

# TRI-VALLEY RC NEWS

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**NOTICE**

**NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 7, 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](mailto:tvrc@charter.net) .

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER:** As of the date of this letter [Oct. 22], I have not received a response from the Elks. As many of you know, we had a day off from flying due to the Sainz family hosting a pheasant hunt. Elections will be held at the November meeting. Positions to be voted on are vice president and secretary. Jerry Miller is the only candidate for secretary but there are three candidates for vice president. I have more than a full load at work right now so I

haven't even been able to fly for the last few weeks. I am not aware of any happenings at the field so I assume no news is good news. My newsletter input is rambling this month as I am living in a motel in LA. Hope to be home this weekend. Keep flyin' and keep it safe.

Ken Van Corbach,  
President, Tri Valley RC Modelers

**OCTOBER 3, 2007 MEETING MINUTES:** (From Secretary Gerald Miller)

The meeting was opened at 6:57 PM by President Ken van Corbach.

Other officers present: Cornel Krainz, Treasurer; and Jerry Miller, Secretary.

**Guest:** Former member Bruce Lewis was welcomed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The 7 day CD balance is \$0.00. (All funds transferred to checking to be available for field development.)  
The checking account balance is \$47,894.00.

**Safety Report:** Les Holland reported that the ranch owner observed someone flying alone. This is a violation of club rules. Ernie said that he was abandoned while he was airborne. All members are reminded that club rules require at least two people be present to fly.

**Contest Director Report:** Devin Wheeler reported that impending fatherhood and work have impaired his ability to plan events. No one volunteered to assist him or take over.

**Field Committee Report:** The Elks October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting was canceled due to a personal crisis and they have not rescheduled a meeting with us. Therefore final decision promised by October 2<sup>nd</sup> will be delayed. Hardy Robinson suggested that the Bradley Ranch development planned nearby might be a problem. Ken assured the club that he has been in contact with the developer and that Bradley Ranch would not affect our use of the Elks location. Les Holland suggested that since property values are increasing the club should consider being willing to pay as much as \$500 per month rent. There was much discussion about this idea. Such a move would mean that club dues would have to be increased to cover this cost. Ken suggested is that with such a rent it would be appropriate to get a lease to assure that the site use could not be terminated arbitrarily.

**Old Business:** Elections will be held at the November meeting. The candidates are:  
For vice president – Brad Hensley  
Frank George  
Ken Clark  
For secretary -- Jerry Miller

**New Business:** President Van Corbach said one of his goals is to establish or confirm our club's tax-free status. No one volunteered to work this issue.

**Crash-of-the-month:** No one could think of a noteworthy crash. (NOTE: this is a good

thing!)

**Show and Tell:** Gary Johnson brought in a large monoplane dubbed “Frankentow”, a 22 pound plane with a G62 gas engine that he uses for towing gliders.

Bob Allington brought in and demonstrated a precision servo centering device to solve a problem with computer radios where the servos must be centered very accurately.

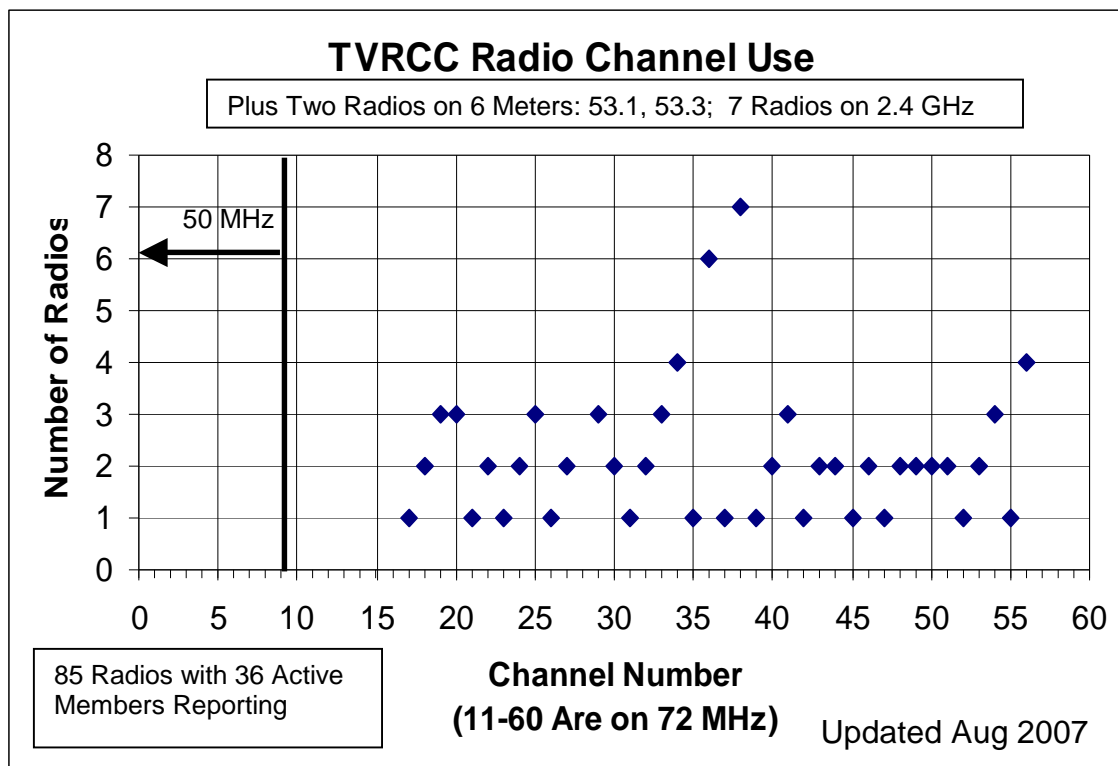
Brad brought in a fiberglass engine nacelle for a Lancaster kit that he is developing. He indicated that he is in the market for a co-developer for this large kit.

**50-50 Drawing:** Ken Clark won the 50-50 drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20

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Current RC Frequency Utilization



The club currently has 53 active members so the chart above is missing data from 17 members!