, December 15.

2. Junior Fly-in: Bob Allington will report at the next meeting on the junior fly-off April 14th at 9:00 at the Maldonado Youth Center. There are three events; duration, distance and spot landing. Prizes will be buddy-box time and flights in full scale planes.

3. Field Search: The field search committee reports that a riverbed site is still a viable location and that Trosh Readymix is the contact. The other site is a patch of unused agricultural land is called Fulger Point. The owner Agrijal has no objections but that the leaser, Union Asphalt, needs to grant permission. This property is also under control of the Army Corps of Engineers who have a levee nearby. Ken is in the process of making the appropriate contacts. More on this activity later.

New Business: None

Show and Tell: Wally Howarter brought in his Helix Airhog electric helicopter with counter-rotating blades. He says that he can fly it from his armchair. He demonstrated it at the meeting. He also brought in his Eflight Blade CP Pro helicopter. He and Devin were still trying to fly it as the meeting ended.

Crash of the Month: Dick Washbish won unanimously for a spectacular crash of his SIG Senior. No excuses. (Dick was not in attendance)

50-50 Drawing: Jim Perry won the 50-50 drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Jim Oberst thought the club members who know former member Nigel Fay, who now lives in England, might like to see the following e-mail that Jim received from Nigel.

Hey Jim, Just watched your video clip off the website, not a bad landing eh? Good to see the field on video and great to see the improvements you have been making. Went flying last weekend for the first time since I was with you last so nice to get back in the air! Miss you all and looking forward to seeing some more clips. Hope my gear is still OK with you and not in your way too much but I am looking forward to getting everything shipped back some time soon.

Your friend

Nigel

Club Member Jack Juntenan has a Sig Kougar Mk II kit for sale. This is a military style balsa kit (not ARF) with foam core wings, tricycle gear, and 51 inch wingspan. It takes a .40 - .50 glow engine. The current "Tower Hobbies" price is \$84.99 plus shipping. Jack is asking \$70.00 and will throw in the "Sorghum" glue to sheet the foam wings. Anyone interested, contact Jack at 929-4852, or 1020 Redberry Pl. Nipomo, CA 93444. Jack does not have e-mail.