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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

President Mark Carlson opened the meeting at 6:29PM. One whole minute early. Yippee!

Minutes of the May meeting as published in the newsletter were approved by membership.

The recent Float Fly at Lake San Antonio was recapped. See report and photos (Thanks, Bill Korn!) on Page 3.

Most of the rest of the meeting was talking about the Giant Scale Fly-In, now just a month away, the week of 21-27 July. We have thirty (30!) pilots pre-registered and itching to come fly.

We have an agreement with the site manager at the Elks Event Center to get in on Sunday 22 June for several hours to mow, sweep and clean up a bit. We'll need a good crew with mowers, weed whackers and other tools to get the place looking like it hasn't been neglected for several years. Good news is the runway is in good condition and the shade structure is also fine. Just needs a shave and a haircut. See flyer, Page 6.

Treasurer Bill Korn reported that the main bank account is still healthy and we spent around a hundred fifty bucks on site expenses. The raffle plane account went down a bit, but will be offset by the June/July raffle plane, a nice red WACO biplane. (I want that one, it's just like one we took a flight over Cape Cod in a couple year ago out of a classic grass aerodrome.)

Chuck Barnes mentioned that AMA advises that we all need to make sure that our FAA Registration is current and that we have taken the TRUST Test. Both are easy, for the FAA Reg, go to the website faadronezone-access.faa.gov and go to the Recreational Flyers page. Registration is \$5.00 for 3 years for recreational flyers. The link to the TRUST Test is there as well. It's free and it's designed so you can't fail it. Prevailing opinion is that unless your airplane is involved in an incident with a human carrying aircraft or causes injury to some person, you're likely never to be asked for it, but it's a requirement, so be sure you have proof with you when you fly, especially at a non-FRIA site.

Mike Noble reported no issues at the flying site, *Finest Kind!*

Jim McKean brought half a dozen planes that he wants to sell, see Page 10 for pictures and info.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 02 JULY, QUAIL MEADOWS EAST; 6:30PM!

We also have a tentative OK to get in the Sunday before the Fly-In, 20 July and do final cleanup and maybe get some of the heavy stuff in, but that's still being negotiated. More info at the July Meeting.

Volunteer crews for the Fly-In are shaping up.

Cooking for Friday and Saturday lunches, Mark Carlson; a couple helpers would be great.

Breakfast Friday and Saturday: Jimmy Cochran, again anyone who wants to help will be welcome.

Saturday Night BBQ:

Ladies' Raffle: Debbie Barnes, Denise and Mark Singleton.. Please start getting donations for this raffle to Debbie around the first of July. Gift baskets are always a great item, especially if they include gift cards or wine...

Contest Directors: Chuck Barnes and Jody McCoy

Aircraft inspection: Gene Aldredge and John Price

Registration and shirt and hat sales: Steve Bircher and Rod Gibbs

PA System and Movie Night: Rhonda and Jeff Cardinal. Movie will be the Disney "The Rocketeer."

The Raffle Plane will hold over to the July Meeting, 02 July. See the Raffle Plane flyer below.

Mark Singleton won the \$10.00 Attendance Prize.

Steve Bircher won the 50/50 raffle, \$45.00. Whoopee! Gonna take Momma to dinner!

June/July Raffle Plane!

Dynam Waco YMF-5D V2 Red 4S Biplane 51" Wingspan



TICKETS \$5.00 EACH! SEE JIM MC KEAN!



REPLICA WACO YMF-5 BIPLANE AT CAPE COD AIRFIELD, MARSTONS MILLS, MASSACHUETTS, ON CAPE COD. THEY FLY RIDES ALL SUMMER, ONE OR TWO PASSENGERS IN THE FRONT COCKPIT. REAL FUN AND NOT THAT EXPENSIVE.

THEY FLY OUT OF A GRASS AIRFIELD AND HAVE A BUNCH OF VINTAGE PLANES TO LOOK AT. IF YOU'RE IN THE BOSTON AREA AND HAVE A COUPLE HOURS IT'S WELL WORTH IT! (capecodairfield.com)

MAY FLOAT FLY!



Things had been going well, the day was nice and sunny, not too hot, and the winds, contrary to the forecast, were light. Jody, Bill, Chuck had been getting in some good flights, although Chuck had knocked one of the wing floats off his big US Coast Guard Grumman Albatross and had put it on a picnic table to work on it.



Suddenly, a burst of wind, either a small tornado, big dust devil or some other kind of rogue wind hit the campsite. Mark had his Cub in the air, and it was tossed around, but he was able to recover it before things got worse. Two of Jody's planes were picked up from the beach and tossed into the lake. Bill's plane sitting a few feet away was untouched. Then two EZ-Up canopies were picked up and thrown across the camp, Jody thought he was going to get flattened, and ducked behind a picnic table. One of the canopies flew over Bill's van and came crashing down onto the table where Chuck's Albatross was sitting. The poor plane was pretty well crunched. The tail section was broken up and I think the wing was damaged. Since Chuck built it in the traditional manner, it should be rebuildable, although it's going to take a lot of time and work.



After a couple minutes of chaos, it was back to 75 degrees, sunny and calm.

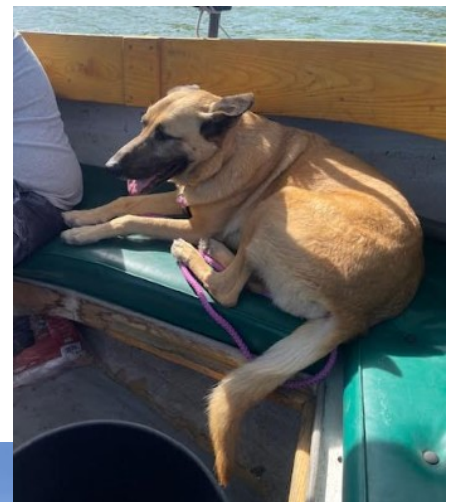
That evening, they had a big dinner for about 12 people and lots of rehashing of the day's excitement.



THANKS TO BILL KORN FOR THE PICTURES!

...AND IT'S NOT ALL AIRYPLANES!

Dale Blakey brought a steam-powered boat up to the lake. Like the trains at Norgrove Railway, it burn wood and takes quite a while to get fired up and build up steam, but once it gets going, it cuts quite a wake. Looks kinda like Bogey and Hepburn in *The African Queen*!



THE SKIPPER >



SITE PREP WORK DAY!

**THE SITE MANAGER AT THE ELKS HAS
AGREED TO LET US IN TO DO SOME CLEANUP
AT THE FIELD FOR THE GIANT SCALE FLY-IN
PLEASE COME ON OUT, BRING A MOWER,
WEED WHACKER OR BLOWER AND WE CAN
GET THINGS LOOKING BETTER FOR THE GS!**

**MEET JODY AT
GATE 3 AT 9:00 AM
SUNDAY, 22 JUNE**

**SHOVELS, RAKES AND IMPLEMENTS OF
DESTRUCTION!**



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!**



**PILOTS FREE LUNCH SATURDAY!
SANTA MARIA BBQ SATURDAY
NIGHT!**

**MONSTER PILOT'S RAFFLE
INCLUDED IN LANDING FEE**

**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!**

**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!

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

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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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24200 CHUALAR DUMP ROAD

CHUALAR, CA 93925



FOR SALE:



**SOME OF THE PLANES JIM MC
KEAN IS LOOKING TO RE-HOME. .**

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