

February 2010 General meeting minutes.

President Dan Metz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 23 members and three guests present.

Dan personally thanked Chacho Gomez for arranging to have our entire flying field graded to remove all the weeds that have grown up in the parking area and at the ends of the runway and level out any ruts. Nice job!

Treasurer's report: Dick reported that our checkbook balance now stands at \$6,437.63. Dick reminded everyone that most of that money is reserved for the eventual replacement of our shade structures which have an expected life of ten years.

Dan then asked for any additions or corrections to the January Meeting Minutes. The minutes were approved as published.

Dan then reminded everyone that 2010 dues were due on 1 January. The membership form is published on our web site. www.cvrclub.com.

Dan introduced Darrell Morgan our junior flier who competed in last weekend's Western Scale Invitational. Darrell won the Civilian Scale event and the Best Golden Age aircraft.

Dan then expressed his appreciation to the organizers of our recent Western Scale Invitational event. In particular, he thanked Mel Santmeyer and Andreas, who brought all the equipment in his van. He also thanked all the clubs involved and everyone in our club who helped out on that event. Dan also announced that the Scale Masters group wants to propose our field for the Scale Masters Finals in September 2012. This is a BIG honor and a BIG job for our club.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dan reminded everyone that we have our big Aero Tow Sailplane event this weekend; IF the weather cooperates we need a few members to help out cook and run to get food items as required. We have attendees coming from Phoenix, Albuquerque, and Orange County with tow planes and 20-30 ft. span sailplanes. This is an event to showcase our field and it's location. A low-key event, come on out and enjoy the event.

(2/25/2010) POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH 13-14th

Dan then asked Craig Waters and Joe Scuro to discuss the RC combat event scheduled for Saturday, March 6th at our field. Craig said that there are already 15 registered entries for this AMA approved event. The organizers will run the event and help train our members to run future events. They will also discuss model design and simplified building techniques to reduce the cost of competing.

The events are broken down into two classes, one for .15 cu.in. engines and the other for .23 - .32 cu. in. engines. They all must use 8 x3 in Master Airscrew props and the .15 engines are limited to 17,500 rpm. They expect to have a minimum of 5 planes in each heat. Talk with Craig or Joe if you would like to get involved. Otherwise, come on out to the field on Saturday, March 6th and enjoy the action.

Joe Scuro said that there wasn't anything new to report on a possible control line event to be held at our field.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dan asked how many people would be interested in another cross-country flying event. There were four or five members who raised their hands. Craig will try and put together another event before May.

Dan would like to see us hold an "Old Timer" event for 1940's class airplanes. Bob Taylor and Dan already have planes suitable for this event. Talk with Bob or Dan if you would like to get involved.

Dick Knapp is trying to organize a club sailplane record attempt for this summer. Chris Ritter, who still holds 19 AMA records and Ken Merenda, who holds 2 records will work with Dick and Dan to try and select an appropriate record to go after and a date to try and set it.

Ron Vincent again offered to bring his computer and flight simulator to our next meeting to instruct any interested members in improving their model landing technique. Talk with Ron or give him a call at (760) 360-4778 to sign up.

Dan then introduced Eddie Castillo, a club member who is launching a model gas turbine manufacturing company in Indio. The first engine that Eddie will be producing has 12 pounds of thrust, is AMA approved and will sell for \$1,650. Eddie will soon have a web site, www.so-calturbines.com where you can check out more about his company. Eddie had a nice computer generated slide show that showcased all the hardware that is building up in his garage where final assembly and testing will take place. Eddie is also very interested in seeing our club again sponsor an INVITATIONAL Jet event. Nice presentation Eddie.

Dan reminded everyone that the Model Expo is scheduled for March 20-21 at the Fairplex in Pomona.

The raffle of the helicopter donated by Serge Puis raised \$114.

The auction of the Mr. Mulligan airplane donated by Murray Ross raised \$150.