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President's Message

Are You Ready For Some Flying?

By Dan Metz

The board and I have been busy with plans for many flying activities for the club. How about a West Coast version of Top Gun in February? That could be exciting enough, but as the commercial says, "Wait there's More." Don't forget the Box Canyon cross country event, or the resurgence of pylon racing. The new pylons are almost finished; we just need to level them properly. We can take care of that during the fall runway cleanup. We even have a perpetual pylon trophy too. Craig Waters is working on the master schedule for some new events as well, how about RC Sky Divers, and fun flies with that ever popular Beans Express event, maybe a Bagel Drop, or Spot Landings, or how about a limbo event. Lots of new flying events and eye candy for the spectators.

Also, why not make your plans now to see our entry at the Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade? Yes we will be there with an entry based on "Those Magnificent Men and Their Flying Machines". Come out and cheer us on. Dick Knapp is the inspiration on this project having won the event numerous times in the past. We believe Dick has another winning design in the works.

Also do not forget the Jackie Cochran Air Show. They have been in contact with us about creating a larger display with possible RC flying before the show starts; we're working on that too. The day after the air show, our annual open house and flagpole dedication takes place. Then there is the Marine Corps "Toys For Tots" event on November 15 and 16. Come out and support our club and the kids too by bringing along a \$10 gift.

On the Martin Luther King weekend in January we will host the "Best in The West Jet Rally" for the fourth consecutive year. This will actually be the twentieth anniversary of BITW, and we expect this event will be at least as successful as the last.

The West Coast version of "Top Gun", to be held in February, is generating a lot of excitement because it requires the collaboration of many local RC clubs. Some of the clubs are: "The Hemet Model Masters", The MARCS Club, "The Gilman Springs RC Flyers", "The Scale Squadron of Southern California" and CVRCC. The event will be held at our field, so you may anticipate visits from potential judges and contest officials from these and other clubs.

What an awesome year coming up. Thank you Murray, Dick and all of the board for your hard work

Craig Waters Schedules Upcoming Club Events

On Sunday, September 21, the first of Craig's scheduled club events took place. It was a pylon race which was easily won by Dwayne Vandermolen. Dan placed second out of four racers.

The remainder of 2008 will have many activities. Some of these have been mentioned in the president's message. The complete list for your calendar is:

October

5th (Sunday) Baloon Burst Fun Fly

19th (Sunday) Combat Carnage .46 max gas or electric)

26th (Sunday)Golf Cart Parade

November

1st (Saturday) Jacqueline Cochran Airshow

2nd (Sunday) Demo Day includes Pylon race, funfly, Combat, Aero tow, 3D, Skydivers

9th (Sunday) Box Canyon Marathon

15th-16th (Sat and Sun) Toys For Tots and Pylon Race

December

7th (Sunday) Combat Carnage

September 7, 2008 Board Meeting

By Dick Knapp

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by President Dan Metz. Also present were Murray Ross, Dick Knapp, Serge Puis and Joe Scuro.

If you smoke cigarettes, you must deposit your butts in the butt cans. It's not fair to others who have to clean up after you! We are your flying buddies not your janitors.

Dan suggested that we needed a work party to complete the setting up of the new pylons. It was agreed that we would get together at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Dan also suggested that we needed a Saturday work day to clean up weeds and wash down all the tables before our next big event this fall.

Dick then discussed our club float for this year Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade, which will be held on Sunday, October 26 starting at 1 p.m... Dick will need about four people to help fabricate the cart on Friday and Saturday. Dan agreed to coordinate the five marchers that we can have walking behind our float displaying model aircraft.

The Board then discussed buying a club flag to display during our large events. Dick was authorized to acquire a 5' by 8' double sided flag.

Dick reminded everyone that we will have a double booth again this year at the Jacqueline Cochran Air Show which will be held on Saturday, November 1st. Entry to the show is free! On Sunday, November 2nd we will hold our fifth annual "Demo Day" at our field.

Dick then discussed our new Tee shirts which he is ordering from AMA. They should be available the weekend of October 18-19.

Joe Scuro discussed Colonel Price's interest in this years program at Rancho Mirage High School.

Murray Brought up the idea that the board should be mentoring club members to groom them for club board and committee positions. Joe Scuro volunteered to take an active role in the newsletter publication. Murray said that Joe can start on the October *PROP WASH*.

If you are interested in taking on a responsible club position be sure to attend next general club meeting.

Please attend the CVRCC general meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., at Sloan's Restaurant at the corner of Dr. Carreon and Highway 111. Come early and join us for supper.