

TRI-VALLEY RC NEWS

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NOTICE

***NEXT MEETING IS July 11, 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. Please use the following e-mail address for club newsletter comments and correspondence to the editor: tvrc@charter.net .

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Our June meeting was well attended. Our hobby continues to be popular and if all goes well, we will have a new field soon. Don't miss the July meeting for an update.

Due to the first Wednesday of the month being the July 4 holiday, **the July meeting will be the second Wednesday of the month, which is July 11.**

Our raffle was larger than usual thanks to the inclusion of Frank Bognuda's tools, engine etc. Frank would be happy to know his equipment will fly on in the Santa Maria Valley. Jim has been working on the tickets for the raffle, don't forget to get yours. Thanks to Matt at Big Boys Toys and Hanger 9 most, if not all, of this years raffle airplane will be donated.

Due to a hectic work schedule, this months Pres. Corner is abbreviated.
Fly safe and have fun.

Ken Van Corbach,
President, Tri Valley RC Modelers

JUNE 2007 MEETING MINUTES:

The meeting was opened at 7:10 PM by President Ken Van Corbach.

Other officers present: Jim Oberst, Vice Pres.; Cornel Krainz, Treasurer; and Jim Bierbaur, Acting Secretary.

May Meeting Minutes: The formal May meeting minutes were not available, so Acting Secretary Jim Bierbaur read the meeting summary from the May newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The 7 day CD balance is \$28,066.64.
The checking account balance is \$4,830.40.

Safety Report: [From VP Oberst] It is time to start re-qualifying all members to level 3 (pilot status). Flying safety: Range checks are mandatory for all equipment. Also, please call out approaches to the runway for touch and goes as well as for landing.

Contest Director (CD) Report: The dates for the two remaining Fun Flies this year are September 15 and December 15.

Web Site Report: No report

Field Committee Report: The Army Corps of Engineers biologist says we cannot use the land off Foxen Canyon Rd. by the riverbed because of endangered species. Very preliminary discussions are underway to use part of a property owned by the Elks. No promises yet. Keep your eyes open for any other possibilities.

Old Business: 1. **War Bird Fly-In:** (Bob Allington); we will have a booth in the same area as last year. There will be space for overnight storage in a trailer. The museum is not charging us the usual booth fee. Allington recommended we give a donation of volunteer time or money to the museum in recognition of the free booth.

New Business: 1. Frank Bognuda's family donated some of his flying equipment for the club's use. We do not have any junior members to give it to so the items were added to the club raffle.

Show and Tell: Larry Schlagel has fuel for sale at \$5.00 per gallon. It is described as "Cool Power" 15% nitro. See Larry for details

Crash of the Month: Of the three candidates offered, the very dramatic departure of Larry Schlagel's engine & tank from his U-Can-Do, while running, in flight, was deemed most worthy. The airplane was totaled.

50-50 Drawing: Herman Obrikat won, again.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM. After the meeting, Jay Dangurian raffled off two of his airplanes; a Superstar went to Larry Schlagel and an Eagle Trainer to Dee Schuyler.

Several members have asked if the SebArt Katana S30E has flown. Yes, and as they say in the magazine reviews, "The first takeoff was right down the runway and into the air. Two clicks of up elevator trim and it was flying hands-off." However, I returned the Rimfire outrunner to Great Planes because of the unexplained vibration and noise. They claimed it was ok, but sent me a new motor anyway. The new motor did the same thing! I am now investigating the possibility of an electrical mismatch between the Castle Creations ESC and the motor. More on this continuing saga later.



Wingspan: 49.2 Inches
Flying Weight: 51 ounces
Power: Rimfire 35-48-850
outrunner; Maxamps 3300
MAH 3s1p LiPo battery.

See you at the field!

Frank

If you have a project you would like to share; send it to the editor.