

Radio Waves

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Newsletter of the Santa Fe Dam Radio-Control Modelers

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Meeting October 14, 2009 Arcadia Red Cross

President's Desk

We had a great time at the Field Saturday October 3rd, good food and great non-destructive competition. We had two events: the first was a bomb/balloon drop. The winners were: 1st place - Gary Stevens, 10 ft from the target; 2nd place - Ron Coultrap, 18 ft from the target; 3rd place - Dennis Souza, 19 ft from the target. The second event was a dead stick landing, starting from an altitude of about 100 ft (pilot's choice) and land on the target when the plane comes to rest. The winners were: 1st place - Kent Smith, 7 ft from the target; 2nd place - Gary Stevens, 7+ ft from the target; 3rd place - Ron Coultrap, 8+ ft from the target. The first place prize was five tickets to our monthly raffle was three raffle tickets, and third place was one ticket.

Sven has move and no longer has room for the club's lunch barbecue equipment and appurtenances. I continue working as our world-class chef. Volunteers will be accepted

This is the final month to make donations for the **City of Hope** fundraiser on October 25th. The club's donation to the City of Hope each year and we would like to add to this year's contribution by asking members, to help enhance this donation this year. Please consider your personal participation in this and also choose to make your donations directly to the City of Hope.

The Christmas party will be Saturday December 5th at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Tony & Terri Villanueva. Make plans to attend. We will give you directions and information on the menu next month. The club will furnish and cater the main course (Mexican food), drinks, chips and salsa. Homemade deserts have been request. The ready to bind and fly 120-size plane, according to Sven, is coming along nicely. The plane will be worth around \$1,000.00 and will be test flown prior to the Christmas Party. Raffle tickets are on sale now, the tickets are \$5.00 each and can be perched from Ron Coultrap. The picture of the model can be seen at the club meetings.

Thank you all for the hospitality shown to Larry Tougas, candidate for the position of AMA District X VP. District X is the largest district in the AMA, approximately 27,000 members. Very few members vote, I have heard that 2,000 may be enough votes to win the election. Rarely are there two candidates and it's time to VOTE, VOTE, VOTE.

Gregg Stockdale placed a list of items before the members at our September meeting. That list is currently under review and will be submitted to the members as soon as that review is completed. Thank you Gregg for your thoughtful list of suggested modifications to the club's constitution and bylaws.

Edwin, owner of Hobby Zone has noted that their telephone number has been changed and the new number is (818) 859-0089.

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October Birthdays

<i>John W Crisman</i>	<i>Ray Ryciewicz</i>
<i>Brent Davis</i>	<i>Steve Sahagian</i>
<i>Bo Liman</i>	<i>Sven Sedleniek</i>
<i>Jim Feldmann</i>	<i>Norm Tessier</i>
<i>Laurie Miller</i>	<i>John Yaralian</i>
<i>Stephen Reno</i>	

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

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



Tonys Hobbies

1315 N Hacienda Blvd
La Puente, CA 91744
(626) 917-5290



Hobby Zone

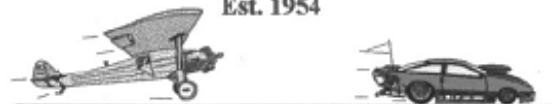
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PRESIDENT continued

How does the club website work for you? Let me know if you have any thoughts about things you like and areas that do not work for you. I have been told that our website is among the best. You can also find the information on our October 24th float fly on our website. Go to “sfdrcm.com” and download the full color eNewsletters.

We have three email addresses that are not correct in our file, they are Ray Clark, Mike Hedden, and Charles Taylor. Please send us your correct email address to: “sfdrcm@hotmail.com”.

The October float fly has been advertised in the AMA magazine for about three month, thanks to Kent Smith. We need lots of help and we will review who does what at our October meeting.

Thank you all who have responded to the County’s request to send us your executed copy of the Chris Graham safety letter. Keep them coming.

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

Wayne Brown



SFDRCM Now a Gold Leader Club

In order to recognize the leadership of the best model clubs, the Academy has established the AMA Leader Club.

Awards.

These awards can be earned by any AMA Chartered Club, by meeting certain standards of community service and activity.

Required Activities for Leader Club Status

1. Must be an AMA chartered club for a minimum of five years.
2. Club membership must be open to all AMA members and not limited to a certain number.
3. Club must develop and post Safety and Operational Rules at its flying site.
4. Club must file a copy of Safety and Operational Rules at AMA Headquarters.
5. Flying field must have separate areas for fliers and spectators, clearly marked as such.
6. The AMA Safety Code must be posted and visible at the club field.

When a club qualifies for Leader Club status it receives

- A certificate from AMA Headquarters.
- A gold, silver or bronze finished pin for each current club member in the first year.
- Published recognition in *Model Aviation* and listing on AMA Web site, www.modelaircraft.org.
- Inclusion in the annual list of Leader Clubs.

Gold Leader Clubs also receive

- An engraved ID plate for the club field bulletin board.



Minutes of the SFDRCM General Club Meeting

Meeting Date September 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Brown at 7:30PM

Guests

none

New/Recent Members

No new members

Crying Towel

Crying towel was not awarded to any lucky pilot. Some crashes were discussed however Earl did not have crying towels available and the crashes did not seem extensive.

OLD BUSINESS

It was decided to postpone the Slow Stick Competition until October 3rd, due to unavailability of the world famous chefs to cook burgers and dogs.

Wayne offered that the west end runway barricades have been removed and the terra firma was rough in some spots. Wayne reminded everyone that we must perform a simple clean-up to the west end of the runway as many of the weeds are evident.

Frank reminded everyone that he will be unavailable from approx. 9/19 to 10/21 and will the next months meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Wayne reminded everyone to vote for your choice of VP candidate. The new candidate is Larry Tougas and it would require 1500 votes to oust Mr. Giffen. The EC is not recommending voting for Larry however, in light of recent decisions the vote rests with the membership.

Also, it was noted that Larry would be visiting several clubs besides SFDRCM in Sept, Some other clubs are Prado, Whitier, Castaic, and others. He is actively campaigning.

A motion was made by Greg Stockdale to add disallowance of "Proxy Voting to the SFDRCM Club Bylaws. He stated the reason as: California allows "Proxy Voting" as the default for any voting practices and would like to prevent this type of vote in any future elections within the SFDRCM club.

A motion was made by Greg Stockdale to add a provision to the SFDRCM Club bylaws whereupon if the club is to be disbanded it must be brought to the vote of the membership at large in one of two ways. 1.) 100% of present at a monthly meeting or 2.) Majority vote by Mail to all members of the club. In either of the above methods, the vote must be in writing.

A motion was made by Greg Stockdale to add a provision to the SFDRCM Club bylaws whereupon if the club is to be disbanded as passed by majority, the remaining club assets must be pre-allocated for specific purpose, such as: Charity, distribute to active members or both. A motion was made to postpone discussion of the above 3 Greg Stockdale motions until Greg provides a written proposal to the Pres: Wayne Brown for open discussion at the EC meeting in October 2009. Greg will be invited to the meeting. If the EC votes to present any or all of the Motions to the club for vote, the final decision on the motions is to be made after counting votes.

Reminder from Earle, please return the Blue mail-in card to advise if the SFDRCM club newsletter. Should be mailed or would you prefer using the WEB to see the newsletter.

Question from Greg: Has Chris (of parks dept) said anything about the Authorization Letter to fly. or is this just busy work?

Show and Tell

Sven provided a background on the Yak-54 and raffle tickets will be sold beginning at the October Meeting. This model has been assembled by Sven, adding Engine, Radio and all the gear needed to fly this great model. This raffle will be held at Christmas. Upcoming Events

Everyone was reminded of the October 3rd, Slow Stick Competition and the October 26, 2009 Float-fly

RAFFLE

The raffle included:

Airplane Glue Batteries

DISMISS

Wayne Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM

From the keyboard of the VP

It has been brought to my attention by few members, that some of the Turnigy brand batteries have puffed up when exposed to normal temperatures and usage. In hindsight the batteries mentioned in last months article as puffing up after exposure to sunlight were the Turnigy brand. Gary Stevens experienced this problem and is conducting testing to verify that his were being used under the proper conditions.

It could be that some of the Turnigy brand batteries are sensitive to less than normal temperature exposure. Be aware of this and do that you can to protect these batteries from exposure to above normal heat.

In the mean time I have contacted the retailer (Hobby City) and have entered negative product reviews on these catalog items.

I will be out of town for most of the month, but will do my best to keep the EC informed on this matter.

On a lighter note I have returned the BBQ equipment to Sven so he can again provide you with his excellent food service.

Keep them in the air and on the runway guys.

Frank Ross

Big Raffle

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Events Listing

SFDRCM Float Fly

10/24/2009 SFDRCM Santa Fe Dam Recreation Center 8AM-3PM. AMA Card required. BBQ lunch available.

Wings Over Chino Scale Fly In Event

11/7-8 - Pomona Valley MAC, Welcome Warbirds, Civilian scale, and sport scale ARFs, gas, glow , electric, electric ducted fans (EDF), \$30 landing fee includes color pocket T-shirt. www.PVMAC.com

PVMAC Prado Winter Swap Meet

11/21/09 - 7 AM Admission Free - no commercial vendors or hobby shops. Flying also - non-PVMAC members \$10. Bill Johnson (909) 985-3887, Phil Goodwine (909) 762-6948

PVMAC Prado Toy4Tots

12/06/09 - 8 AM Entry \$20 or new unwrapped Toy worth \$15 or more. Benefit San Bernardino Childrens Fud via U.S. Marines. AMA required to fly. Steve (951) 532-3034, Lonnie (909) 730-4657 Prado Flying Field

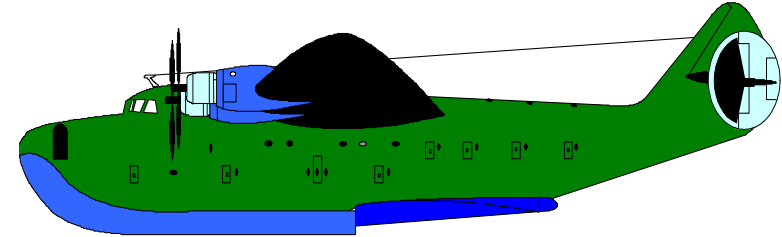




The Santa Fe Dam Radio Control Modelers present

FLOAT FLY

October 24th 2009 AMA Sanction # 09-1701
Visit our web site at www.sfdrcm.com

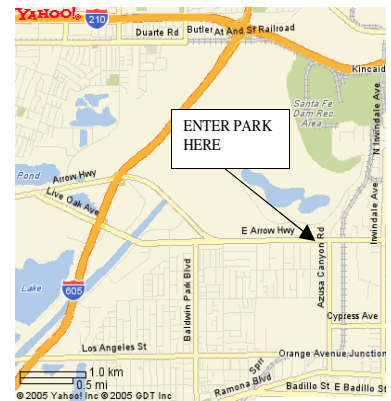


Boat retrieval will be provided.
Enter at main entrance to the **"Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area" Irwindale CA.**
Gates open at 6:30am Flying will start at 8:00am until 3:00pm.
County vehicle entry fee applies.
BBQ lunch available - Great Raffle

Pilot's information

AMA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED
Landing Fee \$15.00
CD Kent Smith 626-858-0885
Event information contact
Ron Coultrap 626-918-0181

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Santa Fe Dam R/C Modelers

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Meeting

October 14

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