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NEWSLETTER OF THE TRI-VALLEY RC MODELERS

SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

CELEBRATING SIXTY YEARS OF FLIGHT

1965 – 2025

AMA GOLD LEADER CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING

Dave Spence of the Santa Maria Museum of Flight welcomed TVRC to the Museum around 5 pm. We spent the next hour or so freely wandering the two buildings and the courtyard. The Museum focuses on the history of Aviation in the Santa Maria Valley, Hancock Field and Santa Maria Army Airfield. Hancock Field was a Primary Flight Training Base, many fledgling airmen took their first flights in open cockpit biplanes. The main base trained B-25 and P-38 crews. The old-style wooden hangar was a set piece for the 1990 Disney movie "The Rocketeer" and was moved from the filming location on the opposite side of the airport to the museum site and brought up to local building code to serve as the core of the Museum. The Museum is usually open Friday, Saturday and Sunday and is always looking for volunteers for various things. Several TVRC members are coming in on Thursday mornings to clean things up ahead of the weekend. Good on ya, guys!

President Mark Carlson opened the meeting at 6:32,, about 25 Members and guests present. March minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer Bill Korn made the financial report, we actually ended up with more at the close of the month that we started with. As usual, if you need more information, see Bill.

Safety Officer Mike Noble discussed an incident at the field involving three or four TVRC members, I'm a touch sketchy on the details, but apparently one flier had an aircraft that had some issues. They tried several things to get it to fly right, with little success. Finally the third pilot to try to fly it lost control and it crashed into the pit area. Not sure whether one person was struck by the plane or if he injured himself taking cover, but there were some bruises and maybe a broken finger. Among the remedial measures suggested from this was to move the picnic tables further back, moving the setup tables at least as far from the flight area as the picnic tables are now and for the pilots' stands to be moved back as well. The aim is to get more space between the flight area and everything else. One of the original concepts for field layout when we moved to the current site was to have the runway on the other side of the road. I assume that got shelved due to the effort and cost of grading the field. Perhaps we should rethink that idea, since it looks like this may be the home of TVRC for some time.

Another issue is flying helicopters or multicopters. Which are typically flown in a somewhat different manner from fixed-wing aircraft. Mike has proposed setting up a helipad in a spot separated from the fixed-wing runway and to not mix fixed-wing and rotorcraft flying at the same time. So if someone wants to fly a rotorcraft, they will need to talk to the other fliers present, and all agree to ground the fixed-wing aircraft for the five or ten minutes the rotorcraft is in the air. This shouldn't pose major problems, there are not that many rotorcraft fliers in the club and they don't usually fly for extended periods.

The GIANT SCALE FLY-IN is only about three months away, and the May meeting will be the time to get people signed up to support the event. We need folks to help with setup on Tuesday, the breakfast and lunches Friday and Saturday, the Saturday night BBQ, the raffle, registration, parking, aircraft inspection, flightline organization and a host of other things. Then there's the cleanup and load-out on Sunday afternoon and Monday. It's a lot to pull off, but we can get it done.

We have some raffle items from the aborted event last year, but we will need more for the Ladies' Raffle. Talk to Chuck Barnes if you have questions.

Bill McKindley's son Joe won the \$10 Attendance drawing; Mark Singleton won the 50/50, \$90.00. The raffle plane, a FMS EDF F-16 Fighting Falcon in Thunderbirds livery was won by Steve Bircher (Me!).

Next meeting will be 07 May 2025, usual time and place; Quail Meadows gate code is #1225.

APRIL MEETING AT SANTA MARIA MUSEUM OF FLIGHT



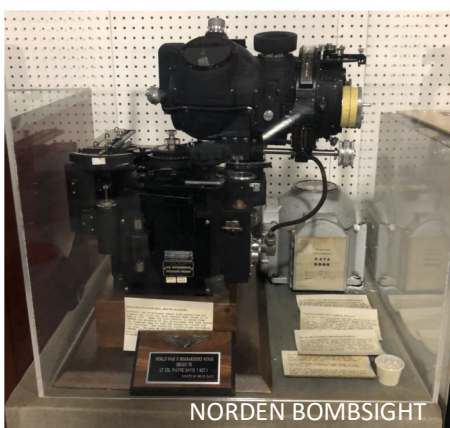
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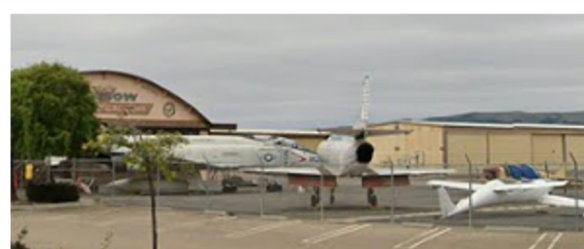
BILL MC KINDLEY AND DAVE SPENCE UNDER THE "FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX" MOVIE MODEL FROM THE 2004 REMAKE



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APRIL MEETING AT SANTA MARIA MUSEUM OF FLIGHT



JOE AND BILL MC KINDLEY

NORGROVE RAILWAY



Sunday, 06 April, The Norgrove Railway in Arroyo Grande held an open house at their fabulous facility. Thanks to Dale Blakey for inviting TVRC members and thanks to Peter Nott, the founder, for opening his amazing train collection. The facility occupies about 120 acres of rolling countryside just south of AG, off El Campo Road. There are about three miles of track circuit, with several bridges, two tunnels, one about 300 feet long, plus a huge shop, where they have the capability to do complete restorations, fabricating unavailable parts, building train car bodies from scratch and doing top flight paint work.

On Sunday, they had three steam locomotives running, all immaculate and running flawlessly. Norgrove runs on 600 millimeter gauge track, about 2 feet, a common gauge in Europe and Africa. Standard American railroad gage is 4 feet 8.5 inches (1,325mm), American narrow gauge railroads, like the Durango & Silverton in Colorado, is 3 foot (914mm).

Two of the locomotives were built in Germany in the 1930's and worked in Africa. The third was built in 1918 in the USA by Davenport Locomotive Works of Iowa under contract to the French government for the war effort, but the war ended before the engine was completed. The contract was cancelled, so the engine was delivered to the US Army, and served for some time.

Last week, there were a number of steam railroaders from Wales, UK, doing a working tour of steam railroads in California. They were hard at work running the trains all day, from polishing brightwork and paint to driving the engines around the layout. Bunch of nice folks. Definitely looking forward to their next event!



BUILDER'S PLAQUE ON THE 1918 DAVENPORT 2-6-2 TRENCH LOCOMOTIVE

THE 1918 DAVENPORT ENGINE AND THE SHORTER OF TWO TUNNELS











TRI-VALLEY RC MODELERS 12thth ANNUAL GIANT SCALE FLY-IN

• AIN'T NO WAY WE'RE CALLIN' THIS THE 13th!

JULY 23-27 2025

GALLOWAY MEMORIAL FIELD, SANTA MARIA, CA

OPEN TO GIANT SCALE, NON-SCALE BIG BIRDS & TURBINE JETS. NO CONTESTS, NO JUDGING, JUST 5 DAYS OF FUN FLYING! 500 x 50 FOOT ASPHALT RUNWAY & WIDE OPEN AIR SPACE!



LOCATED AT THE
SANTA MARIA ELKS
RECREATION RODEO
GROUNDS
EVENT CENTER!
THANKS TO ELKS REC!



Galloway Memorial Field is located in Santa Maria, CA, just off US 101, Exit 167, Santa Maria Way. The surrounding area is free of trees, buildings and other obstacles. Large shade structure.

1200 FOOT ALTITUDE
WAIVER, RID WAIVER,
AND NIGHT FLYING!

LANDING FEE: \$40.00 FOR FULL
EVENT OR \$20.00/DAY

RV DRY CAMPING: \$50.00 FOR ALL 4
NIGHTS OR \$15.00/NIGHT

CURRENT AMA MEMBERSHIP AND
FAA REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

PILOTS FREE LUNCH SATURDAY!

SANTA MARIA BBQ SATURDAY
NIGHT!

MONSTER PILOT'S RAFFLE
INCLUDED IN LANDING FEE

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, CALL OR TEXT CHUCK BARNES
(805) 886-7921 OR EMAIL TO CDBARNES10@COMCAST.NET

2024 PILOTS

YEAH, NO 2024 PILOTS, BECAUSE WE GOT OVERRUN BY FIRE-FIGHTERS FROM ALL OVER MAKING THE ELKS RODEO GROUNDS THEIR BASE OF OPERATIONS FOR THE LAKE FIRE! BUT WE'RE COMING BACK, LORD WILLING AND THE CREEK DON'T RISE, OR THE WOODS BURN!



PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Your pre-registration will reserve your spot and help TVRC plan for this special event.

Name	<input type="text"/>		
AMA #	<input type="text"/>		
Address	<input type="text"/>		
City	<input type="text"/>		
State	<input type="text"/>	Zip	<input type="text"/>
Cell	<input type="text"/>		
Email	<input type="text"/>		

Dry Camping: Yes No

When complete save it on your computer and email it to Chuck Barnes at Cdbarnes10@comcast.net.

If you'd prefer you may mail the completed form to: 1404 N. Concord Ave, Santa Maria, CA 93454

If you have any additional questions about the event email Chuck.

We look forward to seeing you!

SPRING FLOAT FLY DATES CONFIRMED:

TVRC:

10-13 APRIL; 15-18 MAY

Lake San Antonio For more info:

Chuck Barnes Cdbarnes10@comcast.net

Mark Carlson cindielou33@yahoo.com

SAM:

The Salinas Area Modelers (SAM) will also have Float Flies at Lake San Antonio:

04-05 APRIL: Bob McGregor reports conditions were outstanding last weekend!

02-04 MAY

For more info:

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SANTA BARBARA RC:

Lake Cachuma, East of Mohawk Shores, June 7-8

www.sbrc.club/a/szz/r/rc/home

Cachuma Lake has a \$10.00 unlimited annual day use pass for Veterans, get it at the gate; it's also good at Jalama Beach.

VENTURA COUNTY COMETS:

Lake Casitas, Camp Area E; April 25-27

www.VCComets.com



FLOAT FLY NOTES:

Chuck Barnes plans to be up at San Antonio on Thursday, 10 April with the boat and motor. He plans to stay until Sunday.

Both TVRC and SAM request a \$5.00 contribution to boat expenses.

Day use pass at San Antonio is \$15.00 per day, \$10.00 for Seniors. Camping is \$45/night.

DIRECTIONS TO SAN ANTONIO:

You're going to the NORTH SHORE, if you put Lake San Antonio into your sat nav, it will direct you to the SOUTH SHORE which ain't where you want to go (ask me how I know)

1. Take 101 North to Jolon Road, just north of Camp Roberts.
2. Go west-ish on Jolon Road about 10 miles to Pleyto Road, turn left onto Pleyto Road.
3. Stay on Pleyto Road about 5 miles to the entry kiosk, pay your fees
4. About 1/4 past the kiosk, turn left onto Road 1, follow it out to the point. You're there.

About 100 miles one way from Santa Maria. Last reasonably priced gas is Costco in SLO, as far as I know.

The Salinas Area Modelers Presents...

The Monterey Bay IMAC Challenge!



August 23th & 24th

**COME JOIN THE SALINAS AREA MODELERS
2025 IMAC COMPETITION!**

SALINAS, CALIFORNIA, AUGUST 23-24

- Registration Saturday morning, August 23rd
- Airfield opens Friday, August 22nd for camping and practice
- Free Camping (no hookups)
- Free AM Coffee & Donuts
- Lunch for purchase Saturday & Sunday
- The regular 2025 sequences will be flown in all categories, Basic through Unlimited
- Entry Fee: \$55 for IMAC Members, \$75 for Non-IMAC Members
- Night Flying

Contact: Mike Croft RedBikeMike@hotmail.com

[24200 Chualar Dump Road, Chualar, CA](https://www.SalinasAreaModelers.org)

www.SalinasAreaModelers.org

www.mini-lac.org



Monterey Bay Giant Scale Fly-In

Hosted By **The Salinas Area Modelers**



November 7-9, 2025



OPEN TO ALL GIANT-SCALE AIRCRAFT:

- 80" MONOPLANE
- 60" BIPLANE
- 140" JETS (LENGTH + WINGSPAN)
(TURBINES/EDFs)
- AMA & FAA REQUIRED
(FAA# MUST BE DISPLAYED ON AIRCRAFT)

WEEKEND FEES:

- PILOT REGISTRATION: \$50
- DRY CAMPING: \$25
- SATURDAY DINNER: \$25
- SATURDAY LUNCH: \$10
- AM COFFEE & DONUTS: FREE

450' X 60' ASPHALT RUNWAY & WIDE OPEN AIRSPACE

30 MINUTES FROM MONTEREY & CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

AIRFIELD OPEN FOR ARRIVALS THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 6TH

FLIGHTLINE OPEN TO ALL AIRCRAFT, SIZES, & TYPES AFTER 5PM

NIGHT FLYING

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