

PCC Newsletter



March 2003

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March 19, 2003

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Dave Weldon with his ever present smile. We'll surely miss him.

President's Column

Harry Smith

Most of you know that on February 12, 2003, **David Weldon** passed away as a result of injuries caused by a home fire. Our club has lost a really good member, who was active in club events, always willing to help others, and always had a smile for everyone. He was an upbeat guy, and every time he came to the flying field, had a new aircraft or some R/C related gadget which he was excited about and eager to show to others. We will miss him and his enthusiasm for life. We are diminished.

It has come to my attention that some extra litter has been spotted at the flying field in recent weeks. Please be reminded that we have no trash collection service and keeping the site clean is dependent upon everyone taking their litter (trash) when leaving the field. If litter is spotted, please remove it, even if you were not the person guilty of dropping it there.

Speaking of cleaning up, the annual spring clean-up is scheduled for Sunday, April 6, 2003, at 9:00AM. Everyone is asked to bring their work gloves, a hammer, rake, pliers or hand tools if they possess such things. The club has a few of the necessary tools. We will be replacing/repairing parts of our fence, painting the gate, cleaning brush and debris from the entrance, etc. We also plan to cook some 'burgers and 'dogs for the workers. It is important to remember this clean up date because you will not receive another newsletter prior to this event. Bring an aircraft too, but please wait until the work is finished before you begin flying. If everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot!

It's also timely to remind all PCC members, new and old, to familiarize themselves with the club flying rules. The current rules are posted on the PCC web site and are found by clicking on Membership Info, then on Club Rules. This information can be copied from the web site for future reference. Please pay particular attention to Field Rules, which prohibits high speed passes over the runway, and defines the "no-fly" areas. Also defined are the rules about non-members being inside the pit areas. Please remember that this is in the interest of SAFETY first, closely followed by FUN.

We are still searching for a volunteer to bring the doughnuts to the monthly PCC meetings (you'll be reimbursed). Another

volunteer is needed for making the coffee for the meetings. This involves keeping and cleaning the coffee pots between meetings. Volunteers will receive thanks and the same remuneration as the club officers. Try it, you may like it!

Remember to bring something R/C related to the meeting, along with a prospective new member. You get a free raffle ticket for a "show and tell" item.

Fly safely, fly often, and in that order.

Harry

Minutes - February 19, 2003

Kirk Phaling

Pres. **Harry Smith** called the February meeting to order at 7:40 P.M. This meeting was held in the David Chetcuti room in the building adjacent to the Library. Future meetings will be held there until further notice. This is because the library is being renovated. RaffleMaster **John Bassetto** was on hand to show the prizes. **John** is still on crutches and will be for some time. Progress is slow but steady. It's great that he can get around and get in some flying.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter. **George Wolf** brought his wife to the meeting as a guest. He should now get her to join PCC and teach her to fly.

I'm sure that by now most members of PCC know that **Dave Weldon** did not recover from the extremely severe injuries he sustained in the fire at his home in January. Memorial services were held Feb. 19. PCC members were present to pay their respects. **Dave** was a fine member of PCC and will be greatly missed.

The paperwork for renewal of the AMA club charter and field insurance have been mailed to the AMA. This year it was required that a copy of the club's by-laws be sent. These will be reviewed to see that they conform to accepted practices. PCC will be notified of any changes needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TREASURER:

PCC is still solvent. **Ellsworth Crowell** says so.

SAFETY:

Paul Klahn has nothing to report. He noted that all members must act as Safety Officers at the field because it is impossible for him to be there at all times. If something

happens that cannot be resolved at the time it should be reported to him or any club officer.

FIELD:

Dennis Lowery noted that all is in order. A clean-up day will be held the first Sunday in April and worker bees will get to partake of a barbeque. The first Sunday is April the 6th.

MEMBERSHIP:

Ellsworth has two Prospective members ready to be voted in as FULL members.

FLITE PROFICIENCY:

Ed Donlin and **Brian Troy** have Awards coming but they were not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pres. **Harry Smith** noted that the 2003 budget has been completed by the club officers. A copy is available to any member. See **Harry Smith**.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gene Carlson has donated over 40 VHS tapes of aviation related subjects to PCC. **Jake Chichilitti** will act as a librarian for them. He will catalog the tapes and bring them to each meeting. Members can check them out for a month for free. If anyone has some tapes to donate bring them to **Jake**. Many thanks to **Gene** for the donation and to **Jake** for acting as librarian.

Harry Smith brought an ARF trainer and several RC type tools which had been given to him by a friend who is getting out of the hobby. **Harry** did not want them so he said any member can buy and the money would go to PCC. Thank you **Harry** and unknown friend.

D.O.M.

No candidate this month but **Oliver Salles** brought the new Trophy which he made.

S.A.D.

Ray Squires had a Marks Models P-51, 60 size which hadn't been flown for quite a while. After demothballing it and getting it to fly decently, one day 1/2 the stab departed in flight. It smote the ground a mighty whack. Not repairable. He already has a S.A.S. patch.

HITS & MISSES:

Kirk Phaling showed a copy of the " A to Z - Radio Control Electronic Journal " by **George Steiner**. **George** is a well known RC electronic expert and author who lives in Sacramento.

The book is a fine resource for understanding how your R/C electronic gear works. It covers the concept of how it works and has info on the most common problems that are encountered in using it. For those of you who can solder it covers some items to build and things you can modify.

SHOW & TELL:

Harry Smith displayed the donated ARF trainer-also an X-rated glider.

Ivo (I apologize for not knowing your last name) showed his Sig Kavalier. He bought the kit 25 years ago and finally got busy and built it. It was his first time using Monokote. Did a good job. Has a K & B for power. Not flown as of meeting night.

George Wolf had his new GIZMO from D & L Designs kit. He installed an Irvine .53 for power. Not flown. A good looking plane.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M. and was followed by the Raffle. **Alli Santana** has become the club Raffle ticket " PickerOuter ". Congrats, **Alli**, you do a great job. Some of the winners were: **Dennis Lowery, Harry Smith, Ken Martinez, Mike Keeven, Dave Santana, and Walt Oyung.**

Kirk

Treasurer's Column

Ellsworth Crowell

March is here members. This is your last reminder to pay your 2003 dues. Anyone who hasn't paid by March 19 meeting will be dropped from the P.C.C. roster.

So, to maintain your 2003 membership, send me a check made out to P.C.C. for \$85.00 and a copy of your 2003 A.M.A. membership card. Mail to:

**ELLSWORTH CROWELL
424 OXFORD WAY
BELMONT, CA 94002-2752-21**

According to my records, the following members haven't paid their 2003 dues:

Richard Blake, Andrew Callaghan, John Coker, Brent Cromley, Dishon Dancy, Garrett Davis, Joel De Young, William Dean, Karl Flick, Hugh Garrison, Greg Heumann,

Gary Lamb, Norman Lewis, Ray Lucchesi, Albert Margolis, Benjamin Margolis, Jim Mirowski, Ronald Pacher, Warren Robinson, Max Schaefer, Pete Schuit, Taku Utsumi and Darrow Watt.

P.C.C. wants to hear from you all.

Please attach your 2003 year bar to your field badge and wear your badge to the field. It tells us who you are and shows you're a paid up member. Remember the field gate lock combination is on the front of your membership card. Lock the gate "Lock To Lock".

P.S.: We will try for a 2003 club roster in the April Newsletter.

Ellsworth

Editor's Column

Paul Lum

Dave Weldon will be sorely missed. Whenever he was at the field, it was sunny, no matter what the weather was like.

Paul

Newsletter Submission Deadline: Third Tuesday Before The Next Meeting!

Upcoming Events

March

- 16 Gremlin/Combat flying @ field**
- 19 Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Millbrae Library**
- 29 Float Plane Fly @ Lake Hennessey***

April

- 6 Spring Field Clean-up, 9AM @ field!**
- 16 Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Millbrae Library**
- 26 Float Plane Fly @ Lake Hennessey***
- 27 Dream Machine @ HMB airport**

May

- 13 PCC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.**
- 21 Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Millbrae Library**
- 18 Gremlin/Combat flying @ field**
- 31 Float Plane Fly @ Lake Hennessey***

TIP???

If you suspect that there may be water in your fuel, there is a neat trick to find out and also at least reduce the amount of water. Fill a glass jar (such as an old coffee jar) with the fuel and screw the lid on tightly. Then put the jar in the freezer. As it cools down any water in the fuel will freeze out as ice. But because ice is more dense than fuel it will settle to the bottom of the jar almost like snow. You can then carefully decant most of this cleaned fuel into another container but be careful not to let any ice pour out. Clean and dry the jar and then repeat with the rest of your fuel.

Pictures

You can view these in color at www.flypcc.org



Dave, with his big smile, helping out with the food preparation during a barbecue.



Ellsworth and Dave with a new model and his smile.



Dave clowning around with the guys during a work party.



Dave doing one of his favorite things, flying with the guys.



Mark holding up Grant's plane that went in after a flame out during a low altitude hover. Poor Grant.



Dave with his son, Andrew, on the buddy box. Doing great.



Jake lining his glider up for a landing.



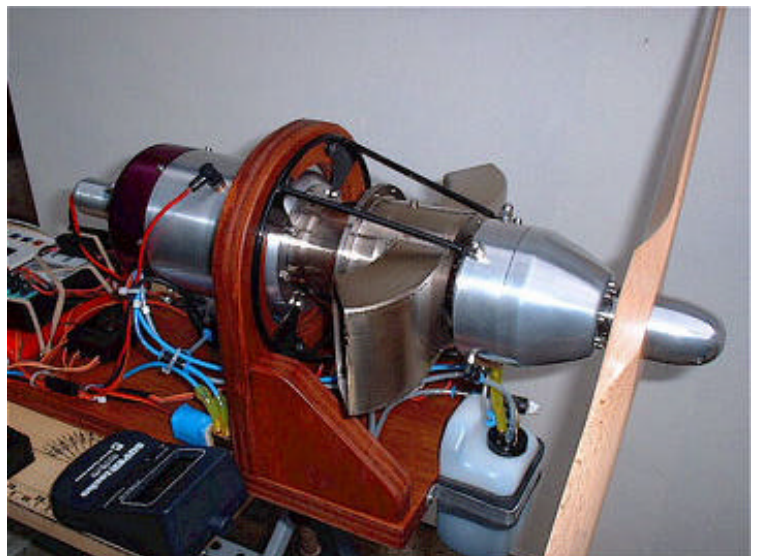
Jake clowning around with Grant. Look at the smile on Grant's face.



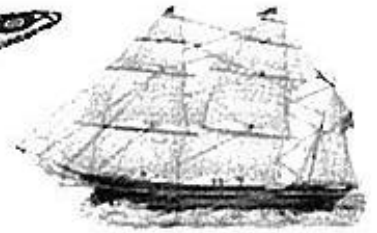
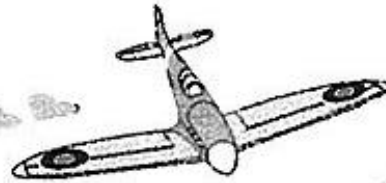
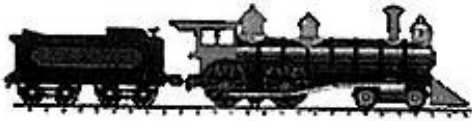
The guys getting ready for burgers prepared by Grant.



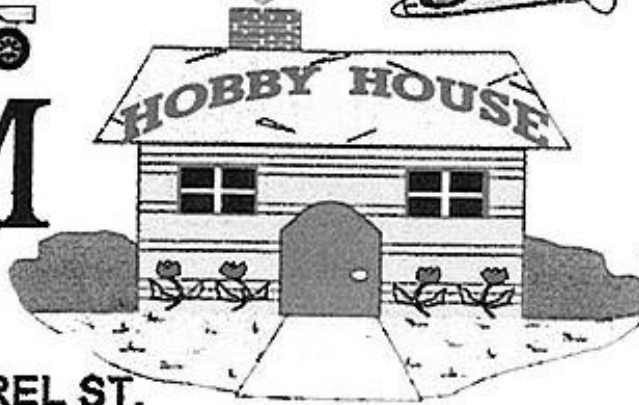
Jake doing some slope gliding. What a beautiful scene.



This is a different view of the turbo prop engine Dennis Fuente brought to the club meeting and ran at the field. Amazing!!!



J&M



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