

Radio Waves

Newsletter of the Santa Fe Dam Radio Control Modelers

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Meeting February 11, 2009 Arcadia Red Cross

President's Desk

Thank you very much for your energy, attentiveness, courtesy and patience with us as the new board. Your energy fires us up and we enjoyed being there with all of you.

Frank Ross will chair the February 11th meeting, plan to attend and have a good time.

Model of the Month comeback! I know we don't build many models these days but we are creating some nice flying aircrafts, so lets show off our creations and handy work again by having the Model of the Month come back. We do not have cups as a reward, at this time, so the winner will get a Raffle ticket. We can have a monthly "Show and Tell"; don't let it be a slam-dunk for one model. Think about your models and plan to start the friendly competition at our March meeting.

We want to increase the raffle enjoyment and you can facilitate that effort by giving Ron your thoughts on things you can use. It looked like everyone had great time at the raffle table last month.

Your ideas on field safety have been good. Club members have measured the site and Earle has transferred the accurate dimensions on to a Google satellite map. We hope to have a copy at the meeting for you to review, if you choose. Continue thinking about field safety and we will work on this item under old business at our March club meeting.

We now have multiple trainers and buddy boxes available, some are owned by the club and some by members, therefore, all you need to do is ask one of us to assist if you want to improve a skill or learn a new maneuver.

Bo Cerven, our safety director, was tasked with a large project at work and resigned from his post. Bo didn't get a chance to find his niche in that role but thanks for your willingness. We had three volunteers from three past presidents offering to serve together as safety officers. We immediately accepted **Kent Smith**, **Mike Jones** and **Gregg Stockdale** as our safety officers, thanks to all of them for volunteering.

Remember membership renewal ends February 28th, the same day as our next Santa Fe Dam float fly. Avoid having to pay the "New Member" fee of \$60.00 by renewing before the end of February! Our friends at "San Gabriel Valley Radio Control League" (SGVRCL) have been invited to join us for the day.

Thank you for your support and remember that the February 11th club meeting needs you.

Wayne Brown



Float Fly February 28

SFDRMC will be hosting a Float Fly on February 28! We have ordered good weather and good food so plan on making a family day of it. Information about float suppliers is on our website and many of our members can be of help.



February Birthdays

William Johnson	Ron Caveness
Ray Larson	Dietmar Wendelin
Rick Mattie	Mark Thomas
Barry McLean	Raymond Clark
Alfred Mirazo	



FIELD EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

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IRWINDALE FIRE	626 337-8919
IRWINDALE POLICE	626 962-3601
DUARTE FIRE DEPT	
1105 Highland	626 444-2581
PARK POLICE	800 834-0064

Instructor List

The individuals below have *kindly* volunteered to serve as training instructors. We all had to learn from someone and most of us feel good about giving back. Being an instructor *is* an imposition on time and energy. New instructors are always welcomed. Following the rules below will go a long way to make the student / instructor experience happy and enjoyable for both.

√ Training by appointment only. Do not show up at the field and expect someone to break away from their activities to help you. They might or they might not.

√ **MOST IMPORTANT!** If you make an appointment, **keep it**. If you can't, call your instructor as soon as possible. We all have cell phones. This is our biggest cause of losing instructors.

√ Bring all the supplies you need - fuel, propellers, rubber bands, glow plugs, glow starter. You will need a compatible **buddy box** and **cord**. Bring your own or arrange with instructor. This is a must!

√ Follow the instructors instructions. Some of the things might be seem routine or boring but they are all part of the skills you need.

√ If you don't understand, as why! You will hear new words and expressions. Ask what they mean!!

√ Instruction is free, but that doesn't mean you can't offer your instructor a soda or snack!

Peter Del Colliano	(213) 760-1766
Tom Traeger	(818) 926-0874
Kent Smith	(909) 578-8529
Jerry Suszcynski	(626) 335-3253
Richard Arbogast	(626) 358-9394
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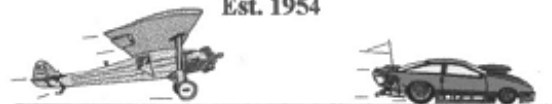
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From the Secretary's Desk

Pit Crew, Help Please!

I like to think I'm a safe flier. Most of the time, I'm in full control of my model, and I diligently stay within the specified boundaries of our field.

Well, guess what. Occasionally I screw up. I'm human. I'm getting older. My eyesight is less acute and my reflexes are a bit slower. Perhaps my judgement is a bit impaired when I'm pushing hard to do something new with the aircraft. When executing a difficult maneuver, I sometimes find my plane ends up crowding the field's lateral or vertical boundaries. Once in a while I find my plane a little too close to the freeway, or it gets a bit too high. Is it tunnel vision? Do I need help? What should I do?

I'm asking you for your assistance. If you observe me pushing the limits of our airspace, please be my friend and politely let me know what I'm doing. I promise I'll accept your comments and observations with the same respect and politeness as you afford to me. Please don't yell at me from the pits, as that would surely upset me!

If my transgression is minor let's discuss your observation after the flight, avoiding the risk of an in-flight distraction. We could step away from others during the discussion, avoiding unnecessary humiliation, embarrassment, or bruising of my ego.

If I'm doing something that's so crazy-stupid-dangerous that its continuance might threaten the end of the world, come out to the flight line and calmly ask me if I've lost my mind. But be polite, so I don't lose it... the plane, that is.

Gary [this should apply to all of us...editor]

Greetings from your VP

As most of you know I actually volunteered for the chance to represent the members of our club. In my desire to live up to that commitment I've also volunteered to be (1) the keeper of the noise measurement records and (2) to bring some interesting people to our meetings to either present their products or their expertise in some facet of our hobby.

With respect to item one I want all members to know I will be available to measure your models at your convenience when I'm at the field. At other times some of the other members with a noise meter will hopefully be available to do the same and pass the data to me wherewith I will enter the information in the official log. If your model was tested prior to my taking over the task and is not in the log you will have to either provide the actual data or let me know who has the data. Please be aware that after a date selected by the board all models will require a sticker to fly at our field. Obviously, there will be some exceptions, most electrics and many smaller engine craft that produce very little noise. Special stickers will be issued to those people on request. Please feel free to discuss this or any other item at our regular meetings.

With respect to item two while at the recent AMA expo I contacted several distributors and many were willing to come to the meetings and introduce their products, however, I will be looking to you members for ideas and suggestions on what type of presentations that would be of interest to you. Also if any of you have, or know of someone with modeling expertise, and would be willing to share it at a meeting let me know and we will work out a date for your presentation.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Frank Ross

A BIT OF TRIVIA FROM ED:

When renewing their membership, we have two avid flyers to be recognized who have donated an amount beyond the annual dues to the AMA. They are **Gregg Stockdale** and **Carl Weisenecker**. The AMA thanks you, and we congratulate you for your generosity..

Did you know that our club has a LIFE MEMBER? He is **Richard Machuzak**. Nice going Richard.

Did you know that if you recruit 3 new members, AMA will renew your membership free for one year? Check out the AMA application for how to do it.

Did you know that if you plan on continuing in our sport for many years, it may save you money by becoming a life member for \$1500? If you are young enough or just willing to become a life member you will save \$58 a year because membership is automatically renewed free. The AMA has a payment plan that is as low as \$375. So you might want to check it out on their web site (modelaircraft.org) and search for "Life Membership" There are other benefits as well for becoming a life member.

Happy Flying

Ed

EVENTS

San Diego IMAC

2/14/09-2/15/09 - San Diego, CA (AA) San Diego IMAC for 411, 412, 413, 414, 415(JSO). Site: Club Field. Tim Attaway CD, 252 Sea Vale St Chula Vista CA 91910 PH:619-427-6392 email: trattaway@cox.net. Sponsor: CVMRCC

SFDRCM Float Fly

2/28/09 - Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area 8AM - 2PM. AMA required. BBQ available. Retrieval boat. Beautiful site. Enter from Arrow Highway. Park admission and event fee required

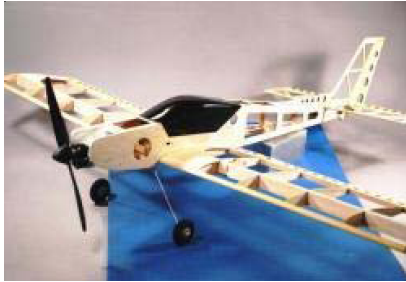
SAE Weight Lifting Contest

3/06/09-3/08/09 - Van Nuys, CA (C) SAE Weight Lifting Contest. Site: Apollo XI Model Airport. George Finch CD, 18127 Wakecrest Drive Malibu CA 90265 PH:310-459-1577 email: gwinch@aol.com. A university team contest where the brightest engineering students design and build a weight lifting airplane. Come watch the Carnage. Sponsor: SAN FERNANDO VALLEY RC FLYERS INC



Removing Old Covering

From AMA Sport Aviation Jon Putnam



To remove the old covering, first warm the old covering with heat gun to loosen the adhesive. Wear cotton gloves to protect your hands; at temperatures of up to 450°F, a heat gun can burn an uncovered hand. As you pull off the covering, go slowly and pull at an angle to minimize residual glue problems. A covering iron can also be used to loosen the adhesive if you do not own a heat gun.

Once you have the covering off, remove any residual adhesive or stuck bits of covering with Acetone or a covering thinner like Coverite Ironex. Acetone and the toluene in Ironex are toxic, flammable, and can be absorbed through the skin so wear rubber gloves and have adequate ventilation.

Working outside on a folding work bench covered in plastic is a safer way to use these chemicals. A spot remover like K2R (if you can find it) can be used to remove and absorb fuel stains on a glow model. (*Ed Note: Since K2R is extremely hard to find today, there is an even better way to remove oil from wood. That good ole' heat gun works wonders on oil-soaked wood. Keep the gloves on, hit the wood with full heat; close up. The oil will bubble out of the wood. Wipe away the oil that surfaces with a paper towel. Repeat the process until the wood is dry enough to cover. I have used this method for 20 years and some early airplanes recovered like this are still flying and the covering is still adhering well.*)



2009 SFDRCM Renewal

Renew your SFDRCM membership now and don't worry about it later!
Take a minute, write that check and get on board for the great year ahead.



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