

TRI-VALLEY RC NEWS

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NOTICE

NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 3, 7:00 PM
Veterans Memorial Community Center, Santa Maria

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Well, it has been a busy month for yours truly. We are making progress with the airport control tower situation. We should have a resolution by the time of the September meeting. Right now things appear to have shifted in our favor. Richard Hanson, our AMA District Ten VP, has stayed in contact as he is curious about how this tower situation turns out because no other club has reported this kind of difficulty. I told him no other field has had to

deal with such an arrogant, self absorbed tower controller. Keep in mind; once this gets straightened out we still need to come to some long term agreement with the Elks. The current field still is better than the ranch but if we don't get a resolution soon we may have to consider either putting together another fund raiser or possibly raise dues. I am open for any suggestions. We continue to search for other locations in case this bombs. Frank George is still on vacation and has not heard from the folks in Nipomo. [Ed. Note: I made initial contact about a site in Nipomo before leaving but have not gotten a response to date.]

By the time this column gets to you the Warbird Fly-In will be history. I will have missed it this year as I am back in Seattle but will return Sunday evening. Thanks to Bob Allington for putting this together. I am looking forward to his report.

Our elections are coming up in November when we need to fill the position of President and Treasurer. Nominations will be made at the October meeting so begin thinking about how you can serve.

President, Ken Van Corbach

August 6, 2008 MEETING MINUTES:

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by President Ken Van Corbach

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the July meeting were read & approved.

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

WebMaster Report: Past webmaster Jay Dangourian commented that the old web host needs to be informed that we are not going to renew with them.

Safety Committee Report: Sam Mossin reminded us that we need to announce when we do a high speed pass over the runway.

Contest Director Report: No report.

Field Committee Report: While we are using gate 3 at the field our agreement with the Elks now allows us to leave the gate open while we are operating. Just remember that the last to leave has to lock the gate.

Old Business:

1. Bob Allington asked for help with our booth at the war bird fly-in. Dennis and others volunteered to help. Ken asked for anyone with contacts to help with publicity for our open house. Our raffle plane is an E-Flight Mentor with a Spectrum radio. Tickets were passed out at the last meeting and some members have not picked theirs up.
2. We still have to call the airport tower and tell them "we are flying".

New Business:

1. Ken expressed disappointment with the support of AMA regarding our relationship with the tower.
2. News of a possible Nipomo flying site awaits the return of

Frank George.

3. Big Boys Toys is closing their store in AG and probably in Santa Maria as well.

Crash-of-the-month: Several crashes were reported but Jim Oberst won for losing a wing on his ARF.

Show and Tell: Alan Sewel brought an electric powered Spitfire that he is getting ready to fly.

50-50 Drawing: Jim Perry won the drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.
