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NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 1, 7:00 PM

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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 October 1. 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: The following comments are offered in lieu of the president's column this month, since Ken has been traveling extensively. Ken has continued to be in contact with the FAA about the Santa Maria airport tower operator. We are still operating month-to-month with the Elks Club.

Because of these two uncertainties, and less than efficient planning, we have decided to postpone the planned October 5 open house. This is unfortunate, but it would be embarrassing to invite guests to fly and then wait around two hours for tower approval. I do want to acknowledge and thank Don Brown for his planning efforts. We are not giving up on the idea. Bob Allington thinks we can get another date from the Elks since they do not have a large number of events.

The Safety Committee report below includes a suggestion to publish the club's policy on high speed passes over the runway. Here goes. The flying site rules established for the Sainz Ranch site are the only currently published rules, and are the established rules for the current site. Quoting rule number 8 from that document, "There will be NO low, high speed passes down the runway while other pilots are on the FLIGHTLINE, unless agreed upon by the other said pilots!". In other words, you must ask for and receive permission from all other active pilots before initiating a low, high speed pass over the runway. This is really not different from calling out takeoffs, touch-and-goes, and landings.

Editor, Frank George

September 3, 2008 MEETING MINUTES:

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

Other officers present: Gerald Miller, Secretary and Cornel Kraintz, Treasurer

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the August meeting were read & approved as corrected.

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: The editor stated a goal of distributing the newsletter entirely by e-mail as a cost saving measure. Members who receive the paper version were reminded to tell the editor if they open an e-mail account. The editor is also always happy to get news items or articles from members.

Safety Committee Report: Chuck Barnes suggested that we publish the rule for high speed passes. Mark Serio submitted a written resignation as safety officer. He recommended Jim Oberst to replace him, and Jim has agreed to accept the position. It was moved seconded and passed to approve Jim Oberst's appointment as Safety Officer. During discussion Sam Mossin suggested that we should have a chemical fire extinguisher at the field for potential gasoline or electrical (e.g. LiPo battery) fires.

Contest Director Report: No report.

Field Committee Report: Bob Allington reported that he has e-mailed all of the particulars from the air show including the raffle plane winner's name to club members. Bob also reminded us that we still need to call the tower every day. Vice president Frank George is in contact with a

Farmer in Nipomo who might let us fly on his property. The farmer is considering our request for permission to fly. Jerry Miller reported that the Cachuma Lake Recreation area resource management plan is in the process of drafting an environmental impact statement. The Bureau of Reclamation is soliciting comments.

- Old Business:**
1. Warbird Flyin Report: Bob Allington reported the Museum of Flight lost money on the air show. They may consider dropping the activity in future years.
 2. October 5th is still the target date for a club open house, if it can be organized by then. More information on this later. Plans include having a flyable trainer and buddy box available.
 3. The Christmas dinner is still scheduled as our December 3rd meeting. Be sure to keep the date open.

- New Business:**
1. The club needs to have brochures available to hand out at events. Jerry Miller agreed to draft a sample.
 2. Frank George described the election process as defined in our bylaws. The offices of president and treasurer are to be voted upon at the November meeting. A nominating committee was formed to present candidates at the October meeting. The committee members are: Frank George, Jim Perry, and Bob Allington. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the October meeting. Anyone planning to nominate an individual should get that person's permission ahead of time.

Crash-of-the-month: Ken Van Corbach won for crashing his Mustang.
Jim Perry received honorable mention for flying with his antenna down.

Show and Tell: None

50-50 Drawing: Bob Abadajos won the drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.
