

TRI-VALLEY RC NEWS

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Santa Maria Airport automated weather report: 928-0384 or 121.15 MHz.

NOTICE

NEXT MEETING IS AUGUST 6, 7:00 PM

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Veterans Memorial Community Center, Santa Maria

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: The newsletter is now being distributed only to 2008 current members. 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 communications. Contact the editor if you have a newsletter item that you think will be of interest to the club members. Please use the following e-mail address for club newsletter comments and correspondence to the editor: tvrcm@att.net .

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: [Ed.] The newsletter is a little early this month since the editor will be traveling on the usual publication date. President Ken Van Corbach is also traveling out of state and not able to send his notes for the early publication date. We are continuing to fly at the Elks Event Center on a month-to-month basis. Volunteers will be needed for the Santa Maria Warbird Flyin August 23, 24. Help is needed to set up our booth on Friday Aug 22, to staff it Saturday and Sunday, and teardown Sunday afternoon. See Bob Allington. The drawing for our

raffle plane will be on Sunday afternoon at the Flyin. If you have not gotten your raffle tickets to sell (or buy for yourself) see Jim Oberst or Cornel Kraitnz. Other upcoming events include an open house at the field October 5, and our Christmas dinner in December.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Elks Field Rules. We are currently operating under an agreement with the Santa Maria Airport tower operator that requires us to call them prior to flying, and again at the conclusion of our activity. The tower phone number is 925-5380. We must wait for visual flight rules (VFR) weather status to fly. You can check the automated airport weather status at 347-9136 before driving to the field if you like.

July 2, 2008 MEETING MINUTES:

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by President Ken Van Corbach

Other officers present: Frank George, Vice President; Cornel Krainz, Treasurer; Jerry Miller, Secretary

Visitors: Former club member Steve Snyder is getting rid of equipment and brought several items to show. Andrew Amenta, a cl flyer who is interested in getting into rc.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the June meeting as reported in the newsletter were read & approved.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

WebMaster Report: Al Montalbano reported that he has investigated alternate web hosting providers and recommended that we change to obtain a better price. Motion to proceed seconded and passed. Also need to confirm the current agreement expiration date with Jay Dangourian

Safety Committee Report: no report.

Contest Director Report: No report.

Field Committee Report: President Van Corbach reported that he has contacted the FAA about the situation with the airport control tower and is waiting for a response. He is also investigating a field near Nipomo high school. Cornel Kraitnz attended a meeting of the Elks Recreation Committee and reported that they were not willing to commit to anything more than a month to month agreement and at \$400 per month. The Elks are concerned about crashes in the strawberry fields and the level of insurance coverage.

Old Business:

1. The Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 3rd at 7:00 PM at our regular meeting place. The cost is expected to be \$25 per couple.
2. Our E-Flite T-34 Mentor raffle plane is at Big Boys. It is an electric RTF with a 55" wingspan and includes a Spektrum 2.4 GHz radio. Each club member is to receive 25 Tickets to sell, or buy for himself. Tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, or \$20.00

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for 25. Tickets are available and were passed out to those present at the meeting by Frank George

New Business: None.

Crash-of-the-month: Lupe' Gomez won for totaling his P-47.

50-50 Drawing: Cornel Kraitz won – again!!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.
