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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2010 AND A NEW DECADE

BY Dan Metz

The New Decade finds our runway protected with a double coat of sealer, which should maintain it for another 5 years. It will also look great for our coming events. Lets hear it for all of you who renew your memberships and keep our roster growing. Thank you.

There are some great events coming up on our club calendar, so please come out and participate. The Western Scale Rally, Feb. 6-7 will be a great learning event, as it is going to be tailored for the new scale participant. Your best ARF can lead the way, so come out and join in the fun. On the 27-28 of February we are having an Aero Tow where you can see some really large and elegant sailplanes being towed and then making lazy circles in our skies. Flying one of those is one of the most challenging and peaceful experiences in the hobby. Cheating gravity is a great feeling.

Are you aware of the AMA's new online forum? It (<http://www.modelaircraft.org/forums/default.aspx>) continues to grow in popularity. Over the last month they added two new sections. One section will focus on Control Line modeling and the other is a general Safety Discussion section. The Safety Discussion section is an area where members can post questions relative to safety issues and, if requested, get a direct answer from AMA. This area of the forum is being monitored by Ilona Maine, who manages the Safety and Benefits Department, and Jim Rice, chairperson of AMA's Safety Committee.

The AMA also has added an archival section to this area, so that once a question receives an "official" answer; the thread will be locked and moved to the archive. Over time, as the archive grows, it will become a knowledge base that members can search to find immediate answers to their questions.

The AMA had a membership drive last year that added new members. The program is improved for 2010, so take the time to understand it and bring the details to your club and membership. New members bring a fresh outlook and renewed enthusiasm. Wouldn't it be nice to add some new volunteers to the 10% who seem to do most of the work?

Are you aware of the AMA program "Sign 3-Fly Free"? You can receive a one-year AMA membership credit for signing up only three new members! For details see the AMA Web site at <http://www.modelaircraft.org/ambassador.aspx> Spread the word!

I hope Santa Claus brought you some great new planes. We'd love to see them, so bring them out for our Western Scale Rally on February 6 and 7. See you at the field.

Final Pylon Race of the Year Won by Dwayne Van Der Molen

BY Murray Ross

On Sunday, January 3, 2010, Dwayne proved that he can fly faster and turn left better than anyone else in the club. He was awarded the perpetual pylon racing trophy winner for 2009. Other participants in the race were Dan Metz and Murray Ross, who successfully completed the course, but either made cuts or could not keep up with the torrid pace. This is the second year that Dwayne has won the perpetual trophy. Nice flying Dwayne!

Murray said, "This is the first race I have competed in about a year. I am grateful that the plane and I survived."

Murray had not been competing because of eye cataracts. He had surgeries in March and December, and now can see fine. He is also looking forward to resuming giving flight instruction. He is currently assembling a Seniorita ARF EP powered with a small GLO engine for use in training. Apparently Murray is not fond of electrics.



Left to right: Murray, Dwayne (holding trophy) and Dan

SURFING IN THE DESERT?

By Murray Ross

They say that with enough power, you can fly almost anything. Well, Jed Casey has proved it once again with his flying surfer. This foam/electric surfboard and surfer actually flies very well (See pictures below) in spite of violating some well established lateral stability criteria.



**SECOND ANNUAL
SWAPMEET/ FLEA MARKET**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24th

CVRC Club Flying Field

9 AM - 1 PM

Bring your old gear and some Cash

Raising Money for Our Club

BY Dick Knapp

At our January Board Meeting, the board decided to take advantage of a program called "Tickets Fore Charity", being offered by the Kraft Nabisco LPGA Championship. This program permits a 501(c)3 charity, like our club, to sell tickets to the event and receive 100% of the ticket price. Our club does not have to handle any money or even the tickets because this is all done by the hosting organization. All we need to do is provide anyone interested in attending the event an order form with our club name on it. They fill out the form, send it in with their check and it's done.

Tickets sell for \$25 and are good on any day of the event. Packs of 10 tickets are only \$200. They can also go to the event web site at www.KNCgolf.com and under the list of charities, scroll down to the "Coachella Valley RC Club/Jr. Div." and we get the funds. There will also be a copy of the order form on our web site. Ticket sales start January 25th.

The order form for Kraft Nabisco tickets will appear on the club website starting on Friday January 22nd. Please order yours and recommend it to your friends.

CVRCC Will Host Combat Contest

BY Joe Scuro

Joe Scuro has been in touch with the Corona RC club and set up a date of March 6, 2010 for a sanctioned RC combat contest. Danny Bronstein, of the Corona Club, will contact several other clubs in his area to notify them of the contest. The CVRCC field will host the event while other clubs will provide the Contest Director, judges and timers. Contest winners will be awarded points toward regional or national standings. There will be two types of planes entered in the contest. The first will be with .15 cu. in. engines and the second will be with .25 cu. in. engines.

CVRCC club members should consider entering this contest. If you need advice on how to prepare speak to V.P. Craig Waters and visit the combat fliers website. www.rccombat.net

Remember to attend the Western Scale Rally on February 6 & 7 and help out with parking, security and food. You can enter your favorite scale model too, and learn about scale judging and flying scale maneuvers. Just a couple of volunteer hours can make this event successful. Contact Murray at mrossnew@dc.rr.com with your preferred work times.

CVRC Club November Meeting Minutes 24 November 2009

BY Dick Knapp

President Dan Metz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He then introduced Kevin Koch of Uncle Don's Hobbies who had requested time to address the membership. Kevin apologized for his approach to handling the nitro-methane fuel shortage by arbitrarily increasing the price on his inventory. In hindsight, he knows that he alienated a number of club members and encouraged them to find another source for their supplies.

Dan thanked Kevin for his apology. Dan then thanked everyone who helped at our "Cleanup Day" at the flying field and our Toys for Tots event. We raised \$930 in cash and about 25 toys for the Toys for Tots campaign.

Dick then reported that our treasury now stands at \$11,170.44, which hopefully will let us re-coat our runway and helicopter pad.

Dan then asked for any additions or corrections to either the Board Meeting Minutes or the October Meeting Minutes. Since there were none; the minutes were approved as published.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dan then reported that any thought of holding a soaring event at the Tennis Gardens was DEAD! It turned out that the City of Indian Wells has an ordinance against "any aircraft taking off or landing within the limits of Indian Wells". This would mean that we would have to get the city council's approval to hold our event. This coupled with the requirement for a \$3,000 site usage fee, and \$1,500 security, labor and toilet fees makes any further pursuit of this event useless.

Dan also announced that next years Western Invitational Scale Event would be held on February 6-7, 2010. Our intention is to invite a number of scale jet pilots to bring their models and enter the event.

Craig Waters announced that the Palomar RC Fliers will be holding a big RC combat event " Pearl Harbor Classic" at their field on Dec. 12-13th. For more information contact:

<http://www.sportclubsdesign.com/palomarrcflyers/> or www.rccombat.com.

It is hoped that we can bring this group to our field early next year.

Craig also announced that last Sunday's Spot Landing event (which was a non-starter) will be held on Sunday, December 6th along with the last pylon race of the year. The Spot Landing Event is open to ANY RC aircraft, electric or gas, so there's no excuse for not entering and having a ball!

Dan then reiterated that we need all our members to be sensitive to any new visitors to our field and to introduce themselves and see if there is anything that they need to know before getting involved in our hobby!

NEW BUSINESS:

Dan stated that he has had several discussions with the LARGE glider guys and they would like to have an aero-tow event at our field late in February; either the 20th or 27th. Dan will follow up with the group and get the event listed on RC Universe. We will probably have to publish a NOTAM with the Jacqueline Cochran Airport due to the altitude we will be flying.

Dan then discussed a potential work shop project at the field. It was suggested that getting Ken Merenda to demonstrate some of his covering skills would be a great topic. Dan will check with Ken to determine when and if he could support such a class (new baby is coming soon!).

Dan reminded everyone that we have our annual elections coming up and that nominations are in order. If you want to nominate someone for a club office, please let Dan or Dick know by e-mail. The election will be held at our next meeting. So far, we have a motion and a second to re-elect the current bunch. So if you want a change, get your nomination in NOW.

It was also stated that our next SWAP MEET would be held on Sunday, January 24, 2010.

The raffle raised \$65.00; all items were donated by Bob Allington!

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM

CVRC Club Meeting Minutes Dec. 29, 2009

BY Dick Knapp

President Dan Metz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 17 members and two guests present.

Dan announced that Ken and Eva Merenda are the proud parents of a new baby boy!

Dan also thanked George Muir for his efforts relative to the club's photo and video site. George had to upgrade the site after last years Best In The West Jet Rally because the site had over 90,000 hits from all over the world trying to download pictures and video from the event. Nice job, George!

After paying for the double resurfacing of the U-Control area and the landing strip plus repainting the lines, Dick reported that the treasury now has \$4,310. The field looks great!

Dick then moved that the minutes of the November meeting be approved as published. The minutes were approved as there were no additions or corrections. Dan then asked if there were any additions to the candidates for next year's club officers. There were none, so Dan called for a vote and the current slate of officers were re-elected unanimously. We all thank the membership for their support and will continue to try and keep this the best club and flying field in the area.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dan then asked Murray to discuss the upcoming 2nd Annual Western Scale Invitational. Murray stated that the contest is scheduled for February 6-7th. This event is being conducted as an introductory event, to encourage more fliers to try their hand at scale flying. This is an event that every one of our members should enter at least one model. The entry fee is only \$25 for the event, regardless of the number of models you fly. All flying is typical for the type of model you are flying, i.e. a Cessna 182 will not be required to do rolling turns or hovering.

Murray has already placed the event on the AAA's list of events, Palm Springs Life and RC Universe. We will also try and get Desert Sun and local TV and radio station publicity. The organizing group, the California Scale Modelers will be at the AMA show, January 8-10 in booth # 204. Stop by and say Hi!

Murray also stated that he would need at least 3 volunteers to help with the parking and 3 more to help with cooking and serving the food and drinks. We will be charging \$5 for parking for the two-day event.

Craig Waters then covered the other events that the club will host in the coming months.

January 3rd - Pylon race (final of the 2009 series)

January 10th - Spot landing contest

JANUARY 24TH - ANNUAL SWAP MEET (bring your old junk and buy new stuff!)

February 27th - Aero Tow Glider event may turn into a two-day event.

Joe Scuro discussed the potential of adding another class of pylon racing, utilizing Thompson Trophy type planes with up to a .50 engine. A Great Planes "Shoestring" goes for about \$100. Joe also suggested a workshop at the field addressing trimming a model using Monokote. He had a DVD covering the process and learned quite a few new tricks.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dan then thanked Murray for his effort with the club's web site. The question was asked, could we charge for advertising on our web site. Murray thought that we could, but the Board will have to discuss how we might do it.

Dan commented that our U-Control area is also a great spot for flying the new mini RC models like his P-51 Bind & Fly model.

Dan also commented that the continued flying at the South West Community Church field was becoming problematic due to some crashes into the schoolyard during school hours and some low flying over church members conducting a walk-a-thon.

The raffle raised \$45.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Remember the General Meeting at Sloan's on January 26, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Come early for dinner.

January 2010 Board Meeting

BY Dick Knapp

President Dan Metz called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. Also present were Craig Waters, Chris Ritter, Murray Ross, Joe Scuro and Dick Knapp.

Dan asked Dick to report on the LPGA's Kraft Nabisco Golf Championship event. Dick said that this year the tournament is changing the way they provide money to local 501(c)3 charities like our club. All ticket buyers will be asked to select the name of a local charity that they want the proceeds of their ticket purchase to go to. That is, 100% of the ticket price goes to the organization that they identify! Dick requested board approval to add the CVRC Club to the list of charities. The Board unanimously approved our participation. I have already sent in the paper work and we have been added to the list of charities. Ticket purchases can begin on January 25th. In the next few days, I will be sent an Adobe Acrobat (.PDF) file for the ticket order form. We will send this form out to all of you and post it on our web site. Please check with your friends and neighbors and if they are interested in seeing the ladies play golf on March 31 thru April 4th, have them send in our form or select us as the charity they want to support on the www.KNCgolf.com website.

Dan reported that Ralph Squillace had called him to set up some radio interviews on our upcoming events. We will work with Ralph to make that happen.

Murray stated that he would need volunteers to work the Western Scale Invitational on Feb. 6-7. We will need parking, food, flight line help and crowd control assistants. Call Murray at (760) 340-0836 or reach him at mrossnew@dc.rr.com.

Dan then reported that there had been two incidents at the Southwest church flying field involving model airplanes. In one incident a plane hit a moving car on Fred Waring Drive and caused the driver to swerve onto the median. The police were called and the church pastor also got involved. The second incident was a plane crash into the shade structure over the pre-school play area. Since this

flying site has now become a defacto "Open" flying area without regard for AMA membership, we need to be aware that by flying there, you could become party to an injury lawsuit, which AMA could choose not to cover under the DUST Club's coverage.

Craig also reported that he had received a "casting call" from MTV for teenage youngsters interested in all phases of RC to be part of a new TV show. Candidates need to be from Southern California and have very outgoing personalities. If interested, contact Craig or Joe Scuro.

On June 5-6 there will be a big Scale Masters event at the Prado Dam field. We will probably have several members attending since they support our events.

THIS SATURDAY WE WILL HAVE A WORK DAY AT THE FIELD TO REPAIR ANY RAIN DAMAGE AND PREPARE FOR THE WESTERN SCALE INVITATIONAL MEET ON FEBRUARY 6-7 (including some jet models)

Please attend the Club General Meeting on January 26, 2010 7:00 pm at Sloan's Restaurant on the corner of Highway 111 and Dr Carreon. Join us early for dinner!