

TRI-VALLEY RC NEWS

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NOTICE

NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 4, 7:00 PM

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Veterans Memorial Community Center, Santa Maria

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: This newsletter is being distributed using the updated 2007 active member roster. If you know any members who have not renewed their club membership for 2007, remind them that 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. Please use the following e-mail address for club newsletter comments and correspondence to the editor: tvrc@charter.net. Have you ever seen a negative model airplane review in any of our magazines? I have found a significant variation in the quality of both kits and ARFs that I have built. I invite anyone who has an opinion to share to send a note to the editor.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: We had a great turnout for the March club meeting (for those of you who weren't there). Finally, we had someone other than Herman win the raffle prizes. We had a great report on finances and as the weather has begun the spring pattern we are looking forward to once again working on a new site where the winds will be down the runway. The fun

fly on Saturday was a great success...Devin will elaborate. Good job Devin. We had more people at the field on Saturday than I have ever seen there. Guesses were putting the numbers at 50+. This turn out only shows how desperately we need a location where we can invite guests and have more family participation.

Our community is behind us. Recently I had a conversation with the powers that be in the city and they are actively on the lookout for us also.

Keep on flying and remember.....if it ain't a war bird, it ain't worth flyin'.

Safe and fun flying to all.

Ken Van Corbach, President

MARCH 2007 MEETING MINUTES (Provided by Jerry Miller):

President Ken Van Corbach opened the meeting at 7:00

New members were introduced: Jim Kroupa, Rod Thompson and Alan Sewell.

Minutes were read by the Secretary Jerry Miller and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The 7 day CD balance is \$27,750.91.
The checking account balance is \$3,779.43.

Safety Report: Les reminded us that our safety rules are posted on the club's web site. Our flying site is at the pleasure of the Sainz family and our agreement is that only members will use the site. Cornel pointed out that we are making mistakes, especially the problem of flying on the East side of the runway thus endangering the pilots on the flight line and in the pits.

Web Site Report: No report

Old Business: **1. Fun-Fly Report:** The March 17 Fun Fly was a great success. Devin has announced tentative dates for future Fun Flies of June 16, September 15 and December 15.

2. Junior Fly-in: Bob Allington said that the February 24th training event was a success. Chuck Bailey and Ernie Swiontek helped. 170 kits (AMA Cub) were distributed; each cub pack will have a fly-off. Then on April 24th, 36 kids will compete in a final fly-off beginning at 9:00 AM at the Maldonado Youth Center. There will be three events; duration, distance and spot landing. Prizes will be buddy-box time and flights in full scale planes. Carl Heavener and Cornel Kraitz have agreed to help and Bob can use any other help offered. George Saulsbury will bring a scale model for display.

3. AMA Grant: The AMA has requested that we return the \$2,500.00 grant that they gave us for our new field. The grant was given as 10% support for an anticipated expenditure of \$25,000. It is expected that we can get this kind of support again when we have a firm plan to establish a new field.

4. Field Search: The field search committee reports that a riverbed site and a patch of unused agricultural land are under consideration. More on this activity later.

New Business: None

Show and Tell: Jim Bierbauer showed a new Dynaflyte glider with 108" wingspan. Bob Allington presented a 10 minute DVD of the "Gone Racing" AT-6 winning entry.

Crash of the Month: The award went to Les Holland who had a particularly spectacular crash with his Cub.

50-50 Drawing: Herman Obrikat won the drawing. {Again?}

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Fun Fly Followup: Devin got busy at work (can you imagine) and was not able to submit a summary. However, some pictorial evidence of the event was received.

In spite of a rather inauspicious beginning →



The Club did fly and have fun!

Club Member Jack Juntenan has a Sig Kougar Mk II kit for sale. This is a military style balsa kit (not ARF) with foam core wings, tricycle gear, and 51 inch wingspan. It takes a .40 - .50 glow engine. The current "Tower Hobbies" price is \$84.99 plus shipping. Jack is asking \$70.00 and will throw in the "Sorghum" glue to sheet the foam wings. Anyone interested, contact Jack at 929-4852, or 1020 Redberry Pl. Nipomo, CA 93444. Jack does not have e-mail.