

TRI-VALLEY RC NEWS

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NOTICE

NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 5, 7:00 PM

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Veterans Memorial Community Center, Santa Maria

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: This newsletter is being distributed using the 2007 active member roster. **2008 Dues are now payable to the Treasurer. I will update the mailing list to 2008 paid up members in March.** 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 continuing to accept updates to 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. Please use the following **new** e-mail address for club newsletter comments and correspondence to the editor: tvrcm@att.net .

PRESIDENT'S CORNER {Ed. Ken did not submit notes by Feb 28, so I will just say, as of today we have 41 paid up members. Pay your dues and try the new site – you will like it.}

FEBRUARY 6, 2008 MEETING MINUTES: (From Secretary Gerald Miller)

The meeting was opened at 7:05 PM by President Ken Van Corbach

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

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the January 2008 meeting were approved as amended.

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

Web Master Report: Bob Allington reported that he is on board with web site operations. He uploaded the newsletter and promises to add pictures as they are furnished to him. He has deleted the classified ads and will insert new ones as they are received.

Safety Report: Safety Officer Mark Serio requested that a three member safety committee be appointed. He suggested that two volunteers be approved at the next meeting. He also expressed that we need to limit the practice of running up engines in the pits because of both safety concerns and the noise interference with flight line operations. {Ed. Note: a separate engine starting area is defined at the new flying site.}

Contest Director Report: Devin Wheeler is ready to organize events when the club sets dates.

Field Committee Report: President Ken Van Corbach reported that the Elks club has revisited our request for a flying field on their rodeo property. Bob Allington spearheaded a three member Ad Hoc committee to accomplish the review. Bob visited the site with Ron Johnson, who is a member of the Museum of Flight and one of the Elks' field managers. Johnson recommended that we resubmit our request to the Elks' Recreation Committee and Keith Barks, the committee chairman, got approval for an edited version of our proposal. We will have access to fly for a trial period of 3 to 4 months. Access will be through Gate1, which will have a combination lock. The lock is to be secured after each entry or exit. All current (paid up) club members will be given the lock combination. Work tables and the porta-potty are already on site. We will start flying at the site Sunday, February 10. We are paying \$400 rent per month for this field. The members were cautioned that the Elks also have an agreement with a barrel obstacle riding group. If we contain our flying to the designated area we will not to interfere with their activity. We will not be able to fly for three weeks during the Elks' rodeo. The Elks' office will notify us of any other time when we will be excluded. We will maintain the insurance at the ranch for the time being.

Old Business: President Corbach thanked the members who moved our storage unit.

New Business: None to report.

Crash-of-the-month: Larry Schlagel and Cornel Kraitz tied.

Show and Tell: Devin Wheeler brought a pieced together slow flyer that he wanted to demonstrate but we were in the small meeting room this month.

Ken Van Corbach Brought a beautiful Top Flite B-25 ARF with Robart retracts, 13 servos, on

board glow drivers, Perry pumps, and twin .84 four stroke engines.

50-50 Drawing: Won by Chuck Barnes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

If you haven't been to the new flying site – you're missing lots of fun.



As usual, a peanut gallery



Lookin' Good, Jan



Ernie Showing off his fan jet
(The pole really isn't that close)