

Board Meeting January 2011 by Dick Knapp

President Dan Metz called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM at the club flying field. Also present were Craig Waters, Chris Ritter, Ken Merenda, Joe Scuro, Murray Ross and Dick Knapp.

Dick Knapp presented the modified quote from Shade Structures, Inc. to repair the three holes that are currently in our structure. The total price is now \$1800, most of which involves transporting the crew from Orange County to our field. The basic cost for a single repair is \$1,200. The board agreed that for all future crashes into the shade structure, the offender would be charged the full \$1,200. Hopefully, his homeowners insurance will cover most of this expense.

Dick also requested permission to reorder our rack cards since we are running low and the Desert Recreation District has agreed to pay for 2,000 cards. We will change the aircraft pictured on the front to one of John Roger's 40 % hovering against the snow-capped mountains. Next year we will select a new model.

Dan then brought up Mel Santmeyer's concern over potential weather problems if we select a date in mid-November for the "Monster Model Meet". This event is for aircraft in the 35 -100 pound class. After some discussion and a quick review of past November weather, both here and in the LA area, we settled on Thursday - Saturday, November 10-12, 2011. This recognizes that most of the pilots need Sunday as a travel day and few if any stick around to fly on Sunday.

This years Jacqueline Cochran Air Show will be held on Saturday, November 5th and our Demo Day will be on Sunday, November 6th.

The Board also tasked Joe Scuro with setting the date for our next combat event for a Saturday in March.

Clay Seddon talked to the Board about setting up a "Facebook" site for our club and offered to take care of making that happen. The Board agreed to let him proceed.

Joe Scuro then talked about an article in the latest Model Aviation that discussed a club in the Phoenix area that has expanded their pylon racing to include a "Beginners Section" that flies unmodified Park Zone T-28 models. The Board agreed to discuss this with the club members to determine the level of interest in such an event. The consensus of opinion was that it could be a much slower entry-level event and could be a lot of fun.

Murray Ross reminded everyone that he has a newsletter coming out and needs articles to include. Dick saw an interesting article in RC Sport Flyer on "Gas Engine Remote Kill Switches" He also has an article on installing simple wheel brakes on any model. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.