



PROP WASH

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The Presidents Message

Our Club Should Welcome All Pilots

By Dan Metz

The increase in availability of inexpensive model airplanes has helped expand the number of park flyer hobbyists. Families are purchasing models for their children and using the local park for time together away from the television. There should be a place for these park flyer pilots to go where they can receive support, training and camaraderie from fellow pilots. These fliers should be able to share common interests as well as experience all aspects of model aviation.

Most of the members of our club fly large models. Our field also easily accommodates large models. In order to welcome park fliers we have to think small as well. We are all in this wonderful hobby together including all types of model airplane activity.

Only by inviting those new modelers into our "house" can we enjoy the advantages that their numbers bring to our activity. While aero modeling may seem to be an activity enjoyable by oneself, it can become a rewarding social activity. Aero modeling is so much more pleasurable when it involves flying with others. Modelers who are loners simply do not last. The secret is to make the electric park flyer pilots feel welcome to join our club. Potential members that purchase "Wal-Mart" models should not be shunned for doing so. We must invite all to fly with us.

Thanks for Early Dues and Loans

All of you must be thanked for sending in your dues early. We also have very special members who have made short-term loans to your

club. Those members always answer the call to help out on special projects, and because of all of you we now have a multi-use Landing area for all types of flying. The final plan for our new Multi Use pad includes: moving the berm to the east of the control line pad, putting a concrete channel between the pad and main runway to control drainage, and installing a permanent shade structures for those using that area. In addition, we hope to extend the runways by 100 feet.

Safety Reminder

Remember to hold on to or restrain your plane in the pits at **ALL TIMES** when the engine is running. Do not relinquish hands-on control outside the yellow line. After flying, the yellow line is the official engine kill line too.

Please take home any food leftovers that you bring to the field, roving dog packs have scattered left-over garbage in our pits lately.

GENERAL MEETING

Remember to attend the general meeting on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at "Sloan's" restaurant at the corner of Dr. Carreon and Hwy.111. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM, but come early and join us for dinner.

Hangar Sale Hangar Sale Hangar Sale

RC Gear Only

Sunday December 2, 2007 at the field; 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon

It will be a really fun day – lots of flying – and in between flights – lots of buying and selling.

Bring all the stuff you no longer need or use to the field on Sunday.

Airplanes

Half built kits and ARF's

Kitsri

Radios

Engines & Motors

Servos

Receivers

Chargers

Batteries

Props, wheels, spinners, covering film, servo wires, etc., etc.

Only RC stuff; only members can sell; anyone can buy. Invite possible beginners – they might be able to pick up a good starter outfit for a low price. There will also be an area for stuff that you are too embarrassed to ask money for; the sign above the area will read *FREE - Anything Left at Noon Will be Trashed*

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BUSY MONTHS

October and November have been busy months for CVRCC. We installed a U-control facility, held three big events (two of which made many folks more aware of us), and one that helped support a major charity. So we all should be feeling pretty good about ourselves.

COCHRAN AIR SHOW November 3, 2007

By Dick Knapp

CVRCC was at the Jacqueline Cochran Air Show for the third year. Our exhibit is shown in the photo below.

This year we had great support from our members and invited over 70 people to our 4th Annual Demo Day. We also sold over half of our \$736 in raffle tickets at the show. A TV crew filming for the Coachella Valley promotional TV program also interviewed Dan. Thanks everyone.



CVRCC Booth at Jacqueline Cochran Air show

OPEN HOUSE November 4, 2007

By M. Ross

The annual open house was a day to show off our field and introduce our hobby to visitors. Members were asked to bring out their training planes to provide an introductory flying lesson to kids and adults. During the day, Dan demonstrated his big helicopter and took some

great photos from the air (see example below).

Thanks to all who donated their time and skill for the introductory lessons.



U-CONTROL FACILITY An attraction for new members

The CVRCC U-Control asphalt apron has been installed and is in regular use, for not only control line flying, but also helicopters and electric park flyers. The club would appreciate if members would get their dues in early this year to help defray this expense.



Asphalt U-control apron at North end of parking area.

TOYS FOR TOTS FUN-FLY November 10 & 11, 2007

By Murray Ross

Because of the generous support of club members, Hobbytown and Uncle Don's, a lot of kids will have a great Christmas this year. The event raised \$572.73 from entry donations, raffle and food sales and garnered around 50 nice toys. That is a noteworthy improvement over last year and an encouragement to continue running this event every year.

I arrived home from Australia on Tuesday, November 6th to the reality of having only three days to recover from jet lag and organize the event. Lots of e-mails ensued and as usual, the club board and members created a super event.

David Lasby started off Saturday morning hooking up the generator and PA system with the new wireless mike and mixing board. The "smoke test" was performed and to everyone's delight the PA worked fine.

Tom Chant began to register entrants and collect toys

he succeeded in keeping all 20 beans in the cup on top of his Kadet for two successive flights. No one else was able to do this, so he claimed the award.

By this time, David Eason was feeding the hungry hoards with hot dogs, soda and chips.



Sunday's weather proved to be excellent and scale judging was restarted to afford better flying conditions to the competitors. Several fun fly events were conducted including "Climb and Glide" and "Bomb Drop". Dan topped the times for "Climb and Glide" and Joe Scuro became "Best Bombardier" with a drop of 16 ft. from the cent of the circle. The final places for Scale Flying went to Dan Metz, Extra 300, Steve Matthews, Tony, and Dwayne Vandermolen, DC-3. Dan and his extra are shown below.

and cash. Dick Knapp set up the raffle and we all waited impatiently for the wind to die down so we could start the scale judging and fun-fly events. Well, it was at least 10:00 a.m. before anyone would chance the gusts. Scale judging started and brave pilots gave some hair-raising performances. Ken and Serge did their best to judge scale-flying skill as fairly as possible.

By lunchtime, the wind had subsided enough to start the fun fly events. Several contestants attempted the first event, called "Beans Express". Dan Metz was the first and



General Meeting Minutes October 30, 2007

By Dick Knapp

The meeting was called to order by President, Dan Metz at 7:00 PM, there were 31 members present.

Dick Knapp gave the Treasurer's report and said that we still have the \$8,000 CD and an additional \$3,811.25 in our checking account. We have paid for all the new tabletops, our raffle prize (F-22 PTS system) and a new order of tee shirts and sweatshirts. Our total financial resources now stand at \$11,811.25.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dan started out by extending a huge "Thank You" to everyone that helped on the tables. They now all have new painted tops, but Dan explained that the epoxy garage floor paint that we used had raised the grain in the wood and that before the Jet meet in January we will need to sand and clean all the tops and put a second coat of tan paint on. Right now the new tops will really tear up any paper towel when you clean up after your flights.

Dan reported that he had talked with Joey Acuna about the middle school aviation program and he hopes to get started soon.

Dan also said that he had been contacted today by Tina Petal from KMIR to do another TV spot for the 9:00 a.m. show on Thursday, 8 November to help promote our Toys for Tots event that weekend. If you can be out there flying, please do so and wear your club tee shirt. Dick has tee shirts and sweatshirts now.

Dan also said that he had talked with the Coachella Valley Recreation and Parks Department and learned that they do not have any control over Lake Cahuilla. Dan will continue to work for a February Float Fly event, so get your planes ready.

Dan then stated that he and Dick had met with Brian Spain, Tommy Young and Carlos, the foreman of the Ave. 54 paving crew at our field to show them what we now felt would be our top priorities. They explained that they would not want to go with less than 1 ½ inches of paving and did not feel comfortable trying to include any runway extensions due to time limits on the County inspector.

Later, Tommy got back to Dan with a quote of \$14, 348 to pave a 150ft. by 150ft. apron north of our spectator area for use by U-control, helicopter, 3-D and glider

fliers. He also quoted \$10,450 for a 125 x 125 ft. area. This bid was just about half of the other quote we received. This is only \$0.63 per square foot and represents a contribution from Yeagar/Skansa Construction of half of the project cost. They can offer this to us for construction starting on Monday or the deal is off, since they would no longer have their equipment on site.

During our Board meeting before the monthly meeting your board voted to proceed with this project. Dan asked that the membership please try and send in their 2008 renewals as soon as possible to build up our cash reserves since we can not access our \$8,000 until May without incurring a substantial interest penalty. Dan also asked for any members that would be willing to loan the club \$500 or \$1,000 at no interest for a period of about one year to please contact Dick (836-3848) ASAP.

Dan then asked Courtney Moe to discuss the Swap Meet we have scheduled for Sunday, December 2nd. Courtney asked everyone to clean out their shops and garages and bring everything to the field for what promises to be a fun time. You might even find that "treasure" that you have been looking for!

THE "BEST IN THE WEST" JET RALLY January 18-20, 2008

By Murray Ross

This is the last edition of "PROP WASH" before the Best in the West Jet Rally in mid January 18-20. For that reason, I am reminding the club members that we will need some volunteers to help run the event. So please put those dates on your calendar and start thinking about the positions you might want to fill. (All workers get free parking for the weekend)

The jobs are the same as last April and the shifts will be similar:

Two parking Attendants work two hour shifts from 8:30 AM till 2:30 PM every day except Sunday ending at 1:00 PM.

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CVRCC Board Meeting November 15, 2007

By Dick Knapp

President Dan Metz called the meeting to order at 9:17 AM. Also present were Murray Ross, Dick Knapp, George Muir, Serge Puis, Gene Poe and Craig Waters.

Dan discussed his conversation with Bob Rivkin, owner of KPLM in Palm Springs and Bob's indication that he might be able to assist us financially. Dick said that he had already followed up with a letter to Mr. Rivkin.

Dan then asked Dick to present a draft 2008 budget. That budget shows an income of approximately \$11,000 and estimated annual expenses of \$4,510. In addition the Phase II Flying Field Improvement Program is estimated to cost a total of approximately \$25,300. Dick is preparing a 2008 Grant Request from AMA, which would cover up to ten percent of the cost. Dan stated that we would continue to gather better cost information prior to committing to any additional funding beyond the already completed paving. Dan indicated that he had talked with Tommy at the paving contractor and the price they are charging us seems fair since they had to put down a thicker pad in many areas, due to the soft sand.

Dick then reported that we cleared \$542.73 in our Toys for Tots event and wrote a check for that amount to the USMC Reserve, plus donated about 50 toys. A nice improvement over last year! Nice job Murray!

Dan then discussed removal of part of the dirt berm and reconfiguring the east side of the new control line circle. Dick Knapp agreed to work with Ron Holmwall, a former contractor, to see what support we can find for this effort. Gene Poe thought that he could borrow his son's bulldozer, but it is too heavy to work around the pad and would cost us to move to and from our field. Dan will talk with Chacho about using his tractor to pull out some of the shrubs west of the runway and get a work party organized to move some of the "Pet Rocks" out of that area. That should soften some of the off-field landings that occur.

Murray agreed to coordinate getting our street sweeper back in running condition so we could potentially sell it. Murray will also arrange for an appropriate memento for our Toys for Tots supporters. The Board also agreed to make Tina Patel from KMIR TV and Sonya

Abate from Channel 17, Senior TV, honorary members of the CVRC Club.

Dan will also coordinate getting approval for a "Float Plane Fly-in" at Lake Cahuilla. Dan expects that we will be restricted to electric power only.

Serge agreed to check in to conducting some sort of flying exhibition as part of the local classic car show.

Murray will also arrange for 3 large posters for our BITW Jet Rally that we can hopefully get displayed at the AMA show in Ontario the weekend before our event. Dan will also coordinate a "Dedication" ceremony for our new road and U-control flying site. We expect that Rich Hanson, our District X Vice President may be the new President of the AMA. Rich has already agreed to put it on his calendar.

Dan then brought up the subject of encouraging the RC car racers to join us on our field. The Board decided that until we have a better idea of the utilization of the U-control area by both U-control and helicopter fliers we should not open that area up to other users.

Dan then suggested adding Craig Waters to the Board of Directors. The vote was unanimous. Welcome Craig! The meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

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One Impound supervisor works same shifts as parking attendant.
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Two Registration Assistants work three-hour shifts from 8:00 till 11:00 AM Friday and Saturday only.
We will also require periodic trash collection.

In the days prior to the event we will conduct a thorough cleaning of the tables, pits and particularly the runway. Also, we will assure that proper temporary safety fencing is installed. I will start filling in the work schedule at our next general meeting, Tuesday November 27. See you there.