

PCC Newsletter



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President's Column

Harry Smith

Spring has sprung, and we are in for some good, but sometimes foggy, flying for the upcoming summer months. By the time you read this, the Spring clean-up at the flying field will be completed. Let's keep it clean and neat. Please remove any trash from the field that you see, even if you did not bring it. A clean, safe flying area will attract new members. Please keep in mind that all members are considered "Field Marshals" when it comes to safe flying practices, and all should be aware of what is going on around them.

The Dream Machines Show at the HMB airport is scheduled for the 28th of April, and I would like for all who can bring an aircraft and assist to let me know as soon as possible. All who assist will get into the show free and can be assured of having a great time. A club member has volunteered to demonstrate/display an R/C turbine engine at our exhibit. You don't want to miss that!

Don't forget to bring an aircraft related item for "Show and Tell" to the April meeting, as well as a prospective new member!

This month's column is short, in order to make room for the annual "Club Roster" so, fly often, and fly safe.

Harry

Minutes - March 20, 2002

Kirk Phaling

At the third meeting of PCC in the year 2002 Pres. **Harry Smith** called the assembled members to order at 7:35 P.M.

"Twas not an assemblage of large numbers, or to put it another way, not many members were present. Wonder why? The minutes of the Feb. meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

RaffleMaster **John Bassetto** introduced the various prizes. The main one being a GWS Tiger Moth ARF electric Park Flyer. **John** also had a goodly collection of other goodies. The Park Flyer is a highly rated plane. The winner should have a lot of fun with it.

Guests were **Will Fletcher** and son **Nicholas** who are neighbors of **John B.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TREASURER: AH HA! He has returned....**Ellsworth Crowell** made his usual "All is well" report.

SAFETY: **Ken Adlawan** is not able to continue as Safety officer due to his deep involvement in remodeling his house. Pres. **Harry** asked for a volunteer to take over this duty. **Paul Klahn** will do the duty.

No safety related problems arose this past month.

FIELD MAINTENANCE: **Dennis Lowery** said the field looks in decent shape.

FIELD IMPROVEMENT: A work party was scheduled for April 7 to tidy up a number of things. **Harry Smith** spoke of the various things to be done. Volunteers volunteered - a barbeque will provide sustenance for the worker bees.

MEMBERSHIP: **Ellsworth** had nothing to report this month.

FLITE PROFICIENCY: **Ells** had a Solo certificate for **Richard Blake** but **Rich** was not present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Half Moon Bay Dream Machine event will be April 28.

Gary Ware brought a number of plane parts to be given free to takers. He is moving at the end of the summer and is cleaning out unwanted items.

OLD BUSINESS: **Harry Smith** discussed the PCC Participation at the HMB Dream Machine show. He needs volunteers to work at the PCC booth and to bring planes-finished and in the bones- to display. If you volunteer you get in free and can have time to see the show.

NEW BUSINESS: The Fun Fly originally scheduled for April 14 will be rescheduled at the April meeting. Not enough participation for the April 14 date.

SHOW & TELL: **Paul Klahn** had a Sig 4 Star 40 with an O.S. 40 4stroke for power. It was nicely covered in black and white Monokote. Not flown as of meeting nite. **Paul** got the plane at a swap meet and had to do a lot of work to get it in flyable shape. It was a winter project.

Lou Fontenot had a scratch built L19 in the bones. He had reduced the plans to half size. It will be electric powered with a 6 volt 280 size motor. Looked great.

Grant Sawai had an Aeroworks 1/4 scale Edge 540T ARF. Has plug in wings, weighs 9 lbs. and has an O.S. 91 FX for power. **Grant** says it flies great.

(Speaking of ARFs-one RC magazine published in England refers to them as BARFs for Bought Almost Ready to Fly. In the past BARF was a very appropriate name for them but nowadays they are pretty darned good in most respects.)

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M. and was followed by the Raffle. **Mike Nadler** was the lucky winner of the GWS Tiger Moth. The bits and pieces were won by **Bruce Estes**(twice), **Harry Smith**, **Kirk Phaling**, **Nicholas Fletcher**, **Dennis Lowery**, **Warren Olson**, **Lou Fontenot**, and someone whose name the Sec. missed.

Kirk

Safety Committee Chairman's Column

Paul Klahn

Greetings from your new Safety Officer. For those of you that don't know me, I'm Paul Klahn. I've been a PCC member for ten years. I've been active in our club's operation in various positions, from club President to Contest Director. For 2002 I will be your Safety Officer. Let me share with you my idea of what the club Safety Officer does: The Safety Officer oversees the safety of our flying and other activities. I might call a safety issue to a members attention, while at the field. I might bring a safety issue to attention of the Club Officers, or I might raise a safety issue with the club's membership either at a meeting or through an article in the Club's newsletter.

Sounds easy doesn't it? Actually, it's not quite as easy as it sounds. Why not? Because I'm not at the field all of the time,

no one is. For me to be a success as your Safety Officer I need your help. All of us are responsible for safety when we are at the field and whenever we fly our Radio Controlled aircraft. Each and everyone of us has to observe the safety rules. We should always be aware of what others are doing at the field. Is someone flying over the pits?, Did someone forget to take the frequency pin?, Is there some other issue? You should, politely, bring the problem to the attention of the pilot in question. If the issue is something that can't be resolved at the field, call me or one of the other club officers, and we'll help to resolve the problem. All of this is with two goals:
1. Prevent an accident or injury. 2. Protect our field.

As one workplace motto reads: "SAFETY IS JOB ONE". This should be our motto while enjoying the hobby of Radio Controlled aircraft. If you have any safety issues that you'd like to discuss, you can see me at the field, at a club meeting, or you can call me. (650) 992-4993.

Paul

Editor's Column

Paul Lum

Keeping it short this month to save on printing and mailing cost. More pictures next month.

Thanks, Guys, for showing up at the work party! It was fun and the field looks fantastic. You guys did a terrific job!

Please let me know if there are errors in the roster.

Paul

Upcoming Events

April

- 7 Spring Field Clean-up, 9AM @ field!*
- 10 PCC Board Meeting, 7:00 @ Wajdak's*
- 17 Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Millbrae Library*
- 21 Gremlin/Combat flying @ field*
- 28 Dream Machine @ HMB airport*

May

- 15 Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Millbrae Library*
- 19 Gremlin/Combat flying @ field*

For Sale by Grant Sawai

- New Airtronics VG400 4 Channel FM/4 102Z Servos \$100*
- New Sullivan Dynatron Super Power Starter 60*
- New Hobbico R/C Multicharger 30*



Our new Safety Chairman, Paul Klahn showing his new safe Airplane. Range and vibration checked. Control surfaces passed The pull test and name, address, phone number and AMA number Attached to the model. AMA says they won't cover an accident If this information isn't attached. So be sure you attach this Information to your model!!!



The guys eating lunch and enjoying themselves after really sprucing up the field. The weather was perfect for working and flying. Some of the guys were able to fly before the work began. Absolutely still in the morning. Wally Cain was finally well enough to come out to to fly.



Ken and ? trying to confuse us by turning the wind sensor 180 degrees. actually the 180 turn is to prevent the birds from using our impound box as a you guess. Ken's a jack of all trades. so remember when you call our field and the machine answers that the directions are to be adjusted by 180 degrees.



At the work party, a goodly number of people showed up. It really was a fun day. Our reward was seeing how nice the field looked. Thanks Guys!!! Fantastic Job!!



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