

CVRC Club Meeting Minutes
25 May 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President, Dan Metz. There were 22 members present and 4 guests.

Dick Knapp gave the Treasurer's report as \$3676.12, which includes paying all the expenses of the pit area extensions and the new plane hold-backs.

The previous minutes were approved as published without additions or corrections.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dan thanked Daniel Martinez for spearheading our latest concrete job. Dan also gave a "HUGE" thank you to Chacho Gomez for his selfless support, grading the area and providing a water truck just before the concrete arrived. Dan thanked both of them for a great job and a great deal for our club. The price of concrete has risen from the low \$50 range to \$81 per yard currently. Dan really wondered if we could even build our site today given the current price of materials. We were able to negotiate a price of \$61 per yard for 6 sack cement mix. These materials will never be as cheap as they are today. Chris Ritter said that his construction company was told that 10 to 15 percent increases will be seen this coming month.

Dan also reported that the north safety fence is back up thanks to Chris Ritter, Dick Knapp and Tom Lebanik. One new airplane hold-back is now in place on each end of the pit area. More will be placed as soon as we get the generator out to drill the needed holes. Chris Ritter said that, "man, this concrete is HARD!"

Dan stated the the addition of this concrete is a BIG safety move, it places the starting and run up of the big planes at a safer angle away from the pit area. That angle is now facing the outer fence and not facing the pit/spectator area. This will facilitate our events in the fall as well, including the Aero Tow and upcoming scale events.

Dan reported that our fuel order has arrived and can be picked up from Dick. By the way, a big thanks to Dick for picking up the fuel and schlepping it around.

Dan then asked Joe Scuro to discuss his visit to the field with his class from Cathedral City High School. Joe reported that he ended up with 9 students because the bus was not available to bring more. Joe said that Victor Gonzales was the winner of the P-51 trainer. Later on during our club raffle, Darrell Morgan (as he always does) was an early winner and selected a trainer aircraft which he immediately presented to Victor. When Victor was also a winner later, he was able to claim a complete field box, so he should be set to become another junior airman. Joe also reported that he is now training as a docent at the Palm Springs Air Museum and to talk with him if you are thinking of visiting the museum.

Dan then asked Ron Vincent to discuss his La Quinta High School group that got blown out of their visit to our field this past weekend. Ron said that he also had about 9 students who later participated at the High School field, where the wind was again a problem for them.

Dan then asked for a hand for both Joe and Ron for the great job they are doing with their junior programs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dan then discussed our plans to expand our east parking area out under the high power lines. We will be trying to get this area cleared and leveled when ever the opportunity presents itself. There isn't any question that we will need this area when we host the 2012 Scale Masters Finals.

There being no other new business, Dan asked Lou Lombardi to "show and tell" his Bob Violett F-4 Phantom electric ducted fan. Lou is having the plane "weathered" by Duane's son and the semi-finished product looks fantastic. Lou reported that this is a fantastic kit where everything was very well thought out. Duane reported that Lou's ME-262 that was shot down by a roving P-51 during it's initial landing approach is well on it's way to returning to the skies.

We then had a great raffle with most of the items having been donated by Arch Montgomery, Thanks Arch! The raffle raised \$129!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Dick Knapp then did a slide show of the photos that he took during his recent visit to Kennedy Space Center to view the launch of the space shuttle Atlantis. Dick reported that it was a fantastic experience that he will never forget. Dick took his oldest son, Tim and his 16 year old grandson along with him, so it was quite a family event.