

General Meeting December 2009

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 year's 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.