

TRI-VALLEY RC NEWS

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NOTICE

NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 2, 7:00 PM

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Veterans Memorial Community Center, Santa Maria

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: This is the last newsletter to be 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 at the end of 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 Unfortunately, flying has been hit and miss due to the normal winds this time of year. If you haven't been to the field lately you really need to go try it out. With the new members and return of some previous members to active status, new planes not

seen before are showing up. Some of these members have demonstrated impressive talent. Welcome to the new and returning members.

Hopefully we will be successful in negotiating a good long term arrangement with the Elks and will see even more new members. In the meantime, because the Elks have had a problem with tools and wiring disappearing, they have arranged for a watchman with dogs to stay on site in a motor home. Unfortunately, he is parked down the hill below the west end and of our designated runway area. The safety committee has made some changes to our flying area to avoid conflict during our trial period. A center line has been drawn on the runway to identify our takeoff and landing area, the starting tables have been moved, and the pilot stations relocated. We have also asked the Elks to have their watchman keep his dogs away from our flying location. Also, because of the Elks security concerns, continue to observe the gate locking procedure. We hope to achieve a long term commitment that will alleviate these issues. If the BMX bike folks start using their facility on a regular basis, we may be able to leave the gate open during our flying sessions.

Ken

MARCH 5, 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 February 2008 meeting were approved as read.

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

WebMaster Report: Al Montalbano has agreed to continue as the webmaster.

Safety Report: Mark Serio's three member Safety Committee consists of Mark, Ernie Swointek and Jim Perry. Mark reminded the members that pilot requalification must be accomplished by April 30, unless completed last year. Forms are available from Mark.

Contest Director Report: No report.

Field Committee Report: We have been flying at the Elk's site for a few weeks now. There has been some question about whether we are interfering with the airport landing pattern. Some low flying aircraft have been observed over our area. The club is going to comply with FAA advisory Circular 91-57, "Model Aircraft Operating Standards". We are preparing a letter to the airport tower operators advising them of our operations.

Old Business: It was moved, seconded and approved to pay \$400.00 per month rent for the Elks property flying site. It was also pointed out that we have obtained approval from the county, and AMA insurance is in effect for both of our flying sites.

- New Business:**
1. Bob Allington asked for scale display models to support the junior fly-in contest at the Maldonado center on March 29.
 2. It was announced that the club at Paso Robles regularly holds pylon races for electric airplanes and flyers were handed out at the meeting with all of the particulars.
 3. Larry Schlagel passed around samples of synthetic fabric that we could use for a runway surface. The material is called petromat and we could have enough for a runway for around \$2,650.00 material cost. This material has been used by other clubs, and President Van Corbach said he plans to attend an IMAC meet at the Bear Mountain club, which has this type of runway surface. This option will be included in our negotiations with the Elks Club.

Crash-of-the-month: The honor went to Alan Sewell, for three crashes.

Show and Tell: Devin returned with his patchwork electric flyer.

50-50 Drawing: Not reported in minutes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30
