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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 NOVEMBER MEETING ...

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

Biggest news was that there was an anonymous donation of \$2,500 toward the runway extension project. That should cover more than half the cost of the project. Yeah, we approved 2,500 for the full cost of it, but costs seem to be up since we did the initial guesstimates.

(Reminder to Jody, Mike and Bill, I will need copies of all receipts for the AMA Flying Site Improvement Grant [FSIG] application. As stated in the 25 October NOTAM, the FSIG may cover up to 25% of actual cost of improvements to a club's flying site). Work is progressing, with the initial grading about done Jody has arranged for a temporary water meter to provide water for the rolling and packing of the decomposed granite. The cost of the water is reasonable, \$69 per month and \$8.00 per 750 gallons, but the water district needed a \$3500.00 deposit on the meter. The thing must be made of gold or something. Anyway, the deposit will be refunded after the meter is removed by the water district. The grading work is coming along, these pictures were taken last week:



It's going add some needed extra length and also maybe shift the landing pattern a bit to the left, making the approach a little farther from Hetrick Avenue and the houses.

The pancake breakfast and sale of Bernie Rios' airplanes went well, the family donated the airplanes and other stuff to the club and about \$440 was raised. Thank you to the Rios family! One of the planes was an Eflite Apprentice in nice shape, Mark gave it to a young neighbor who wants to learn to fly. Let's give the kid a free membership and some lessons!

The new pancake batter dispenser worked pretty well after about half a dozen "engineers" got it figured out. Seems it only works properly with something heavy like pancake batter and a firm push on the button... Not so much with water. Anyway, it can put out over 30 identically sized pancakes in one loading. Should be a big help at the next Giant Scale.

Reminder for the Christmas Party, 5:30pm at AJ Spurs in Arroyo Grande on Saturday 13th December; if you haven't RSVP'd to me at sunspotmoto@gmail.com, please do so by the end of November. It's looking like about 16 or 18 folks coming. In lieu of the gift exchange and Left-Right game we've done in past years, Mark has gathered some items for a drawing, in both guys and gals types, he says he has some nice stuff. We will also do a 50/50.

We have sent a request to Elks' Recreation for use of the field at the rodeo grounds for next July; no response as yet. Keep your fingers crossed. After this year's GS, the feedback from the Elks' Rec manager was favorable, but not much word since then.

We did get a really nice write-up in Model Aviation by District XVP Greg Stone, thanks very much, Greg! Hopefully we get to do it again in 2026. And hope you won the election!

And a reminder, \$80 TVRC Club dues are due in January, see Bill Korn or pay on the website, <https://www.trivalleyrcmodelers.com> . Don't forget to check your AMA dues and FAA registration and keep those paid up.

The Attendance Drawing AND the \$23 50/50 were won by Jimmy Corcoran, and Jody McCoy won the Raffle Plane.

There will be no regular meeting in December on the first Wednesday, there will be a short update on things at the Christmas Party on 13th December.



VENTURA COMETS FLOAT FLY

I went down to the Ventura Comets Float Fly on 11 October. The Comets have a very nice land flying site at the Lake Casitas Recreational Area, and a great float fly site about a half mile away. The Comets put on a three-day Float Fun Fly the weekend of 10-12 October; about thirty pilots and their families showed up to enjoy the late fall weather lakeside.

The club had a really on the ball group running the flight line; half a dozen guys in yellow vests and boots helped launch and recover planes and they had a casting rod setup with a tennis ball to try to recover planes stuck within about a hundred feet from shore and a boat crew (with the typical cranky outboard motor...) for longer recoveries.

Four green carpets marked the pilot stations and four planes up at a time kept things from getting too crowded in the air. Everyone seemed to be having a good time and even the few crashers managed to grin and bear it.

The family aspect of the Comets event was wonderful; several of the pilots were teenagers and younger, one young fellow made a really smooth landing and his mom and dad, sitting up the bank cheered and applauded his accomplishment. Great family stuff.

They also put on a nice lunch, tri-tip with all the trimmings. Finest Kind.



THE FLIGHT LINE



KEVIN SCOTT AND DAD RON READY THEIR ICONS FOR A FLIGHT

VENTURA COMETS FLOAT FLY, CONTINUED



**IF YOU RECOGNIZE THIS GUY,
YOU'VE BEEN AROUND THE
HOBBY QUITE A WHILE....**



**NICE PIT AREAS, RIGHT
ON THE SHORE**

**YUP. THAT'S CAPT. EDDIE
FROM ACE RC!
(REMBER ACE?)**



VENTURA COMETS FLOAT FLY, CONTINUED



CUB GETS AIRBORNE



VENTURA COMETS FLOAT FLY, CONTINUED



THE RECOVERY CREW WAS BUSY, BUT EFFICIENT



VENTURA COMETS FLOAT FLY, CONTINUED



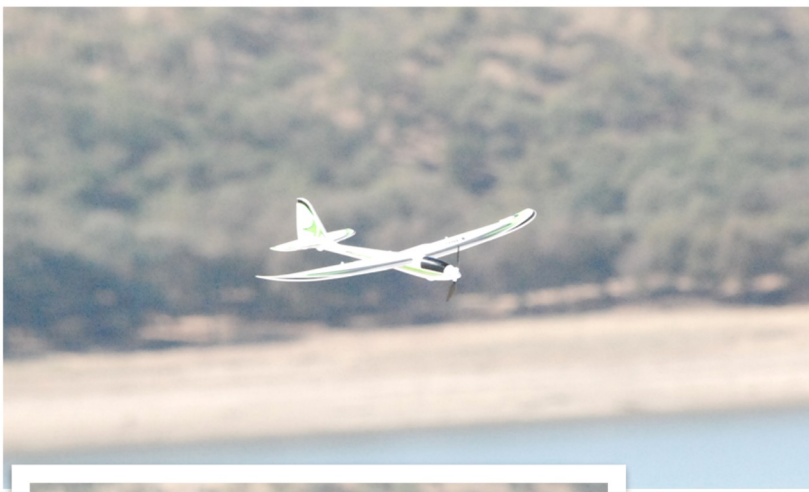
THIS YOUNG FELLER MADE A PERFECT LANDING, MOM AND DAD WERE IMPRESSED!



TVRC OCTOBER FLOAT FLY

THE FIRST TVRC FALL FLOAT FLY, 16-19 OCTOBER, SAW GREAT WEATHER AND GOOD FLYING. I WAS UP THERE FRIDAY, DALE BLAKEY HAD GOTTEN THERE THURSDAY, AND THERE WERE SEVERAL FLIERS FROM THE PASO ROBLES CLUB JUST DOWN THE BEACH. THE WATER LEVEL WAS DOWN ABOUT 10 FEET FROM LAST SPRING, SO IT WAS A BIT OF A WALK DOWN TO THE WATER OVER A LOT OF ROCKS. NOT HORRIBLE, BUT NOT AS NICE AS WHEN THE WATER LEVEL WAS HIGHER. ANYBODY KNOW A GOOD RAIN DANCE?

JODY ROLLED IN IN LATE AFTERNOON, AS DID THE SINGLETONS. MARK CARLSON CAME IN A BIT LATER. DALE AND JODY GOT IN SEVERAL FLIGHTS, ENJOYING THE CALM CONDITIONS. LATE AFTERNOON, WE SAT AROUND LA CASA DE SINGLETON, PICKING SOME AMAZINGLY HUGE BURRS OUT OF THE MC COYS DOG, DAISY, AND SIPPING MARGARITAS. SENORA SINGLETON RUNS A GREAT CANTINA!



**OK, SO IT'S NOT
A FLOAT PLANE,
BUT DALE HAD
FUN WITH THIS
MINI-
CONSCENDO**





TVRC OCTOBER FLOAT FLY, CONTINUED

**A BIT LONGER WALK TO THE WATER THESE DAYS,
AND A ROCKY BEACH**



WATER LEVEL LAST MAY!

TVRC OCTOBER FLOAT FLY, CONTINUED



DALE AND JODY GOT IN SOME GOOD FLYING ON THE CALM LAKE WATER; A MOM FROM SANTA CRUZ WATCHES HER KID KAYAKING

LA CASA DE SINGLETON, THE PLACE TO HANG OUT; DAISY THE DOG KNOWS THAT IT'S WHERE TO BE



TVRC OCTOBER FLOAT FLY, CONTINUED

THE GUYS FROM THE PASO ROBLES CLUB HAD SOME NICE OLD-SCHOOL PLANES



TVRC BERNIE RIOS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On 25 October, TVRC threw a pancake breakfast and auction of planes and equipment from Brenie Rios' hangar.



YOUSE GUYS GOT A CLUE???



PANCAKE ENGINEERS?

PANCAKES IS HARD WORK!



CHECKING OUT THE PLANES



PLANES OF FAME AIRFEST 2025

NO MILITARY STUFF THIS YEAR, BUT SOME GREAT OLD WARBIRDS. HAD A WRONG SETTING ON THE CAMERA, SO LOST MOST OF THE PICTURES, BUT GOT THIS COULSON BOEING 737 MAKING A WATER DROP.



AND THIS HAWKER SEA FURY



TVRC NOVEMBER FLOAT FLY 06-09 NOVEMBER AT SAN ANTONIO

There was some concern when we booked a float fly in November... It'll be cold and rainy. Could not have been farther from that. Sunny and not too hot, although 80's were predicted for much of the area. Just enough breeze to keep it comfortable and ripple the water a bit.. Perfect flying or just chillin' conditions, and a lot of both was done. Rich Cox from Solvang and his buddy were there with Rich's lovely semi-scale Schneider Cup racer. Mark Carlson had a couple of planes, a vintage Telemaster 40 with a four cycle engine plus a Timber on floats and one of a long string of Icon A5 amphibians. He was having a lot of fun doing triple touch'n'goes and donuts. He said this was his fifth Icon, the other four having met watery fates. Gary from Paso Robles was there Saturday with his big yellow Cub in Swiss markings.

Dale Blakey brought his big steamboat up, the Rangers let him in this time, and he spent a lot of time taking folks out for boat rides. The two cylinder steam engine is wood-fired and the boat looks like something out of the old "African Queen" you almost expect Bogart and Hepburn to wave from the thing.





RICH GETS THE SUPERMARINE RACER READY

GARY TAXIES IN HIS CUB



RHONDA AND JEFF TRY OUT THEIR NEW KAYAK MOTOR

MARK READIES HIS ICON



**GARY'S SWISS CUB; VERY
PRETTY FLIER**



1931 SCHNEIDER CUP RACER



**RICH'S SUPERMARINE
SCHNEIDER CUP RACER;
SCRATCH BUILT FROM PLANS
SCALED UP FROM A SMALLER
VERSION**





MARK BRAVES THE WILD SURF AND DOES TOCH'N'GO-GOS WITH THE ICON

TWO-SHIP FORMATION OF HERONS:



NOSE ART ON MARK'S TELEMASTER AND A NICE LOW PASS





**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 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...

SUPPORT OUR "TOP GUNS!"



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