

TRI-VALLEY RC NEWS

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NOTICE

NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 7, 7:00 PM

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Veterans Memorial Community Center, Santa Maria

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: This will be the last newsletter distributed using the 2006 active member roster. Since dues are payable by March 1, next month's newsletter will be distributed based on the 2007 paid up member roster. If you have not renewed your club membership for 2007, now is the time to do so. It is also your responsibility to keep the club informed of changes in your e-mail or other mailing address in order to continue receiving the newsletter. I have set up the following e-mail address for club newsletter comments and correspondence: tvrc@charter.net. A "Tech Note" of the type I encourage members to submit is included at the end of this newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: As yours truly and the vice president, Jim, were gone for the past meeting I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cornel and Jerry for so ably taking charge. I understand Cornel and Herman took home all the goodies from the raffles.

Al Montalbano made the mistake of showing up at the field on Saturday Feb. 17 and he was immediately cajoled into updating the website, which he did on the same date. Thanks, Al. We are still in need of volunteers to help with the meeting set up and raffles. Devin also needs help [with the fun fly].

There was a huge turn out Saturday Feb. 17 as the weather was awesome, and so was the flying (I counted 20 cars at one time). We had some issues again with folks standing on the runway and flying. We just cannot allow this to occur because while someone was standing on the runway, another flyer needed to land and the guy on the runway couldn't hear him. Please be aware the executive committee will stand behind the safety marshal in any decision he makes, which may include a suspension of flying privileges.

Safe and fun flying to all.

Ken Van Corbach, President

FEBRUARY 2007 MEETING MINUTES (Provided by Jerry Miller & Jim Bierbauer):

The meeting was opened at 7:05 PM with Secretary, Jerry Miller, presiding in the absence of the President and Vice-president.

The following guests were welcomed:

Kelly Toy, his brother Dave Toy, and Dave's son Dan
Dee Schuyler

The January meeting minutes were read by Secretary Jerry Miller and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The 7 day CD balance is \$27,732.79.
The checking account balance is \$3,186.43.

Safety Officer Report: Runway etiquette was discussed. Please start your takeoff roll far enough down the runway to avoid taking off right in front of the pilots' stations.

Web Site Report: No report

Old Business: **1. Fun-Fly Report:** Devin Wheeler, the CD (Contest Director), is planning a fun fly for Saturday, March 16. The format will be similar to the one last October. He could use some volunteers to help with planning and execution.

2. Junior Fly-in: Bob Allington reported on the upcoming junior fly-in for the cub scouts. There will be a training session on building the models February 24 at the Maldonado Center. Several club members have volunteered to help. The actual fly-in will be on April 14. Some additional club members will be needed at that time. Depending on the number of participants, morning and afternoon sessions may be required.

New Business: 1. Bob Allington announced the passing of long-time member John Gaughan, and gave a brief description of his contributions to the club and to giant scale racing.

 2. Member Larry Schlagel gave a brief description of the club facilities, training program and general rules, for the benefit of our visitors.

Show and Tell: No report.

Crash of the Month: The award went to Herman Obrikat (again) as a result of his crashing three airplanes in one day.

50-50 Drawing: Herman Obrikat won the drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

TECH NOTE: [Ed. Note: club members are invited to submit items that they think will be of general interest and value to other club members. Following is an example.] The purpose of this note is to relate an experience resulting from attempts to set up a buddy box connection for a trainer that was using a receiver with the “transmitter recognition” feature. This is a very good receiver that uses transmitter shift polarity, number of channels, and frame rate to recognize “its” transmitter. The buddy box arrangement had worked with one master transmitter, but did not work when a different master transmitter was used. After much head scratching, it was finally determined that engaging the trainer switch on the second master transmitter caused a significant change in its frame rate. Ahah! Since the receiver had been turned on before the trainer switch was engaged it identified with that frame rate. Hence, the receiver did not recognize the transmitter when the trainer switch was engaged. Naturally, turning on the receiver with the master transmitter trainer switch engaged would result in the opposite situation. Therefore, the lesson learned is to check the operation of your equipment carefully, and be sure you understand how some of these new high-tech systems work. How was this anomaly discovered? It was done by using the DW Systems scanner, which identifies the same transmitter characteristics that the receiver used to identify its transmitter. Submitted by Frank George. See Frank or Keith Winsor if you are interested in additional details.