

TRI-VALLEY RC NEWS

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NEXT MEETING IS JANUARY 7 2009, 7:00 PM

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS: This newsletter is being distributed electronically and by mail to reach club members before the next meeting on December 3. As always, if you change your e-mail, or any other pertinent information, you must 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 .

The next newsletter will be published in January 2009 because our December meeting does not include any formal business matters except installing the new officers.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: This brings an end to my tenure as your club president. I wish Chuck well in this coming period of the club's life.

A lot has been accomplished the past two years and yet our goal of a new, permanent site is still out of reach. You all are aware of the issue with the Santa Maria Tower which was successfully resolved. We have had discussions with the City of Santa Maria, County Waste Water folks, Joni Gray's office, Troesh Ready Mix, Babe Farms, Santa Maria North Airfield and Driscoll Farms in addition to the Santa Maria Elks Recreation Foundation. With the exception of the last named, all have stated a willingness to help but have so far not presented any solutions. The Elks Recreation Foundation has requested that our rent be ramped up over a period of time to \$2,000.00 per month, which is obviously out of our reach. We have volunteered time at the recreation center in addition to paying \$400.00 per month rent but that has apparently meant nothing. Their apparent impression that our club has unlimited resources as left me completely frustrated in dealing with the Elks Recreation Foundation.

We are currently holding discussions with Troesh Ready Mix for use of a site in the river bed behind their business. However, there are many obstacles to this location. We need permission from Santa Barbara County Flood Control District, a farmer at the site, Fish and Game, and the list goes on, so access appears doubtful at the moment.

My interests are currently focused on building giant scale more than flying but I will continue to go flying as much as time allows. As I pass the torch to Chuck, I intend to stay actively involved in locating a new site and hope others will become more involved in this endeavor as well.

Ken Van Corbach

November 5, 2008 MEETING MINUTES (from Secretary Gerald Miller):

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by Vice President Frank George

Other officers present: Cornel Krintz, Treasurer; Gerald Miller, Secretary

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved as corrected.

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

WebMaster Report: The webmaster is out of town and did not submit a report. Treasurer Cornel Krintz reported the website service fee has been paid.

Newsletter Editor: No report.

Safety Committee Report: Vice President George offered two safety comments. 1. Do not stand in front of your airplane when running up the engine. 2. Do not fly over the farm fields when workers are present.

Contest Director Report: No report.

Field Committee Report: See report and motion under new business.

Old Business: 1. Nominations: The nominating committee announced the following nominations.

President: Chuck Barnes

Treasurer: Jim Perry.

The floor was opened for further nominations. There being none, it was moved to elect the nominees by acclamation. Seconded & Passed (unanimously).

2. The Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 3rd. The cost is \$15 per person and will start at 7:00 PM. There will be no-host drink service at 6:30 PM. See the flyer in the October newsletter for additional details. Bob Allington moved that the club give two complimentary tickets to the Christmas party to Ron Johnson, his contact at the Elks. S&P

New Business: 1. Bob Allington presented the Elks proposed rent schedule for a long term agreement: “The recreation committee of the Elks met last night and finally approved our move to our desired location. They are asking for an increase in rent to the following levels:

1st 6 mos--\$700/mo

2nd 6 mos-\$1050/mo

3rd 6 mos-\$1400/mo

next 16 mos-\$2000/mo”.

Bob pointed out that the reason for this discussion with the Elks is to get a long term agreement that will allow our club to build a permanent runway, which is not practical with our current month to month arrangement. He also pointed out that the rent schedule is negotiable. The club members present conducted an impromptu, informal discussion, including an impassioned soliloquy from our former president Larry Schlagel. The tone of the discussion was that the proposed rent is excessive. A motion was made to offer the Elks a continuation of the current rent of \$400 / month. S&P

Crash-of-the-month: Herman Obrikat admitted to crashing his Ugly Stick.

Show and Tell: None

50-50 Drawing: Jay Dangourian won the drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Happy Holidays and A Good New Year To All