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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

## **Thanks For Your Understanding**

BY Dan Metz

First I must say thank you. Thank you for offering our field for use by others. During the past few months the Western Scale flyers, the combat flyers and most recently the aero tow guys used our field.

If you did not come out and watch any of these events you really missed some awesome planes and great flying. My philosophy is to have all of the Southern California flyers get to know us, know where we are and enjoy our field. Without fail everyone would love to have our flying site and our attitude close to them. One man said "Can I roll up your runway and take it with me?"

You may not know it or realize it, but our site is wanted and needed by the flyers of Southern California. I feel we have a real responsibility to make it available to those who would greatly appreciate it. Our location and long term lease makes it extremely important to all flyers in the West. We are truly on the map of the modelers of Southern California, I thank you all for making that possible.

Here is a suggestion for a new club activity. I think it would be terrific to keep running records of performance accomplishments of club members. The first record that stands and needs to be challenged is one set by Charlie Harreus, Ron Goodspeed and Ned Smith with the Raiden motorized sailplane. The Raiden is inexpensive and flies extremely well. How about setting up a Raiden competition with guidelines such as a time limited motor run, size of battery onboard and number of pilots used. That is something we can discuss at the next meeting. Meanwhile I am going to buy one and start flying it to get the feel of it. Club records could be set in a lot of different categories. Just check the AMA web site to see the national records that currently stand. By the way, two of our members already have their names on a few of those records, they are Ken Merenda and Chris Ritter. Their records are in the soaring classes.

See you at the general meeting on Tuesday March 30 at 7 PM

## RC Combat Association Conducts West Coast Contest at CVRCC Field

By Joe Scuro

On Saturday, March 6th, CVRCC hosted a combat contest run by the AMA SIG "RC Combat Association" RCCA. Nineteen contestants registered from Las Vegas, Palomar, Temecula, Hemet, and other local clubs including two from CVRCC. There were approximately 90 airplanes at the event since most of the veteran pilots brought 4 or 5 planes each to compensate for the attrition typical at combat events. The combat contest is divided into two classes, .15 and .25 cu. in. engines. Both the .15 and .25 engine classes were flown for 4 heats each. The CVRCC competitors (Joe Scuro and Craig Waters) did not fare well but had a great time.

The RCCA provided a Contest Director, Terry Harner, of the Corona RC Club to run the event. Safety was his primary concern and with good cooperation of the competitors there

were no mishaps. The event winners received prize plaques from the RCCA. The event results may be viewed at <http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=1194462>

Another highlight of the weekend was a Lamppost pizza party arranged by Joe Scuro on Friday night for the contestants from out of town and for our own club members who wanted to attend.

The field received a lot of praise from the contestants. The CD, Terry Harner said, "The Coachella flying site definitely gets my vote for being the next West Coast Combat Championship Event location".



Above: Combat melee



Upper Right : Sig Group Banner



Lower Right: Contestants

# **CVRCC Hosts Aero-Tow Fly-in March 13,14 2009**

**By Randy Martin & Dan Metz**

Combine a sky full of serious lift with beautiful and silent sailplanes towed up by a flawless Wilga and you have a most peaceful and rewarding aerial treat. This was the Aero-Tow Fly-in held on March 13 and 14, 2009. The event was attended by flyers from all over the Southwest including New Mexico.

Several powerful tow planes were used during the weekend including:

A DA100 powered Pegasus and a 1/3 scale DA-150 powered Wilga piloted by Ken Kaye of San Juan Capistrano, CA . A scratch built Pilatus Porter with an Evolution 116 for power, piloted by Scott Monarch of Valencia, CA.



Group of pilots cueing up for a tow.



Dennis Brandt's  
Windex 1200 C



Windex 1200C on a  
dolly take-off.



Mark Foster's 45% KA5



Kung Wei releases his 4.5 meter Fox Electric.

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## **Aero-tow Pictures**



Mark Foster's 45% KA6 on tow behind  
Ken Kaye's Pegasus Tow plane



Ken Kaye's 33% Wilga Tow plane

## General Meeting Minutes February 23, 2010

By Dick Knapp

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. He also leveled 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 January 1st. The membership form is published on our web site. [www.cvrclub.com](http://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 with cooking and running 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 x 3 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](http://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.

## March 21, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

By Dick Knapp

President, Dan Metz called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM. Also present were Craig Waters, Chris Ritter, Joe Scuro, Murray Ross and Dick Knapp.

Dan wanted to discuss what our contest calendar looks like for the rest of this year and for 2011. Dan pointed out that we have been contacted by several members of the sailplane aero-tow group who would like to see us conduct two fun flies a year. We have also been asked to hold another one-day combat event this year. There have also been continuing contacts regarding our hosting another jet event.

After some discussion, it was agreed that we would hold another Aero-tow event about 20-21 November 2010. Dan will coordinate this with the sailplane groups. We are looking at the weekend of February 19-20, 2011 for our Spring Aero-tow event. This will coincide with the President's Day holiday on Monday, Feb. 21. The second 2011 event will be held in November.

We will hold our annual Toys for Tots event and our annual Demo Day on Sunday, November 14th. This is the week following Jacqueline Cochran Air Show that will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2010.

The 2011 AMA Show and Conference will be held on January 7-9, so our next Western Scale Invitational will be scheduled about 15-17 January 2011. We expect to run the 2011 event with some outside assistance with the judging. We also expect to invite some scale jet fliers to this event. These dates correspond to the Martin Luther King holiday weekend.

Craig Waters and Joe Scuro will coordinate with the RC combat group to see if we could hold an additional combat event about 30 September 2010 and a second event on 5 March 2011. We will hold a club combat event on 16 May 2010 so everyone will have time to get ready.

Our next club pylon race has been postponed until 11 April to give some of our newer competitors a chance to get their planes and engines running smoother.

Joe Scuro announced that he and George Phillips are heading to Phoenix on 23-24 April for a big U-control event.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 AM.

### Tentative Calendar for 2010-2011

4/11/2010	Club Pylon Race
5/16/2010	Club Combat
9/30/2010	RC Combat Assoc.
11/6/2010	Jacqueline Cochran
11/14/2010	Toys-for Tots, Demo Day
11/20-21/2010	Aero-Tow
1/7-9/2011	AMA Convention
1/15-17/2011	Western Scale Rally
2/19-20/2011	Aero-Tow

**Please attend the Club General Meeting on March 30, 2010 7:00 pm at Sloan's Restaurant on the corner of Highway 111 and Dr Carreon. Join us early for dinner!**