

TRI-VALLEY RC NEWS

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NOTICE

***NEXT MEETING IS June 6, 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. Please use the following e-mail address for club newsletter comments and correspondence to the editor: tvrcc@charter.net .

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Greetings all, the May meeting was fairly well attended with the exception of several officers.

We discussed airplanes for the raffle and decided the new Hangar 9 Raptor would be the raffle plane for this year. Matt (Big Boys Toys) felt he could get the majority of the cost donated from Hangar 9.

The weather has had its ups and downs lately which, as we are all aware, can happen here in the valley. The flying has been good, overall.

Al [Montalbano] has been maintaining the website on a more consistent basis and has asked for photos, videos, etc.

I had a discussion today [Ed. May 15] with the planning department of Santa Barbara County. If one ever wonders why people leave this state or why the cost of housing is so high, I suggest you do a little research into the costs of doing business with this county. The figures I am quoting can be verified. The initial application fee for a conditional use permit just to begin the process of discussion is \$7,000.00. We would be required to install permanent rest room facilities, which would require water at the site. We would then need to have an environmental impact report which would then be approx. \$15,000.00. Once that is complete, we would need to open discussions with the fire dept. as to what requirements they would have. In conclusion, prior to us entering the property to pull weeds, we would need a minimum of approx. \$60,000.00. Love these politicians and bureaucrats!!! When this lady finished, she smiled and said, "**hardly anyone asks for these types of permits, they just do it**". We will continue in this endeavor but this is what would be required no matter where we would go in the county. Realistically, we were supposed to have done this for the Sainz ranch. The Santa Barbara Club's site would have the same requirements. We will keep up the effort and sooner or later, we will persevere.

Ken Van Corbach,
President, Tri Valley RC Modelers

NOTICE: Remember the next Club Fun Fly, Saturday June 16. CD, Devin Wheeler.

May 2007 MEETING MINUTES: The May meeting minutes were not available for the newsletter due to the secretary being out of town. The following comments are based on my recollection of the meeting and are by no means complete. Thanks to Cornel for giving me the Treasurer's figures.

Treasurer's Report: The 7 day CD balance is \$27,963.21.
The checking account balance is \$4,787.28.

Safety Report: [From the editor] I have observed people standing on the taxiway to fly recently. This is neither safe nor courteous to the other flyers. At a minimum, it is a distraction to other pilots wanting to take off or land. Please use the marked pilot stations for flying. Get a helper to hold your airplane on the taxiway while you walk to a pilot station. Someone is always willing to help.

Web Site Report: No report

Old Business: 1. **War Bird Fly-In:** The club will participate again this year. The flyin will be the last weekend in August. Bob Allington will investigate an arrangement with the Museum. Vice president Jim Oberst, in his absence, was appointed to coordinate ticket sales and

club activities. The Hangar Nine Raptor trainer aircraft plug & play package was selected for this year's raffle after discussion of several alternatives.

2. Field Search: The field search committee reports that the riverbed site off Foxen Canyon Rd. is still being investigated. Efforts to contact the asphalt company that has the lease on the property are still underway. Assuming they are agreeable, the next step is the Army Corps of Engineers which controls use of this flood plain land. President Van Corbach showed an aerial view of the property, and access to the property as well as what improvements the Army Corps might allow were discussed. See the President's column for an update on the status.

New Business: None.

Show and Tell: None.

I don't believe anyone admitted to a crash worthy of an award, and I do not recall who won the 50-50 drawing.

My latest endeavor, a SebArt Katana S30E, was at the field May 29, but did not fly because of an unexplained motor vibration. Everyone – especially me – was disappointed. It will be back after my carpal tunnel surgery on May 30 heals.



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!

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