



## Club

# Newsletter

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FAIRFIELD CA*  
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### Upcoming Events

#### **April 14th 2009 Meeting Minutes**

Called to order @ 7:30. 16 members.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Flying site:** The field is looking good and was just mowed Saturday. Chris Dillinger donated pieces of a lawn mower. Jim was able to make a working mower out of the parts. Remember the lock combination will change.

**Membership:** 51 members paid 24 unpaid.

**Treasurer:** Total of approx \$33,729

**Safety:** We need to make sure to hold onto our planes even on the starting tables. The wind can lift the plane up while we are running the engines. Remember to hold onto your plane through the pit area

**Events:** May 16<sup>th</sup> Open house. May 17 100 lap race. Monty is going to run some advertisements in newspapers and such. 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. Indoor fly at Roseville.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Remember to not fuel on the tables. Don't leave your trash at the field. Make sure the gate is locked. Jim has found it wide open several times.

**Toilet Seat Award:** was awarded to I Michael Salazar for crashing 3 airplanes in 3 days.

**Show and Tell:** None

**Raffle:** We had some nice prizes for the raffle.

#### **Secretaries' Column Oren Redsun**

Hello everyone this month look for some nice tools and the fuel for the raffle. Has the weather been great or what? I finally made it out to the field for several hours of great flying. I'm finishing a Profile P-38.. And getting ready for the June 6 Community Day

See you at the field SOON

Oren

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#### **Safety Officer's Column**

**Ticks, Tocks, and Candles**

**So...you've put her up in the air and she's flown nicely, engine sounds good, and your approach and touchdown was right on the centerline. Not bad. Always a good feeling when that happens. However,**

sometimes it just doesn't work out that way.

We all know a dozen or more ways to lose an aircraft we've spent hours putting together...then want to cry.but can't. 'cause we're guys. So we cuss loudly...and maybe hit things. Seems to work sometimes.

That brings us to the subject of this story...of all the ways to lose an airplane. This ranks up there with the dumbest. It has to do with the improper disconnect procedure of the leads between the meter you're using to check your battery state and the battery itself. I call this.....Ticks, Tocks, and Candles

You should always disconnect the leads between the battery and the meter at the battery first. One more time, repeat after me...Always disconnect the leads at the battery end first.

If you do it the other way pulling the probes from the meter, you have just set 99% of the requirements for a minor...or maybe a major...disaster. If those two leads ever get a chance to touch...**POOF!!!**

This is where Tick and Tock come in. By the time you can say Tick....and well before you get to Tock...your battery has fried itself.

Think of all those little milliamps inside the battery as kitchen match heads.

Normally, a few go to this servo or that servo but...in a dead short (electrical terminology for the rods being suddenly pulled out of a nuclear reactor) The battery is lost, but the blast of heat released is now looking for a candle.

What candle? The balsawood candle...the monokote candle...the nitromethane candle. They are easier to light than the

candle at the end of Sister Mary Cathrine's desk.

How do you put that fire out? Pickup the plane and wave it around? Maybe..but you're sure to either tear off the tail or knock off the engine.

So dear readers...once again...when using a meter to check any battery...connect probes to meter first, then connect the plug to battery. When finished, disconnect battery plug first, then remove leads from meter.

That's your tip of the day...and at the field...play nice, don't fight.

Paul

#### Events

##### June

- 6 Open House VVRC Jim Adams
- 7 100 lap race VVRC Forrest Barton
- 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

#### For Sale:

- Frank Martin is selling his Futaba receivers : (some never used)
- \$40 PCM
- \$20 FM
- \$15 Hitec Electra 6

New Member Nicholas Benedix is looking for an airplane to buy (however he doesn't have too much to spend.)

Oh Mark Best I need those pictures of his last airplane.....for the next newsletter.

## VVRC MEMBERS

### IMPORTANT CHANGE TO UP-COMING EVENTS!!!!

**COMMUNITY DAY HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 6**

**100 LAP RACE HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 7**

**NOTE:**

**TO ENSURE THAT COMMUNITY DAY IS SUCCESSFUL, I WILL NEED A LOT PARTICIPATION FROM THE CLUB MEMBERS.. ie....**

1. People to help get the field ready and set-up.
2. BBQ set-up.... Volunteers to run it during the event.
3. Real Flight set-up.
4. PA System.
5. Instructors and planes for "Buddy Box" Intro- Flights.
6. Everyone bring as many planes as you can.
7. If you have anything to sell.... Bring it out.....

If you are interested in the 100 Lap Race,(It's a lot of fun) and you need a plane... call Monty Wilson @ 707-685-2282. He has a good cheap plane called the "LA Racer", that





**This is my brother's Top-Flite B-25 kit. He's using 2 Saito .82's for power and created bomb bay doors and bomb drop capability. He glassed the fuselage and of course painted it in a Marine division colors and made the hard nose. He's flown it twice and it flew well.**



**He lives in Texas outside of Houston**



## VACA VALLEY

**RADIO CONTROL CLUB PRESENTS**

**THE**

**1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY DAY**

**SATURDAY JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> @ 9AM**

**COME OUT AND SEE AMAZING FEATS OF AERONAUTICAL  
FLYING.**

**TRY YOUR HAND AT PILOTING AN AIRPLANE AND  
BE AMAZED BY HOW EASY IT IS TO PILOT A REMOTE  
CONTROL AIRPLANE.**

**(CEMENT HILL RD LOOK FOR THE SIGNS)**

**WE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF MODELS TO LOOK AT AND  
WATCH FLY.**

**AND MODEL SIMULATORS TO PRACTICE ON.**



### 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

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

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