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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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MADRE FIRE STATUS:

As of Monday 07 July, the fire has burned over 80,000 acres and is spreading more slowly, with 30% containment. They're trying to keep it north of Highway 166, but as a CALFIRE rep said, "We're going to be here for a bit; we've got some more work to do..." We'll keep hoping for the best, but Chuck will make a go-no go decision next week on the 14th.

He has asked everyone to hold the raffle donations until we get a decision. In the meantime, cross your fingers and hope the firefighters, ground and air get a handle on this mess really soon. Anybody know a good rain dance?

MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING

President Mark Carlson opened the meeting at 6:30pm; Minutes of the June Meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. Mark thanked all the members who came out to the Elks on 22 June to clean up and mow. Everybody grabbed weed whackers and blowers and got to work. See page 2.

Jim McKean gave an update on Bill McKindley. Bill and Anne Marie went down to Mission Viejo to visit family over Father's Day. Somehow Bill contracted pneumonia and ended up in hospital for about a week, then was in rehab for about another week. As of the meeting word was that they would get back home over the weekend. Get back on your feet soon, Bill!

Bill Korn updated the treasury report; we only spent about \$142 in June, most for gas for the mower and donuts for the cleanup crew, some storage totes for the food service stuff (see Jody note below) and the rental on the porta potty at the field. The raffle plane fund is holding pretty steady, tickets sales hit the breakeven over two meetings.

No big news from AMA or FAA, other than reminding that we all need to be current with AMA Membership, FAA Registration and the TRUST test, especially at the Giant Scale (assuming we manage to pull that off; see above). Ceiling at approved flying sites is 700 feet AGL; not sure what it is elsewhere, but I'm assuming it's the same.

Jody McCoy bought some plastic totes and sorted out the food service stuff, plates, cups, forks and spoons, etc. We have a good supply of this stuff for the GS. Thanks, Jody!

Chuck Barnes reported over 30 flyers pre-registered for the Giant Scale; most are planning to camp at the field; there are about 38 camping spots first come, first served.

Mark put in a pitch for the Turlock RC Club's Lake McSwain Float Fly 26-28 September. POC is Gary Taylor, (209)652-0782 or gthintheair@hotmail.com. It's also on the AMA website or Google Lake McSwain Float Fly. Mark says it's a great one!

Jody won the \$10 attendance award; Jim McKean won the 50/50, \$30; Mike Noble won the Raffle Plane, the WACO Bi-plane.

Next meeting will be Wednesday 06 August, 6:30pm at Quail Meadows East.

JUNE 22 CLEANUP

**A GOOD CREW CAME OUT TO MOW, WHACK AND SWEEP THE ELKS FIELD SITE.
THANKS TO EVERYONE!**



**THANKS EVERYONE: MARK, JODY, CHUCK, MIKE, JIMMY, MARK,
ROD, RHONDA AND JEFF, KARSEN, CRAIG, BARRY, KRIS, STEVE
AND APOLOGIES IF I MISSED ANYONE, THANKS TO YOU, TOO!**

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE FOR THE GIANT SCALE FLY IN:

SUNDAY, 20 JULY , TVRC ONLY: MEET AT GATE 3 AT 9AM. FINAL CLEANUP, STRIPE CAMPING SITES AND PARKING AREAS

MONDAY, 21 JULY, TVRC ONLY: MEET AT AERO CAMINO, 9 AM; LOAD UP EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR MOVE TO ELKS

TUESDAY, 22 JULY TVRC ONLY: MEET AT GATE 3 AT 9 AM FOR LOAD -IN; SET UP CANOPIES, PORTA POTTIES ARRIVE, SET UP GRILL, WASH STAND, TABLES.

TUESDAY, 22 JULY, AFTERNOON: EARLY BIRD ARRIVALS. NO FLY-ING THIS DAY

WEDNESDAY, 23 JULY: REGISTRATION OPENS 9AM. GIANT SCALE FLYING ALL DAY. OPEN FLYING AFTER 5PM

THURSDAY, 24 JULY: REGISTRATION OPENS 9AM. GIANT SCALE FLYING ALL DAY. OPEN FLYING AFTER 5PM

FRIDAY, 25 JULY: BREAKFAST 8AM UNTIL GONE, REGISTRATION OPENS 9AM. GIANT SCALE FLYING ALL DAY. LUNCH, 3 TACOS & DRINK \$10. OPEN FLYING AFTER 5PM. MOVIE AFTER DARK: DIS-NEY'S "THE ROCKETEER" (PARTLY FILMED AT SANTA MARIA AIR-PORT!)

SATUDAY, 26 JULY: BREAKFAST 8AM UNTIL GONE, REGISTRATION OPENS 9AM. GIANT SCALE FLYING ALL DAY. LUNCH, BURGER, CHIPS & DRINK \$10. OPEN FLYING AFTER 5PM. PILOT'S RAFFLE, AND SANTA MARIA BARBEQUE , \$25/PERSON

SUNDAY, 27 JULY: OPEN FLYING ALL DAY

MONDAY, 28 JULY: TVRC ONLY: LOAD-OUT, CLEAN UP AND HAUL STUFF BACK TO AERO CAMINO.

PHEW!



TRI-VALLEY RC MODELERS 12th* 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
GRUNDS
BEN SENNER
HANGAR (SEE MAP!)

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 AIR TOWER
WAVE LIT WAIVER,
AND NIGHT FLYING



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

RV DISCOUNT 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!

AT RISK... WE'LL BE WATCHING THE FIRE AGAIN...

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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