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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

### VOLUME 11, ISSUE 10, OCTOBER 2025

## **MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING ...**

TVRC President Mark Carlson opened the meeting at 6:30, ten members present. Minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the September Newsletter.

First order of the meeting was announcement of Bernie Rios' passing on Monday 29 September. Bernie had been a member of TVRC for many years; he will be missed.

Mark gave a rundown of the Turlock RC Club's Float Fly at Lake McSwain. The Lake McSwain FF is one of the longest-running wet events, this was the 34th Annual running. There were 42 pilots there, including about half a dozen flying SeaMasters. Way to go, Turlock RC!

Mark Carlson and Mark Singleton attended the McSwain FF; it was Mark Singleton's first try at float flying, he had a new Turbo Timber on floats, and they got a couple good flights in before it took a dunking (on landing, I think) and they couldn't get the electronics dried out. The Old Pros in the club say Corrosion-X is the way to wet-proof your stuff. BTW, Turlock RC will have a Giant Scale event next April, I'll get the dates.

AMA District VP Greg Stone was at Turlock; seems he's getting around to a lot of the events in District X. Greg is running for AMA President. There are candidate's statements from Greg and the other two candidates in the latest issue of Model Aviation and on the AMA Website. Greg's sounds good and he seems to be active in supporting clubs around the District. If you want to support Greg, send in the ballot you received last month. It's postage paid, you don't even need a stamp. Check a box and drop it in the mail before November!

Treasurer Bill Korn gave the treasurer report, our main bank balance is up a bit, thanks to the Giant Scale. The Raffle Plane account is holding pretty steady, Jim has several planes in stock, he's good at catching them on sale.

Safety Officer Mike Noble reported no significant issues, but again cautioned flyers to not fly past Hetrick Avenue. The residents of one of the homes across the road do not like our operations and overflying their property or worse, crashing on their property is bad for our continued use of the Aero Camino field. So please try to keep your pattern more to the left, or west end of the field.

On the other hand, the other property owner thinks RC flying is pretty cool. Maybe we should invite him to fly one of the club trainers, maybe give him a free year's membership. Can't hurt.

Last meeting, we approved \$2500 to extend and widen the existing runway with more decomposed granite; Mike Noble brought up the possibility of paving the road from the entrance to the wind sock, cost would be about \$10,000. We discussed that possibility, and decided against putting that much money into property we have no hard ties to. The previously approved extension of the runway with DG will continue.

The \$10 Attendance drawing was won by Gene Aldredge; Gene donated it back to the club. Thanks, Gene!

The 50/50, \$28 was won by Steve Bircher.

The Raffle Plane will roll over to the next meeting, 05 November at Quail Meadows East Clubhouse.

**BERNIE RIOS**  
**GONE WEST**  
**29 SEPTEMBER 2025**



# FALL FLOAT FLYS!

**TVRC AND SAM WILL HOLD TWO FLOAT FLYS BY  
EACH CLUB THIS SEPTEMBER,  
OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER!**

**Lake San Antonio is still at 54% as of early September so it should still  
be pretty good through fall. So far this year it's been great.**

**The site at Lake San Antonio North Shore is a FRIA, so no Remote ID required!**

## **TVRC**

**Thursday 16 October to Sunday 19 October**

**Thursday 06 November to Sunday 09 November**

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**CHRISTMAS PARTY  
SATURDAY, 13TH  
DECEMBER, 5:30  
AJ SPURS ARROYO  
GRANDE**

MOST OF THE MEMBERS WHO WERE AT THE OCTOBER MEETING PLAN TO ATTEND, PLUS A COUPLE OF OTHER FOLKS, SO FAR WE HAVE ABOUT 16 TO 18 PLANNING TO COME. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, PLEASE EMAIL STEVE AT [sunspotmoto@gmail.com](mailto:sunspotmoto@gmail.com) BY 30 OCTOBER. LIKE LAST YEAR, WE WILL BE ORDERING OFF THE MENU, AND WE WILL HAVE A RAFFLE, 50/50 AND GIFT EXCHANGE. MAYBE WE'LL COME UP WITH A DIFFERENT EXCHANGE METHOD THAN THE LEFT-RIGHT THING...

# 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 6<sup>TH</sup>

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

NIGHT FLYING

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