

TRI-VALLEY RC NEWS

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NOTICE

NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 5, 7:00 PM
Veterans Memorial Community Center, Santa Maria

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS: This newsletter is being distributed electronically and by mail to reach club members before the next meeting on November 5. As always, if you change your e-mail, or any other pertinent information, you must inform the club in order to continue receiving the newsletter and other communications. Contact the editor if you have a newsletter item that you think will be of interest to the club members. Please use the following e-mail address for club newsletter comments and correspondence to the editor: tvrcm@att.net.

NEWS UPDATES: Today (Oct 29) the Elks Club began grading adjacent to the south side of our current runway area for their RV storage lot. This will be a fenced enclosure for the Elks members to store their personal RVs. When it is completed, we will not be able to fly at the current location. In addition, flying will be suspended whenever the storage lot work crew is present. Given this development, we are highly confident that the Recreation Committee will approve our request to put a runway at the location previously surveyed.

To further support a favorable decision, the Elks Committee has received a positive letter from SERCO, the company that manages the Santa Maria Airport tower operations, outlining their interest in our RC operations. They reiterate that FAA Advisory Circular 91-57 is the governing document for our model operations and that their interest is the safety of both our operations and full-size aircraft. To that end, SERCO recommends that we inform the tower when we begin and end flying so they can notify full-size aircraft in the area. The letter also indicates the current letter of agreement between our club and the tower is to be reviewed to establish a workable policy.

Although the letter does not say we need permission from the tower before flying, we should exercise good judgment with respect to the weather, etc. We must also follow the club and AMA safety policies in order to protect ourselves and the Elks with regard to liability issues.

Review of field policy, as recommended at the October 1 business meeting: Gate 3 is still the approved entry. The gate may be left open while we are flying. The last person out must secure the gate with our padlock. Raise the flag on our flagpole when arriving, and put it away when ceasing operations. Call the airport tower to inform them when flying begins and when it ends. Members should take turns acting as a spotter for full size air traffic while flying is underway. Be sure to pick up all your airplane parts, support equipment, paper towels, etc. when packing up to leave. We need to police the area in general to keep it free from trash and debris.

Remember, ELECTION of president and treasurer at the November meeting!

October 1, 2008 MEETING MINUTES:

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by Vice President Frank George

Other officers present: Cornel Kraintz, Treasurer

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the September meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

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

WebMaster Report: The webmaster is out of town and did not submit a report.

Newsletter Editor: No report.

Safety Committee Report: Everyone is reminded to exercise care and follow safe practices when starting engines. Use the engine break-in table located away from the starting area if you need to tune your engine. The matter of a chemical fire extinguisher for potential gasoline or LiPo battery (i.e. electrical) fires at the field will be referred to the Safety Officer for action.

Contest Director Report: No report.

Field Committee Report: No Report.

Old Business: 1. A planning committee is needed for the Christmas party Dec 3 at the vets hall. Since no volunteers stepped forward, the vice president will solicit help from members individually.

2. The Nominating Committee reported the following candidates for office: President, Chuck Barnes; Treasurer, Jim Perry. The chair called for nominations from the floor but none were offered. The bylaws will be reviewed to determine if nominations are permitted at the election meeting.

3. Club brochure: the secretary was not available to report on progress.

New Business: 1. All club members should know the procedures for opening and closing the field. An item will be put in the newsletter.

Crash-of-the-month: Cornel Krintz won for totaling his Funtana-X

Show and Tell: None

50-50 Drawing: Jim Perry won the drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

CHRISTMAS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

DINNER MEETING

*On our regular meeting night -- at our regular meeting time!
You keep that time open -- don't you?*

*Dinner Meeting at 7:00 PM
(Drinks Available at 6:30, No Host)
Raffle and Prizes*

MENU

Tossed Salad

Garlic Toast

Santa Maria Beans

Tri-Tip and Barbequed Chicken

Dessert

Coffee, Tea and Wine

\$15.00 per Person

All Members, Spouses, Significant Others and Family Invited

Contact Any Officer to Make a Reservation