

# December 2010 General Meeting Minutes

by Dick Knapp

President Dan Metz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 15 members present.

Dick Knapp gave the Treasurers report, \$5259.80.

Dan asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November Meeting Minutes, they're being none; the minutes were approved as published.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Dan then asked if there were any additional nominations for club officers, they're being none, the current slate of officers were re-elected by acclamation.

Dan then read the comments from the November meeting regarding flying safety at the field. He reminded everyone that we are all safety representatives of our club and need to say something if someone is breaking one of our rules. Please remember that no member has the right to threaten anyone with expulsion from the club and that the only way to reprimand anyone is by action by the Board of Directors. Please be reminded that Chris Ritter is the newly named Safety Office and he will address all safety issues especially on Sunday's.

If a new member or visitor shows up at the field with a new plane, then it is important that someone check out the plane and witness a "first flight" to ensure that both the pilot and the plane are safe. We need to be pro-active in protecting our field and our shade structure!

Dick Knapp and Murray Ross have an action item to put together some information for a club publication on the use of "kill switches" for gas and electric powered models so they can be rendered safe before being brought across the yellow lines into the pit area.

Duane suggested that we needed a "new plane check list" so everyone would know what to look for on their plane before bring it to the field. Murray stated that we a "Visiting flier rules" already on our web site. Here they are:

## Coachella Valley Model Air Park Visiting Flyer Rules

The Coachella Valley Radio Control Club, CVRCC, welcomes visiting AMA and MAAC licensed RC flyers to use our beautiful facility, the Coachella Valley Model Air Park. Join in with our members and enjoy the fun, but for mostly safety concerns please understand our rules.

1. Current AMA or MAAC license must be evident. Turbine jet waivers are required if appropriate\*.
2. A CVRCC safety monitor will normally be present at the field. The best time to use the field is in the morning when the sun angle is favorable.
3. Visitor must read the posted field safety rules and use the transmitter impound.
4. Visitor's airplane will be checked\* by the safety monitor.
5. At the discretion of the safety monitor, the visitor's flying skills\* may be evaluated. Instruction or other assistance may be provided to assure safe flying.
6. The visitor will be issued a dated and signed "SAFE FLYING PERMIT" (SFP) if he satisfies skill and safety criteria. The visitor should clip the SFP card to the frequency board when using his transmitter.
7. Visitors who are active duty military, police or firefighters may always fly gratis. For all others, the first three visits to the field over a period of two months are also gratis. For subsequent field use, these flyers

must either join the club (CVRCC) or purchase a pass at \$15 dollars per month. The \$15 per month fee is applicable toward a full club membership (see "Club Application" page on this website).

\*Questions about visits should be addressed to one of the following.

Dan Metz (President) 760-469-8302

Dick Knapp (Treas.) 760-836-3848

\*Airplane Safety Criteria.

The CVRCC safety monitor will judge airplane safe construction. It is mandatory to have control actuation devices safetied.

\*Skill

If appropriate, the CVRCC safety monitor will observe the visiting pilot perform the following:

Take-off and perform a climbing turn away from pit area.

High-speed straight and level pass (parallel to runway) and turn.

Low-speed straight and level pass (parallel to runway) and turn.

Horizontal figure eight and land.

\*Turbine fliers

Bring appropriate turbine safety equipment with you.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

After some discussion, and the award of this year's pylon racing trophy to Clay Seddon, it was decided to hold the first pylon race of 2011 on Feb. 6th at 10 AM.

Dan then discussed his conversation with Mel Santmeyer regarding our hosting a scale event at our field. It was decided that if we want to have pilots come to our field for events, then we need to do a better job of supporting other club's events. Dan and Murray will check for up-coming scale events in our area and try and get a group together to compete.

Dan announced that our next Aero-tow sailplane event will be held on Saturday and Sunday, February 12-13, 2011. We will also have a Radian Launch Event on Saturday the 12th at noon. Have your Radians ready!

After some discussion, and due to the lack of appropriate support vehicles, it was decided to shift our "Cross Country Event" to an Endurance Event. This event will be held on Sunday January 23rd. and is open to any gas fueled aircraft. You will take off from the runway and after 30 minutes return to the runway where the remaining fuel will be measured. The pilot using the least amount of fuel is the WINNER!

It was also decided to hold a "Fun Fly Event" on Sunday, March 6th.

Dan then discussed an upcoming indoor flying event to be held at the Palm Springs Air Museum in July. Dan and Tom Chant will be organizing this event so watch for more details. Aircraft weight will probably be limited to 11 grams!

Ron Vincent has offered to provide cross-wind landing and take-off training on his simulator at his home. If you would like to take advantage of this great offer, call Ron on his cell phone: (760) 409-5231 or at home at (760) 360-4778.

Dan then reminded everyone that the AMA show is coming up on January 7-9th at the Ontario Convention Center.

Dan also reminded everyone that your 2011 dues are now due.

The raffle raised \$40. The 72 mhz transmitter was donated by Ron Goodspeed.

