



Newsletter

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FAIRFIELD CA
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Upcoming Events

March

14-15 WDA Mall Show (tentative)

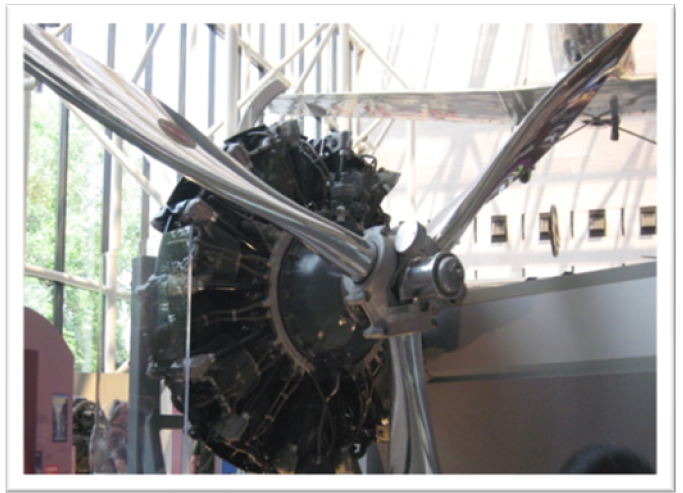
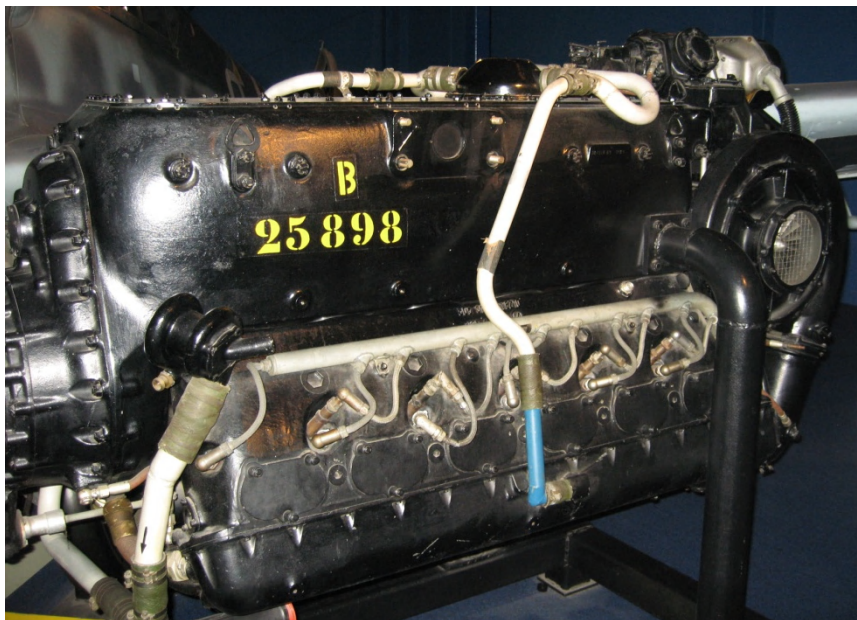
April

11-12 Float Fly WDA Forrest Barton

25-26 Open House WDA Forrest Barton

26 WAM Fund Day WDA Doug Barton

Mercedes Benz engine used in the ME109



January 13th 2008 Meeting Minutes

Called to order @ 7:30. 19 members.

Nick Guzman as a guest

Committee Reports:

Flying site: A dip in the road is developing at the gate area. Sean Fairbanks has made up some really nice starting and tuning stands (2) and are now set up in the pit area. (Sean make sure you provide a bill for the tables the Club will reimburse you.) Ben reported the grass has been cut. Ron Yeoman is the only person to have keys for the Conex (aside from Jim Adams). **Please don't give out the gate combo to anyone not paid for the year.**

Membership: 72 members from the previous year and currently 5 paid members at the meeting.

Treasurer: Total of approx \$32009 funds from Xmas party and new members will change total...

Safety: None noted

Events: May 16th 100 lap race
May 17 Open house. Also everyone needs to remember to participate in the events as these pay into the Xmas raffle. When you come out for the 100 lap race we also do a 50 lap race before. We encourage everyone to come out and help even if they don't

want to fly.

Old Business: None discussed

New Business: The lease for the City will be renewed with Monty and Marshall's guidance. On Friday nights there is an indoor micro flying event in Roseville. Speaking of that I am going to look into setting something up in Fairfield at a gym and Frank Martin will assist me.

Toilet Seat Award: Awarded to Bob Hurley for losing control of his Spitfire with a full tank of fuel and no elevator response. Last seen heading west. Bob will have the distinguished position as being the first name for the year.

Show and Tell: None

Raffle: We had some nice prizes for the raffle provided by HobbyTown.

Woodland Update: They are able to complete a full 2009 calendar of events. The lease allows them to fly with specific times (9am-5Pm or dusk)Monday-Thursday and (9am-7pm) Friday-Sunday. They are also required to fly a modified flight pattern away from the houses that are now at the North end of the field. As the new field is completed events will be moved there instead of the old field. The woodland club will need all the help they can get to get new field up and running.

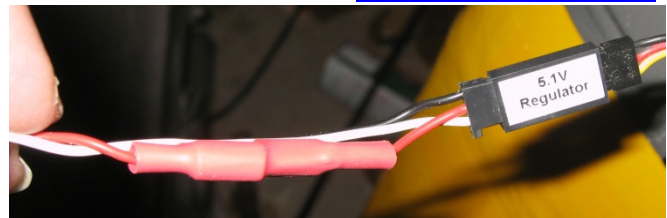
Secretaries' Colum Oren **Redsun**
Speaking of the toilet seat Award, Bob Hurley talked about he seemed to lose control of his elevator after take-off. He reflected that he was using a 6 volt regulator. I have used a 5 cell Ni-Mh in my AT-6 and my retract servo has failed twice. I now use a 5.1 volt in-line regulator and have not had any problems. Most of the equipment being sold today rates at 4.8 – 6.0 volts with servos acting faster at 6 volts. However I have seen my 5 cell NI-MH up to 6.75 volts. Even with the voltage drop for all

the receiver and servos the voltage will still be above 6 volts. This may be the cause of servo failure for the (regular servos) and probably not the Digitals which I believe are rated for higher voltages. I'm running the in-line regulator on just the retracts and it is made really for helicopter gyros which do not like 6 volts. About \$9 made by Align it plugs in-line with the servo lead to the receiver. The regulated system works great because you can use any size battery Li-Po's or higher voltages and the radio will always see the rated voltage. Most digital servo systems use Li-po's as the flight pack and can stand higher volts. Li-po's do not need to be charged constantly.

See you at the field SOON

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New Member Dues Agreement:

All current members will pay the next years dues as previously agreed upon.

Also any returning member not current from the previous year, \$70 for the year.

New members will pay a flat \$100 at any time they join the Club. This will pay for the runway fee and the dues for the year. There is no longer any proration for joining during the middle of the year.

Ben Jonsson sent me a partial history I added a small piece from the AMA Archives there are 6 pages total, very interesting.
<http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/museum/bio/albr echt.pdf>

Autobiography of Jack *Albrecht*

Transcribed by NR (9/96) Edited by SS (2002), updated by JS (3/07)

Jack currently competes in SAM RC Assist contests, and flies quarter- and larger-scale RC models for weekend pleasure. He semi-retired from Airtronics in April of 1997, and works out of his home as an Airtronics Technical Support Representative with a 1-800-telephone number, computer and fax machine. He writes instruction manuals for Airtronics' computer radio systems, and is available to answer customer questions about their products and programming their computer RC system transmitters. He also attends Top Gun and RC trade shows, representing Airtronics. Jack has also entered the realm of flying clean and quiet models (e.g. electric motor Li-Po battery-powered large models.) He has several of these model types in his stable of aircraft.

The AMA Frequency Committee provided almost a quarter century of advancing the hobby of RC model aircraft, setting the pace for the future. After 32 years as the ranking member of the AMA Frequency Committee with the longest service, Jack decided it was time to let new personnel join the Committee, now known as the Electronic Technology Committee. On February 16 2007, he submitted his resignation to Dave Brown, AMA president. Jack recommended his replacement to be Peter W. Young, a senior lecturer at the Massachusetts.

Modeler for: 68 years Born in 1926 AMA Number: L2063

Written & Submitted by JRA (8/96), Updated by

JRA (2/07)

Career:

- 26 years in the Military Service
- 20 years in the hobby industry, working for Kraft & Airtronics
- 32 years as a member of the AMA Frequency Committee (charged with the responsibility of writing and staffing a plan for the orderly phase-in of 50 new Radio Controlled (RC) frequencies for aircraft use and 30 for surface use, for consideration by the FCC.)

Honors:

- 1975 – D.C.R.C Club Hall of Fame
- 1992 – AMA Distinguished Service Award
- 1997 – Vintage Radio Controlled Society Hall of Fame
- 1997 – Howard McEntee Award
- 1998 – Model Aviation Hall of Fame
- 2005 – John A. Zaic Memorial Award

Jack Albrecht submitted the following autobiography update in February of 2007.

2009 Event List

CD names are by the event.
Final update

March

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April

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25-26 Open House WDA Forrest Barton
26 WAM Fund Day WDA Doug Barton

May

16 100 lap race VVRC Forrest Barton
17 Community Day VVRC Monty Welch

June

6 Open House VVRC Jim Adams
27 Slope Marin WDA Forrest Barton
28 Fun Fly VVRC Forrest Barton

July

4 BBQ Picnic WDA
11 Scale fun fly VVRC Monty Welch
24-26 Wings of Victory WDA Jim Adams
26 ARF U/C WDA
Jim Aron

Aug

15-16 Golden Age
WDA Rich
Geartson
14-16 Goyet U/C
WDA Doug Barton
30 Fun Fly VVRC
Forrest Barton

Sept

12 Community
Day VVRC Monty
Welch
26-27 Giant Scale
WDA Ken
Anderson
25-27 Meet and
Meat WDA Jim
Aron

Oct

9-11 Jet Fly WDA
Chris Dellinger
24 Slope Marin WDA Forrest Barton
25 100 lap race VVRC Forrest Barton

Nov ↴

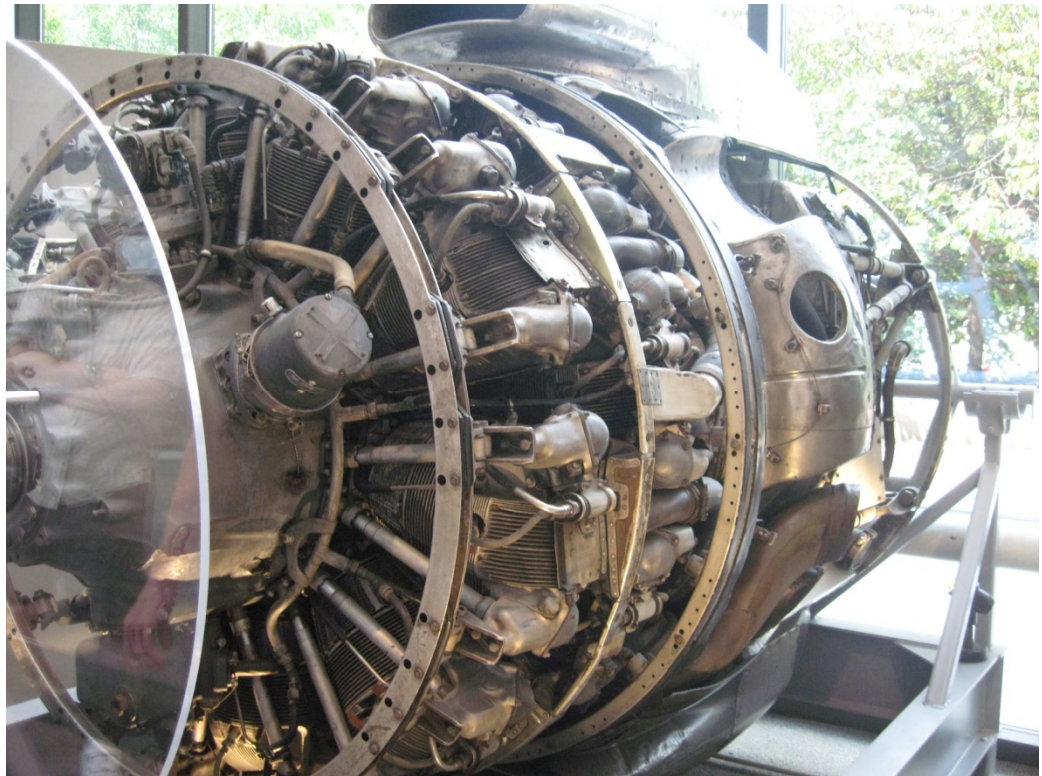
7 Toys 4 Tots WDA Forrest Barton
28-29 Farewell Open House WDA Forrest
Barton

Dec

5 Christmas Party WDA
12 Christmas Party VVRC



<http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/Quarters/4980/engine9.html>



Air and Space Museum's
(corncob engine) P&W 4360 28 cylinders 56
sparkplugs 2,650 H.P.

VACA VALLEY RADIO CONTROLLERS, INC.
AMA Chapter Club #172

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION and RENEWAL FORM

Please Print & Fill in Completely Renewals are due January 1st & Delinquent
February 15th

AMA License No. _____
Name: _____
Street: _____
City: _____ ZIP: _____
Telephone: (____) _____ - _____
Internet Address: _____

Skill Level: Student _____, 1-3 Years _____, 3-5 Years _____, 5 + Years _____
Radio Channels Used: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____ Preferred Radio
Brands: _____
Are you available as an Instructor? Yes _____, No _____ If so, when? Weekdays ____,
Saturday ____, Sunday ____
Interests: Sport _____, Scale _____, Helicopter _____
Will you participate in? Contests _____, Fun Flys _____, Pylon Racing _____, Combat
_____, Barbecues _____

Annual Renewal – (\$50 Membership + \$20 Runway Fee) + (\$10 Late Fee after Feb 15th) \$ _____

New Member
\$50 + \$50 One Time Runway Fee \$ _____

Junior Member 18 Years Old and Under Dues only \$5 No Runway Fee, Must be
accompanied by an adult. \$ _____

TOTAL.....
\$ _____

DATE: _____ Renewal: _____ New Member: _____ PAID BY: CASH _____
or CHECK # _____

Revised: 1/4/09

Mail this form, check, copy of current
AMA card, & Self Addressed Stamped
Envelope to:

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735 Lotz Way
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Current Flight Instructors

Jason Keiter Cell: 707 365-6220

(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

Jim Adams 707 446-0648

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

2009 Meeting Schedule

February	10	Nut tree
March	10	Nut tree
April	14	Nut tree
May	12	Nut tree
June	9	Nut tree
July	14	Nut tree
August	11	Nut tree
September	8	Nut tree
October	13	Nut tree
November	10	Nut tree
December	12	Xmas Party

C/O VACA-VALLEY R/C
Oren Redsun
4909 Summer Grove Circle
Fairfield, CA 94534



February 10 @7:30pm VVRC Meeting