

CVRC Club Monthly Meeting Minutes 25 January 2011

by Dick Knapp

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by president Dan Metz. There were 17 members in attendance.

Dan asked Dick Knapp for the Treasurer's report. Our balance is \$5,995.03.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dan reported that we have had another plane hit our shade structure. We now have a quote for the repair of the first impact, which was \$1,200 since the repair crew is based in Orange County. We now have a new quote to repair all three tears and that will cost \$1,800. Dick will work with the contractor to see if we can schedule our repair when they are in the valley on another job. Dick also checked with AMA, but their club insurance only covers bodily injury, not property damage. When one of our jet pilots blew a power transformer, his homeowners insurance covered any expense over his deductible.

Dan again suggested that any member who isn't confident of being able to control his plane on a takeoff or landing to contact Ron Vincent (760) 360-4778 to take advantage of Ron's offer to supply simulator training like he uses in his ROTC classes.

Dan then reported that the Aero-tow sailplane pilots would be back at our field on Saturday, February 12th. Tom Chant agreed to cook hotdogs and Murray Ross agreed to pick up the hotdogs, buns and drinks. Thanks guys! There will also be a "Radian Launch" event at noon on Saturday so have your Radian ready to go! Dick is trying to establish a "permanent" trophy for this event like we have for the pylon racing.

Dan asked that Joe Scuro coordinate with the RC Combat group to establish a date for the next event. Joe talked with the group and established Saturday, March 5th as the date. We will also serve hotdogs and drinks at this event and will need help with this activity.

Dan announced that we will hold our annual "Fun Fly" on Sunday, March 6th so be ready to fly your favorite plane in some of the fun events, like Spot Landings, Bomb drop, beans in a cup, maybe even a ground handling event through a line of cones. We are still working on other tasks; so if you have a favorite, talk with Dan.

Dan then asked Tom Chant to discuss our upcoming indoor event at the Palm Springs Air Museum probably to be held in July around the 15th. Tom reported that model weight would probably be limited to less than 16 oz. And helicopters below the 450 in size. Only electric power will be allowed, but we will probably try to do pylon racing and 3D flying just to keep any spectators amused. Joe Scuro, who works as a docent at the Museum said that Greg Kenny is responsible for all the museum youth programs so he will stay in touch with him.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dan then discussed the "Monster Plane Event that we have been asked to host on November 10-12, 2011. Frank Tiano, who puts on many events back in Florida, like Florida Jets and Monster Planes asked us to host a West Coast event while we were at the AMA show. Frank will take care of everything; all we do is provide the field and some flight line assistance. Frank pays our club \$800 plus anything we can earn from our raffle. Normally Frank gets hundreds of spectators and lots of pilots to come to these events. Monster Planes are from 35 - 100 pounds and the event is basically a fun fly. I'm sure that Duane will have his Waco ready to go!

Dan then reported that at our Board meeting on Sunday, Joe Scuro pointed out an article in the latest Model Aviation about pylon racing with the unmodified Park Zone T-28 plane. The plane will have to be completely stock with the club specifying the battery size and prop that every pilot must use. When Dan asked if anyone would be interested in trying this event, ten members held up their hands, so we will have our first race soon. Dan will check with Kevin at Uncle Don's to see if we can get a "special" club price.

Dan announced that the club would hold it's annual "Flea Market" on Sunday, April 3rd. There will probably be a small fee for table space, but no percentage of the sale going to the club. So start cleaning out your garages and shops so there will be room for all that neat new stuff you want.

Herschel Silverstone reported that he was flying at the field and had to go out to the end of the runway to retrieve his model, stepped in a hole and fell down and couldn't get up with his bad leg. Fortunately, Jed Casey and his wife from Lakebay, Washington were taking advantage of Jed's monthly membership to do some flying and saw him fall and came to his assistance. Thanks Jed!

The raffle raised \$54.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.