

Radio Waves

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Newsletter of the Santa Fe Dam Radio-Control Modelers

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CLUB FLOAT FLY COMING IN MAY?

The newspaper article and sending flyers around sure got the word out about our first Open House. The turn out was more than I expected, I even had to pay out on the bet I made, and it was certainly worth all the effort that you all made for the event! Ben Baeder, reporter for the San Gabriel Valley Newspaper Group, and Michelle Souza, Dennis Souza's wife, will be placing another advertisement for our next Open House on April 24th. Two more Trainer planes and Radio systems will be ready for this event, Let us know if you can help.

The open house was a great success. The guys at the gate were invaluable and the cooks, Pat Tapert and Dennis Souza and their helpers, did a great job serving hot dogs and hamburgers to the 120 plus visitors and club members in just a few minutes. Thanks to all the Master Pilots that hosted the guest pilots. Thanks to Kent Smith for organizing all of the flyers and a SPECIAL THANKS to Frank Ross for organizing the day. A great time was had by all.

Our next open house will be April 24th. We will have flyers again at the field and at our next meeting for you to give to friends and neighbors.

Ed Roberts is working on getting the Park to open the beach area for a float fly in May, STAY TUNED. We plan on having the flying field and the float Fly areas both open during the Float Fly, We will allow all Radios usable at the waterside and only 2.4 Ghz frequency radios at our normal land runway. My guess is that I will open the Runway about 8:00 AM and close it after lunch when we are done.

See you at the meeting Wednesday, April 14th 7:30 p.m.

Wayne Brown



Secretary's Notes.

Wow, here we are in spring and the weather is great for flying. The March open-house was a great success and April's open-house is expected to be great as well. In addition to that good news, the club is participating in the AMA TAG-Take off and Grow program where the club was awarded \$ to apply towards events during the year. Also as of this writing, a May Float-Fly is in the planning stage, so stay tuned for updates on this event. Almost forgot, thanks to all of the members who helped distribute flyers for the March Open-House, we could not have done it without you. A reminder for the next Open-House, if you have trainers with buddy-box, please join in the fun on April 24th, and the food is great.

Until next time

Dennis

April Birthdays

Tom Collins 28th
 William Gossy 6th
 Jack Moursalian 23rd
 Richard Neal 10th
 Thomas Nordstrom 5th
 Jerry Suszczyński 24th
 Ed Vallanueva 27th
 Carl Weizenecker 12th
 John Burkhalter 10th



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 unexciting but they are all part of the skills you need.

√ If you don't understand, ask 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 Suszczyński (626) 335-3253

Hobby People

FIELD EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

USE ALL 10 DIGIT WHEN CALLING FROM CELL PHONE

SANTA FE DAM PARK 626 334-1065
IRWINDALE FIRE 626 337-8919
IRWINDALE POLICE 626 962-3601
DUARTE FIRE DEPT
 1105 Highland 626 444-2581
PARK POLICE 800 834-0064
METHODIST HOSPITAL 626 898-8000



Member Skills Survey

Included with this newsletter is a member skills / occupation survey. Voluntary of course, but in the spirit of the Census, the information is appreciated to help the club maintain and improve for all the members. We were fortunate to have skilled legal advise during last years field problems. We have advice for maintenance issues and of course specialists in many RC fields. We and the club members appreciate your completing and returning the survey.

2.4GHz
 \$59.95
 Hobby People



The Aero Sport 5 is a 2.4GHz 5-channel full-range radio featuring a toggle channel for retracts, mechanical trims, servo reversing, and mixing for V-tail and delta/elevons (for flying wings). Included is a 5-channel full-range horizontal-pin receiver.

SFDRCM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

The purpose of this survey is to accumulate current and previous occupation/s to provide your club with expertise in various areas of professional, technical, etc qualities. This will help in determining efficient ways in maintaining our facilities and obtaining needed advice in other areas of operations. The information requested is voluntary and will be kept confidential.

NAME _____

PHONE # _____ CELL# _____ EMAIL _____

OCCUPATION(S) / PROFESSION _____

I AM TRAINED IN FIRST AID ___ CPR ___ CERTIFICATE CURRENT? _____

RC EXPERIENCE

YEARS IN RC _____

SKILLS (RATE YOURSELF 0 - 5; (0 = I HAVE NEVER DONE THIS; 5 = EXPERT/PRO):

KIT BUILDING ___ SCRATCH / PLANS BUILDING ___

COVERING IRON ON ___ PAINTING ___

FIBERGLASSING ___

ARF ASSEMBLY ___ ARF MODIFICATION ___

SETTING UP FLOATS ___

ENGINES ADJUSTING ___ REPAIRING ___

RC ELECTRIC POWER SETUP ___

SET UP / FLYING HELIS ___

SET UP / FLYING GIANT SCALE ___

AEROBATICS ___ AMA PATTERN ___ 3-D ___

TRAINING BEGINNERS ___

PHOTOGRAPHY ___ VIDEO ___ VIDEO EDITING ___

WEB PAGE BUILDING ___ BLOGGING ___

LICENSES _____

GENERAL HANDYMAN STUFF

RAKE / BROOM SHOVEL ___

WEEDWACKER ___ DO YOU OWN ONE? ___

BACKHOE / BOBCAT ___ DO YOU OWN ONE? ___

PICKUP TRUCK AVAILABLE FOR HAULING? ___

CONTACTS IN GRAVEL / CEMENT / HAULING /
TREE TRIMMING / PAVING BUSINESS? ___

IF YES, WHICH ONES? _____

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DUARTE, CA. 91009-0093

Thank You

Or you may email the information by email to SFDRCM@HOTMAIL.COM
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

From the VP's Keyboard:

If you were at the field this past Saturday (March 27), or if you have visited the website recently you have probably heard that our club open field day was quite successful. I'm sure others have thanked those who helped make it a fun day, but I want to personally thank those who worked their tails off to give 49 people the opportunity to feel some of the excitement that we experience all the time.

The names are too numerous to mention in this short column, but you know who you are. Your hard work allowed Wayne and I to wonder around chewing people's ears off. **You are the good guys.**

We learned a great deal from this event and only have a few weeks before the next one so if any of you would like to volunteer to help at the next open house on April the 24th please let me know.

With respect to electric stuff - some ordered items came in and were distributed, but many of the items I've been trying to order for members are out of stock, especially batteries. I've requested in stock email confirmation on at least 12 items and will order them as they get stock even if it raises the shipping cost a little. I've seen the online hobby shop run through a stock of a thousand batteries within four days. I'll do my best to get your items ASAP.

In the mean time make sure they go up and come down on purpose and by all means **have fun.**

Frank Ross

Field Safety

With a few exceptions the open house seemed to go quite well. The visitors seemed to enjoy it and it was kinda fun for us to. The second one is already being planned so keep your eyes open and lend a hand. We desperately need more instructors. We seem to have enough planes we just need more instructors. Of course in my case I was out of planes by 1:00pm (brought 2 crashed 2) maybe I'm on the wrong end of the trainer cord? I will be suggesting to the board that during open houses like this, the frequency for the trainer planes be allowed for the trainers only. We did have one incident while frequency sharing that had a problem. Of course 2.4's are not a problem.

I'm sure the board and I would welcome any ideas for improving how we conduct our activities. Sometimes the best observations come from those that are not actually participating in the event. But overall I feel the event was a success.

I have been asked by the board to examine the safety rules for any needed improvements. If you have ideas please feel to bring them up at the field or our meeting. We will be adding a few items to help coordinate helicopter pad and main area flying. In essence we just need to advise one another. When you are going out to fly in the pattern and someone is at the heli pad, and then let them know you're going out. And the same is true for the heli pad flyers; announce to the pattern flyers that you will be using the heli pad. Keep in mind that you are not asking permission, just advising. The other idea is that when flying at the heli pads you keep you parkflyer/helicopter south of the northern edge of the heli pad. The same is true for those flying the pattern, stay north of the runway. This should hopefully help in creating a small safety buffer. The board and I feel these will help the field safety while not impeding the flying for either the fixed or rotary winged craft.

We will discuss this and possibly review a draft of the new rules at our next meeting. So if you feel strongly either way voice your opinion.

Kent Smith

Safety Officer

SANTA FE DAM RC MODELERS



Second Community Model Aircraft

Open House

Saturday April 24, 2010

Gates Open at 8:00 A.M.

Flying from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Entrance corner of Duarte Rd. & Highland Ave., Duarte, CA

BBQ Lunch Available!

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
PLEASE COME AND SEE WHAT THIS HOBBY
AND OUR CLUB IS ALL ABOUT

Directions to Field:

Exit 210 Freeway at Buena Vista Avenue - South to Duarte Road - Left to gate at end of road

For more information visit <http://www.sfdrcm.com/>

or please contact:

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FREE – Flight Instruction by qualified Pilot
FREE – Aircraft Modeling Information

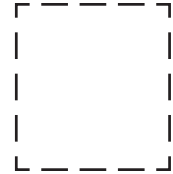
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