



Club Newsletter

AMA CHAPTER 172, CIRCA 1960,
FAIRFIELD CA
February 2010 Issue 2

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January 12 2010 Meeting Minutes:

Called to order @ 7:30. 20 members in attendance, one guest Dave Marino a friend of Frank Martin, Monty Welch freezing in Florida...

Committee Reports:

Flying site: I brought up the fact it would be nice to fill the hole at the gate. Ron has mowed the field and it looks great. Everything will be Green. The heli-pad behind the pits needs repair.

Membership: 66 members 33 paid.

Treasurer: Total of approx \$34,500

Safety: Paul would like to deputize everyone in the Club to be safety officers. If you see something please ask if you can help.

Events: Start @ 11am get there early for the best parking.

Club Officers

President:	Monty Welch	707-451-1842
Vice President:	Leo Van Sistine	707-315-3713
Treasurer:	Jason Keiter	707 365-6220
Secretary	Oren Redsun	707-718-2797

Jan 16th Fun Fly was won by Jim Williams and 2nd went to Scott Romain 3rd went to Oren Redsun. Next event is Feb 20th 100 Lap Race.

JAN 16th 100 FUN FLY VVRC

Old Business: Jason will be moving the \$ 1000 from the Xmas Raffle back to the general fund.

New Business: The raffle was brought up as a way to bring more people to the meeting. We plan to have more interesting prizes every quarter maybe a kit or something like that. The raffle is supposed to be self supporting. Monthly I purchase approximately what is taken in from the raffle. We also talked about a way to fundraise. Paul Gundolff will be chairing a swap meet at the flying field. Richard Hartwig will be organizing the Xmas Party on Dec 11th. The club has given him \$100 to reserve the room at the Blue Frog.

Toilet Seat Award: Bob Hurley takes the cake when pulled up while upside down. That move cost him his Revolver.

Show and Tell: Steve Edmunson brought in his Habu a new jet from Park Zone. Hasn't flown it yet requires a 3200 4s battery. Forrest Barton brought in a 100 VQ Magic from Hobby People for \$85 uses a .32AX for power. Kit has been discontinued though.

Raffle: Some fuel and other stuff were won.

Secretaries' Colum Oren Redsun

Monty wants as many people to come to the meeting to discuss future plans. He didn't elaborate. As always the few hardcore meeting goers will decide for the many in the Club unless more people participate. After the Meeting last month Paul and I had a discussion about how to setup the Swap Meet. I, Ben Jonsson and Paul will head up the Swap Meet. This month's raffle will include 2 gallons of fuel. An Airplane stand some Du-bro allen Wrenchs,CA Glue and a surprise radio from me.

See you at the field SOON
Oren

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Safety Corner Paul Gundolff

A number of us were at the field recently, with finally a day for the fair weather fliers, sunny but cool flying conditions. A few surprises that morning:

After a normal start at a pit table, the pilot carefully lifted his plane from the table and placed it on the ground at low idle.

Restraining the model with his leg forward of the elevator, he reached over for the transmitter and neck strap hanging from the table hook. As the transmitter was being retrieved, the neck strap got hung up on the hook, pulling the unit from the pilot's hand. The transmitter fell to the ground, dumping the battery and cover, landing on the throttle control. The engine immediately responded with full power and the aircraft accelerated. Luckily, the planes position at idle was facing toward the opening to the dual taxiways, and she headed right for it. The right wing caught the fence post, spinning the model 270 degrees back into the outside of the pit fence, eating the prop down to the spinner before the pilot was able to retrieve the radio and kill the throttle.

All this occurred in the span of less than 6 seconds.

The big IFs:

If the model had been facing the shed and tables

If it had been turned parallel with the pit area

If...If...If...fortunately it was where it was

As they use to say on Hill Street Blues, "Be careful out there." Don't get complacent, watch and be aware of what the others are doing.

Just a few moments before this incident, a pilot was practicing touch and goes with his large aircraft when a number of our gang at the shed yelled "Watch Out ! "

About that time the big plane soared over the pit just a bit higher than the shed, in a high power shallow right hand climb.

Apparently, on his last approach from the west, the plane bounced in on the infield grass and took an unexpected flight path over the pit. Again, no damage...this time. Situational awareness is an aviation maxim.

It applies to everything in aviation.

Stay aware.



Contest Schedule

VacaValley Modelers

Sat, Feb 20 – 100 Lap
Race

Sat, Mar 13 – Fun Fly

Sat, Apr 3 – 100 Lap Race

Sat, May 15 – Fun Fly

Sun, May 16 – Open
House

Sun, June 13 – 100 Lap
Race

Sat, July 10 – Scale Meet

Sat, Aug 14 – 100 Lap
Race

Sat, Oct 2 – Fun Fly

Sat, Oct 30 - 100 Lap
Race

Sat, Nov 20 – 100 Lap
Race

Sat, Dec 11 – Christmas
Party

Sat, Dec 18 – Fun Fly

Woodland-Davis

Aeromodelers

Feb 13-14 - Mall Show

April 10-11 - Float Fly*

April 11 - WAM Fund
Day

April 24-25 - Open House

June 12 - Slope Day

Marin

July 4 –Fun Fly/ BBQ

July 23-25 – Wings of
Victory

Aug 14-15 - Goyet U/C
Stunt*

Aug 21 – Golden Age

Sept 5 – 100 Lap Race

Sept 18-19 –Meet & Meat
U/C Stunt*

Sept 25 - Giant Scale

Oct 8-10 – Jet Fly

Oct 23 – Slope Day Marin

Nov 6 - Toys 4 Tots / Fun
Fly

Dec 4 - Christmas Party

*R/C runway operations will be
closed for these events

Current Flight Instructors

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(Call after 8:30AM and before 9:30PM).

Scott Bullis 707 437-2410 Sat & Sunday

Mark Castro 916 296-5788 Weekdays

Kevin Halow 707 694-9625 Weekdays

Victor Metz 707 422-5043 Weekdays

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Bill McClure 707446-8376

Pat Lively 707 483-0246

Jim Williams 707 447-0719

Scott Rowan 707 446-6982

Leo Van Sistine 707-315-3713 Weekends

Meetings: (Second Tuesday of every
month except December)
Nut Tree Airport Vacaville.@7:30PM

2010 Meeting Schedule

February	9
March	9
April	13
May	11
June	8
July	13
August	10
September	14
October	12
November	9
December 12	Christmas Party Blug Frog Grill Fairfield

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VVRC Event List

Feb 9th Meeting @ 730PM

Feb 16 100 Lap Race