



# Newsletter

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## Club Officers

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## THE PRESIDENT SAYS.....

Old News... that didn't make last month's newsletter...

The 100 Lap Race last August, 2010 turned out to be a real bust.

Only 4 pilots showed up.. I guess everyone was scared off by the loss of 4 airplanes at the last 100 lap race. Those were the first losses out of the last 4 races..(I think) Anyway the race was cancelled.

Many thanks to the club members who showed up to support the race. Thanx Guys!!

On a much sadder note, our long time club member and

secretary for 25 years passed away August 20, 2010. His funeral was September 3, with military honors at the national cemetery near Dixon. He served in Vietnam and retired from the Army as a Major. His family held a Celebration of Life after the burial ceremony at their home. Many Thanks to those who attended the Celebration of Life, I know the rest of the membership was there in spirit...

## New News....

We find ourselves at election time again, not the political election but the VVRC election. All positions are open for President, V.P, Treasurer & Secretary. The voting will be held at the Christmas party. If you are not at the October meeting you may get nominated (railroaded) for one these positions!! This is an important function to keep the club viable. You, the membership have the responsibility to participate using your votes and ideas.

On to another subject.... As you may know the Funfly was canceled. Other events overshadowed the ability to hold this event. I realize that some folks were not happy about this because of the change... I requested an email notice to the membership and also a notice to be put on the VVRC web-site about the change. I do not know of a better way to notify members of a change with such short notice.

If you have an idea of how to make a more efficient system of notification please let me know.

New members are the life blood of this club, any club in fact. Some new members may require some instruction.

I thought we had several instructors available for new members new to flying R/C. It has come to my attention that a current member has been trying to locate someone in the club, for 2 yrs nearly, for instruction, and has been unable to do so, so he has imported an instructor from the Antioch area to give him instruction. This instructor has my permission to utilize our site as long as it takes to train this new member. Needless to say.... We need to recruit some instructors who are available to actually help the new pilots.

Marshall Ostrom has stepped up to the plate already.  
Do I have any more offers? This is an important task we cannot ignore. If you are interested in instructing please contact me with your tele# & hrs. you can instruct, and we'll get you on the list.

I am also thinking of a new program to build club participation and camaraderie. This idea will involve money. So you should try to attend the Nov. meeting to hear about this new idea and to be involved in this process.

Many Thanks to you Mike Salazar for the tremendous job you are doing to keep the field in shape.

Signing off....  
Monty "crash & burn" Welch

### **September 14 2010 Meeting Minutes:**

Called to order@ 7:30. 12 members in attendance

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Flying site:** Looks ok. Mike Salazar has been mowing and is doing a great job.

**Membership:** 71 members.

**Safety:** None noted...

**Events:** 100 lap race on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> will be the WDA Golden Age. Woodland will have a 100 lap race on Sept 5<sup>th</sup>. Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Fun Fly. VVRC.**Start @ 930am get there early for the best parking. (VVRC)**

**Old Business:** Tax exempt status has been filed with the IRS. Checking is in the USbank. Will be moved to Bank of the West soon. Monty had a sign made up for the Mustang Day.

**New Business:** Fred from Landing Products (APC props) died of cancer. Linsey Hall did the bag pipes. Kerry Roberson organized 3 RV-4s to fly a missing man formation over the cemetery. Freds estate will be auctioning off some 6 truckloads of stuff ( date to be announced)

**Toilet Seat Award:** None

**Show and Tell:**

**Raffle:** Some fuel and a hinge slotting tool were won.

**Secretaries' Colum:** I want to thank Jim Williams, Monty Wilson, Tim Laren, Jason Keiter, Joshua Redsun and anyone else that helped out at the Nut Tree Mustang Day. I sent along 2 Realflight Simulators. I wasn't able to attend due to a previous engagement. This is the type of exposure the Club needs. Monty has a sign made up. I will add a frame in the coming days to help advertise our club at events. Monty in his Colum is talking about the instructor problem. I am working on getting a trainer set up for the club to have

available. I need to know is the club interested in having a few trainers available to use for that purpose. And how can we make them available and ready to go when needed? I have some ideas. I am willing to provide a home for the trainer(s) and someone that needs to use it can call me to bring it out. My schedule is such that this would not be a problem I'm off most days. After it is

**A retired engineer named Ed, has been working on a giant scale TWA**

**Connie for the past three years. I am fortunate enough to be the chief technical adviser and nit-picker (I have not the skills to actually fabricate any of this masterpiece). When the plane finally does leave the nest to actually fly I will have the privilege of being "Wrangler in Chief." The builder will be the test pilot--who else would dare fly it?**

**The Connie is a dead accurate rendition of the Save-a-Connie operated by the museum in Kansas City .**

done being used the instructor can store it until I get it back. Does the Club want to buy a radio setup for it? These are questions that need to be answered at the meeting.

**Oren Redsun**

See you at the field SOON  
Oren  
At64me @yahoo.com

**Every detail is there.**

**Wingspan:**

**12 ft. (3.7 m) Takeoff weight: 54lbs. (24.4 kg.)**

**Power is electric and**

**endurance is 10 minutes with enough reserve to go around. Construction is conventional wood, balsa sheeting, and fiberglass finish. Custom decals are computer cut vinyl. Landing gear is custom made**

**aluminum/steel and is scale. All landing gear doors are present and**

**synchronized to operate during**

**retraction/extension. Other features**

**include landing lights, rotating beacon, ice detect lights, and a sound**

**system to be installed later.**



Cowl flaps are fixed in open position to allow for cooling of the brushless electric motor. Fowler flaps track out as they deflect downward just like the real thing.



Yes there are two pilots behind the cockpit windows dressed in appropriate TWA uniforms.

Left side view may look odd due to lack of windows upfront and the large cargo door. That's because the museum Connie this was modeled after was really a Lockheed 1049H. It's just painted up to look like a G Model. Behind the operating cargo door is the control panel for powering up the systems for the scale model.

There are no printed plans for this model. The commercially available plans were all sadly lacking in detail and were not faithful to scale. The builder essentially took a "clean sheet" approach to this bird. Of all of the giant scale airliners we studied none come close to rivaling this Connie for accuracy. The airline museum in K.C. did provide about 100 close up photos of the real thing to assist in getting everything correct.

Ground testing is almost complete. First flight will hopefully be within the next month.

Someday the builder hopes to join up with the Save-a-Connie group at an air show to display both aircraft side-by-side. If the model survives its flying career it will most likely and hopefully be



donated to the museum in K.C. It is not for sale at any price.

Being a collector of big airliner display models I look at this Connie as the ultimate display model. Ed, the builder, made her to fly and fly she will. I just hope the skies are kind to her.



Thanks Don Prosser for the Pictures.

Richard Hartwig is working on the Christmas Party at the Blue Frog...Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. Look for the info in November's Newsletter.



# **2010 Contests & Events**

## **VacaValley Modelers**

**Sat, Oct 2 – Fun Fly**

**Sat, Oct 30 - 100 Lap Race**

**Sat, Nov 20 – Fun Fly**

**Sat, Dec 11 – Christmas Party**

**Sat, Dec 18 – Fun Fly**

## **Woodland-Davis Aeromodelers**

**Oct 8-10 – Jet Fly**

**Oct 30 – 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).**

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**(mode 1 only)**

**Meetings: (Second Tuesday of every month except December)**

**Nut Tree Airport Vacaville. @7:30PM**

**2010 Meeting Schedule**

**October 12**

**November 9**

**December 11 Christmas Party  
Blue Frog Grill  
Fairfield**

**C/O VACA-VALLEY R/C**

**Oren Redsun**

**4909 Summer Grove Circle**

**Fairfield, CA 94534**



**VVRC EVENTS**

**Sat, Oct 30 - 100 Lap Race**