

# PCC Newsletter



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## President's Column

*Wayne Weathers*

Hello everyone and welcome to the beginning of flying season. April marks the clubs first events of the year. Last weekend we had our annual spring cleanup at the field. There were about 20 members out there mending fences, filling in ruts by the highway and moving carpet in the pits.

April is also a quite busy month for us. You should check out the calendar of events located on the website or pick one up at the meeting. I understand there will also be one sent with the newsletter in the mail. Gremlin combat will be this Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup>. The last weekend of gremlin combats we were grounded with fog but even though, Jake and Tom Spencer still flew at an altitude a little less than the height of the fences.

Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup> will be the PCC Board Meeting @7:00 at my office in San Bruno. If anyone needs directions please give me a call @ 650-615-0351. We will be discussing the budget for 2001 and reviewing the financials from last year. This information will be reported to the membership at the general meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

# FUN FLY !!

On Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> the club will have its first Fun Fly of the year. The pilots meeting will be at 9:00 AM and the fun will last into the afternoon. A BBQ lunch will be available to all pilots with your entrance fee and to everyone for a nominal charge. We are hoping to get as many flyers as possible. All skill levels are welcome and encouraged. There will be prizes for winners and prizes raffled out throughout the day. So talk to your buddies and get those planes ready.

The week after that is the annual Half Moon Bay Dream Machines show at the Half Moon Bay airport. Gary and Bob Senz have been talking and it looks like we have secured our primo location at the south end of the north hangars. If you were there last year you know what I mean. All of the flying planes are right there as well as the general aviation planes. We attracted a lot of people including our 2000 member of the year, Ken Martinez and his daughter Jessica, who not only won the raffled airplane kit, but were present at the drawing. I can only hope we have half as much success this year as we did last year. Please let me know if you would like to help out with our display of aircraft. We get in early and have a great day.

Well that's just about all April can hold. Don't forget about the General Meeting at the Millbrae Library on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April at 7:30. We will have Steve Toschi as a special guest speaker. Among Steve's many, many

talents, Steve is a very successful r/c thermal duration soaring pilot and fabricator of those models. You will not want to miss this opportunity.

Until then, keep your gear down and your tails up.

Wayne

## Minutes - March 21, 2001

*Kirk Phaling*

The March 2001 meeting got off to a fine start when the meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Pres. Wayne Weathers. A great group of members was present.

Ray Squires presented the Raffle prizes-the main one being a new Irvine .53 two cycle engine. This was a great looking motor-being powder coated in red. Reports are that the Irvines are fine running.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. It was reported that a good number of members are now getting the newsletter by E-mail. Anyone who is E-mail capable and has not yet signed up, please contact Wayne, Paul Lum, or any other club officer to add your name to the data-base. The more names on the list the more postage and printing costs can be saved. This really adds up in a year.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**TREASURER:** Ellsworth Crowell reports that we have money in the bank.

**FIELD:** Gary Ware reported on the recent work party to tidy up various things at the field. Numerous things were done which have improved the runway and general appearance of the field. Looks very nice. Many thanks are owed to those hardy souls who did the work.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Ellsworth reports that PCC has 100 Full members and six Junior members. Peder Samuelson, a former member, was voted in as a Full member. Welcome back, Pete.

**ACTIVITIES:** June 8,9,10 will be a Float fly at Red Bluff. Call Jake Chichilitti for info.

April 28 will be a scale sailplane contest at Los Banos. Call John Bassetto for info.

Jeff Obertelli is going to make up a Gremlin roster.

April 22 will be the PCC Fun Fly.

Gary Ware reported that the HMB Dream Machine Show will be April 29. PCC will have a static display again at the same location as last year. Be there at 8 AM if you want to display an aircraft.

Jeff Obertelli says the San Carlos Air Show has been cancelled.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There will be a special prize drawing for those members who submit their name for getting the newsletter by E-mail. Call Wayne to get on the list.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business.

**DUMMY-OF-THE-MONTH:** Dave Weldon received this award after his friends reported on his flying a loop before determining the limits of the elevator throw on his f'glass speed plane. Okay, that's what glue is for.

**HITS & MISSES:** Dave Santana reports that Trexlor air wheels can be patched using bicycle inner tube patches. (He proved this on his Telemaster wheels.)

**SHOW & TELL:** Wayne Norman showed his American Flyer ARF which he had won at a previous raffle. He installed a new Irvine .40 and has the radio equip installed. Not flown as yet.

Dave Santana showed some combat cores which he bought mail order. Seem to be OK. Call him if interested. He also had a Combat 20 kit which he got from Lynches Hangar. Can use anything from a .15 to a .25. Oliver, John, and Eric showed their PCC versions of the Gremlin-good looking and great flyers. See John Bassetto for info.

Grant Sawai had his new Hangar 9 Edge 540 ARF in which he had installed a Saito 180 4-stroke and heavy duty JR radio gear. It had not flown as of meeting night-but it flew on Mar. 31 and flew beautifully. The Saito will pull it straight up forever.

Bruce Estes demonstrated basic methods for balancing and trimming a plane. Lots of good info. He had a handout outlining the info. Try to get ahold of one for some good stuff.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M. and was followed by the Raffle.

The Irvine motor was won by the son of a new applicant. Unfortunately, the Sec. did not get his name. Congrats, anyway.

*Kirk*

## Editor's Column

*Paul Lum*

Hi gang. How'd ya like that clean up party and barbeque? It was fun with a lot of old members I haven't seen in a long time, and some new ones. I'm looking forward to the next one. Got to remember to bring the barbecue sauce.

If everything goes right, you should have received this newsletter with the roster and I should be in Hawaii. Originally, I had planned to prepare the newsletter in Hawaii using my son's computer. However, I've come to realize that each computer reacts differently. So to be safe, I hope to get

this newsletter prepared before I leave for Hawaii.

For security and privacy reasons, the roster will not be published on the web version of the newsletter. All members will receive a hardcopy of this newsletter so that everyone will have a club roster. Also, if at anytime you do not receive a newsletter, just call and I'll send you a copy.

Don't forget to remove your name from the hardcopy newsletter mailing list. The drawing will be during the May meeting. . If you want to know if your name is on the email only list, look at the Roster.... Way over to the last column on the right. If you see two asterisks on the same line as your name, you're on the list and you're eligible for the drawing. If you want to be added on to the list, email me at my new email address

***topaullum@yahoo.com.***

Finally.... Ok, ok. There's a lot of pictures of Jake and Grant. Jake and Grant are hams. But without them our newsletter would have a lot more blank spaces. So help out and be like Jake and Grant. Let me take your picture with your latest or not so latest creation and we'll plaster it all over the newsletter and the club's website. Meet me or send me a picture. Wayne says the newsletter for boosting the club's morale. So boost, boost, boost. Let's boost it with your picture.

Till next month..... Alooooha!

*Paul*

***Newsletter Submission Deadline:***

***Third Tuesday Before The Next Meeting!***

## **Upcoming Events**

### ***April***

- 8 Gremlin Combat**
- 11 PCC Board Meeting - 7:00 @ Wayne's Office**
- 18 General Meeting @ 7:30**
- 22 PCC Fun Fly #1 - Pilots Meeting @ 9:00**
- 28 Scale Sailplane contest - Los Banos**
- 29 Half Moon Bay Dream Machines Show @  
Half Moon Bay Airport**

### ***May***

- 16 General Meeting @ 7:30**  
**Drawing for those receiving online only newsletters**
- 19 Gremlin Combat**

## **Pictures**

You can view these in color at [www.flypcc.org](http://www.flypcc.org)



**Ellsworth at home in his office doing the club's work. We really appreciate the hard work he does!**



**The work party was over quickly because of the great help.**



*Dragging out the carpet. Watch out for the mice!*



*Shon cutting the carpet.*



*Laying newer carpet over older worn carpet.*



*Jake and the guys making sure there won't be any flutter.*



*Gary making sure everything's correct.*



*Grant & Dave showing off their tools.*



*Hmmm! When's the next work party?*



*Ken starting his Edge 540 with Roberto holding. Talk about thrust! Hold on Robert*



*Eric with his trainer. Getting ready for IMAC.*



*On the other end of the size spectrum, Jake, Lou and Oliver holding a 1/8A P51.*



*Eric being coached by his dad Ken. What a good dad. What a good son.*



*Grant working on his soon to be Edge 540.*



*Shon came by and gave Grant his expert advice and help. Dave was getting sleepy.*



*Martin with his tiny powered glider (?). Couldn't fly it that day because of radio problems.*



*Shon getting ready for the first flight.*



*Richard & Shon holding Gary's(?) beautiful Cap 300 with a Zenoah twin. Lots of power.*



*Taxing out. The plane flew great. Sorry no shots of the flight. My camera is a wide angle camera.*



*Jim Smith submitted this wild picture. What's the plane doing?*

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