

President Dan Metz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He then introduced Kevin Koch of Uncle Don's Hobbies who had requested time to address the membership. Kevin apologized for his approach to handling the nitro-methane fuel shortage by arbitrarily increasing the price on his inventory. In hindsight, he knows that he alienated a number of club members and encouraged them to find another source for their supplies.

Dan thanked Kevin for his apology. Dan then thanked everyone who helped at our "Cleanup Day" at the flying field and our Toys for Tots event. We raised \$930 in cash and about 25 toys for the Toys for Tots campaign.

Dick then reported that our treasury now stands at \$11,170.44, which hopefully will let us re-coat our runway and helicopter pad.

Dan then asked for any additions or corrections to either the Board Meeting Minutes or the October Meeting Minutes. Since there were none; the minutes were approved as published.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dan then reported that any thought of holding a soaring event at the Tennis Gardens was DEAD! It turned out that the City of Indian Wells has an ordinance against "any aircraft taking off or landing within the limits of Indian Wells". This would mean that we would have to get the city council's approval to hold our event. This coupled with the requirement for a \$3,000 site usage fee, and \$1,500 security, labor and toilet fees makes any further pursuit of this event useless.

Dan also announced that next years Western Invitational Scale Event would be held on February 6-7, 2010. Our intention is to invite a number of scale jet pilots to bring their models and enter the event.

Craig Waters announced that the Palomar RC Fliers will be holding a big RC combat event " Pearl Harbor Classic" at their field on Dec. 12-13th. For more information contact:

<http://www.sportclubsdesign.com/palomarrcflyers/> or www.rccombat.com.

It is hoped that we can bring this group to our field early next year. Craig also announced that last Sunday's Spot Landing event (which was a non-starter) will be held on Sunday, December 6th along with the last pylon race of the year. The Spot Landing Event is open to ANY RC aircraft, electric or gas, so there's no excuse for not entering and having a ball!

Dan then reiterated that we need all our members to be sensitive to any new visitors to our field and to introduce themselves and see if there is anything that they need to know before getting involved in our hobby!

NEW BUSINESS:

Dan stated that he has had several discussions with the LARGE glider guys and they would like to have an aero-tow event at our field late in February; either the 20th or 27th. Dan will follow up with the group and get the event listed on RC Universe. We will probably have to publish a NOTAM with the Jacqueline Cochran Airport due to the altitude we will be flying.

Dan then discussed a potential work shop project at the field. It was suggested that getting Ken Merenda to demonstrate some of his covering skills would be a great topic. Dan will check with Ken to determine when and if he could support such a class (new baby is coming soon!).

Dan reminded everyone that we have our annual elections coming up and that nominations are in order. If you want to nominate someone for a club office, please let Dan or Dick know by e-mail. The election will be held at our next meeting. So far, we have a motion and a second to re-elect the current bunch. So if you want a change, get your nomination in NOW.

It was also stated that our next SWAP MEET would be held on Sunday, January 24, 2010.

The raffle raised \$65.00; all items were donated by Bob Allington!

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM