

TRI-VALLEY RC NEWS

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NOTICE

***NEXT MEETING IS September 5, 7:00 PM
Veterans Memorial Community Center, Santa Maria***

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS: This newsletter is being distributed using the current 2007 active member roster. If you change your e-mail, or any other pertinent information, it is your responsibility to inform the club in order to continue receiving the newsletter and other mailings. Also, I am trying to update the RC frequency usage list. Please look at your copy of the roster, and if there is no record of your RC channels, or if the channels listed need to be updated, please send the information to me. Include 2.4 GHz if you have one of those radios. This is to help you and other club members to select channels that are not already crowded. A chart showing the current data is at the end of this newsletter. Please use the following e-mail address for club newsletter comments and correspondence to the editor: tvrc@charter.net.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: [Ed. Note. The President's Corner was assembled by the Newsletter editor from notes provided by the president. The editor accepts responsibility for any misinterpretation of the TVRCC president's statements.] Field situation update. The Elks have received our latest proposal and as of August 30, the president of their recreation foundation seemed quite confident the committee would accept the proposal providing we can get

something from the county approving our use of the land. A call was made to the Santa Barbara County Planning Dept. The person contacted was aware of the situation and was pretty sure management would approve with some conditions. We are awaiting a formal response. Our final proposal will be presented to the Elks committee Tuesday, Sept. 4. Be at the club meeting on Sept 5 for the latest news. Warbird Fly-in. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help with setup, staffing and tear down. Our booth had a large number of visitors, with many of them asking questions about our club and activities. We expect to net around \$1,400.00 from the airplane raffle. Congratulations to Alan Sewell for winning the raffle plane.

Ken Van Corbach,
President, Tri Valley RC Modelers

AUGUST 2007 MEETING MINUTES:

The meeting was opened at 7:10 PM by Vice President Jim Oberst.

Other officers present: Cornel Krainz, Treasurer; and Jerry Miller, Secretary.

July Meeting Minutes: Since the July meeting was cancelled there were no minutes. Minutes of the June meeting were approved as recorded in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The 7 day CD balance is \$28,278.11.
The checking account balance is \$5,049.09.

Safety Report: Mark Serio pointed out that range checks are required and that electric airplanes need to be under control of someone with hands on in case the motor starts during the range check. Pilot Qualifying Certificates are required for all members by December.

Field Committee Report: Serious talks are under way with the Elks and a field location is available with a five or ten year agreement. The agreement will be finalized this month. The executive board has met and has determined that the cost of creating a runway will require a capital expense greater than our field fund. In addition our club will agree to several conditions:

1. We will maintain the road between gate 3 and the flying location (about ¾ mile)
2. We will provide a porta potty
3. We will have fire extinguishers at the field.
4. We will have a designated smoking area.
5. We will control access to the field
6. We will observe a ten day blackout during the Elks Rodeo.

Rod Thompson has agreed to be our liaison with the Elks.

Old Business: 1. **War Bird Fly-In:** Raffle tickets are now available. The raffle will be held at the fly in the weekend of August 26.

New Business: Cost estimates to develop a flying site on the Elks property exceed the club's available funds, so it will be necessary to raise additional financing. Several approaches were discussed. The overwhelming favorite is a one-time \$200.00 assessment on each active

member. The amount raised will provide sufficient finances to complete the initial development and leave the club with operating funds. During the discussion the straw vote in favor of this approach was 24 out of a possible 44 votes. Frank George moved to make the \$200.00 assessment official, and to use those proceeds along with club funds to develop the Elks property flying site upon completing an agreement between the Elks and TVRCC. The motion passed without objection with 44 members voting.

The field assessment funds are due now. The field work can begin as soon as August 15th. There was discussion of how the assessment may be applied to membership fees and Jim Obrest agreed to take this issue up with the executive committee and bring a recommendation to a future meeting. The executive committee will also review the by-laws to decide how the assessment will apply to new members.

Crash-of-the-month: Cornel Kraintz ran his “fun one” into Saulsbury hill and blamed it on dumb thumbs.

50-50 Drawing: Jack Juntunen won the 50-50 drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10

Current RC Frequency Utilization

