

# PCC Newsletter



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## President's Column

*Harry Smith*

Spring is here and that means new or renewed "stuff" for flying! Wipe the dust off your favorite aircraft and go flying. Don't forget to make a through examination of all your r/c equipment. Test batteries that have not been recently used or cycled. Servo screws and linkages should be checked to make certain all are secure. Check any fuel tank that has been empty for a long period. How about replacing all old fuel lines? Upon arrival at the field, range check your radio and check all hinges and control surfaces for tightness and movement in the proper direction. Use only fresh fuel. Allow your engine to warm up in the hot pit, then taxi up and down the runway to test your steering mechanism. These are a few of the things that will help to insure that your first flight will be safe and successful. Always be considerate of your fellow flyers and clean up after yourself.

Sunday, April 27, 2003 is the date for the Pacific Coast Dream Machines event at the Half Moon Bay Airport. Our club will have an exhibit there, as we have for a number of years. If possible, at the April meeting, please advise if you will be able to assist with our exhibit of r/c aircraft. All types of aircraft are welcome and we plan to have two 12X12 canopies. Scale war birds and helicopters would be nice too. Members who are participating will get into the show free. I have been advised that PCC will have the same exhibit site as last year. It is an excellent spot in front of the West Coast Aviation hanger. We will park just north of our exhibit spot. If we have at least six or eight members there, it will be a lot of fun for everyone. Those assisting need to arrive at the airport by 7:30AM or soon thereafter, and bring a folding chair too. The event opens at 9:30AM and closes at 4PM. We would also like to have all your surplus R/C magazines, which we

offer to the public free of charge. If you can not attend the exhibit, you may bring your magazines to the April meeting and someone will take them.

Don't forget to bring a prospective new member to the next meeting, along with something aircraft related for "show and tell".

Fly safely, fly often, and in that order.

*Harry*

## Minutes - March 19, 2003

*Kirk Phaling*

The March, 2003 meeting was called to order by President **Harry Smith** at 7:40 P.M. No guests were present. Attendance still continues to be relatively low. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. The new location for meetings-The David Chetcuti Room-is a considerable improvement in space over the library room. If we can get it for the same fee as for the library it would be nice to have it permanently.

RaffleMaster **John Bassetto** displayed the raffle prizes. It's great to see **John** getting out and around. Hopefully, his complete recovery will be sooner than expected.

Another PCC member had to have a visit to the hospital recently. **Mickey Darata** had a bout with pneumonia about six weeks ago. A cold took a bad turn and he had to call 911. If he hadn't gotten to the hospital when he did, it might have been too late. The hospital stay lasted six days. Except for not having regained full strength he's doing OK. Pneumonia can really sap ones vitality. Takes quite some time to get back to normal. The Sec. knows from personal experience. Anyway, **Mick**, we hope to see you soon at the field.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**TREASURER: Ellsworth Crowell** supplied the information regarding the financial status of PCC. All continues to be well. (How's that for fluffing out a four or five word statement?)

**SAFETY: Paul Klahn** reported that recently a member was at one of the designated pilot stations and another member was hovering a plane over the first pilot. This is **NOT** to be done. Very unsafe. **Paul** so informed the offender.

Another offense is leaving the frequency clip on the transmitter after finishing a flight. Always return the clip to the board in the impound box.

Helicopter pilots must fly in the designated area to the east of the north end of the runway when other fixed winged pilots are flying. A max of 4 pilots (combined fixed and rotary wing) in the air at one time applies. Heli pilots are not to hover over the runway unless no fixed wing planes are in the air.

**FIELD:** The mower blades have been replaced and the mower battery has been charged. By the time this issue is published the Spring Clean-Up day (April 6th) will have come and gone. A great barbeque will have been enjoyed by all workers.

**MEMBERSHIP: Hans Beck** and **Ivo Plachy** were voted in as Full Members. Congrats to both. Hans is a former member who is returning after an absence of 15 years. **Jerry Walsh** became a Prospective member tonite.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jake Chichilitti** now has the library of Aviation tapes in VHS format available to check out at meeting night. **Jake** also has a map available to show the way to Lake Hennessey to float fly.

The PCC web site will have a blank copy of a membership application which can be downloaded and sent to **Ellsworth** or brought to a meeting.

**Harry Smith** received a Thank You note to PCC from the mother of **Dave Weldon** for the donation from PCC.

**Harry** also noted that The Dream Machine show in Half Moon Bay wants PCC to participate again this year. The show will be in April after the next meeting. Details at the April meeting.

**NO - Old Business, New Business, D.O.M., & S.A.D.** - this month.

**HITS & MISSES: John Bassetto** had a HIT. How to figure a Tx freq. from the Channel number or vice versa. This only applies to 72 mhz.freqs. If the chan. no. is 40, subtract 10 and double that which will equal 60. subtract 1 from that and you get 59. This will be the number to the right of the decimal or 72.590. If you know the freq. and want the chan. no. do the reverse.

This is useful info in buying used gear when all info is not available.

**SHOW & TELL: Ray Squires** had a new ModelTech P-47 ARF. He's using an OS .91 Surpass for power. The plane comes equipped with retracts. **Ray** says it's very well made

and covered. Only thing he didn't like was rudder-tail wheel setup. He modified it to reduce some of the friction. Model Airplane News reported that it is a great flier. Not flown as of meeting night. It's sure a fine looking model.

**Dave Santana** had a small plane ( in the bones ) which he designed and built from scratch. Not completed as of meeting. If it flies as good as it looks it will fly great.

**Ken Martinez** had a Chipmunk he is recycling. Got it from a member at the field. Was in the process of painting it.

**Eric Einarsson** showed a FMA Co-Pilot which he is going to install in a tow plane for gliders. The Co-Pilot will return a plane to level flight if disturbed.

**Alonzo Richardson** showed his B-17 which he built from a Royal kit. He said the kit was a whittlers dream because of the large numbers of balsa blocks which had to be carved to shape. He fiberglassed and painted the plane. There are four .25s for power-plenty of power. One servo operates all throttles. Great looking plane.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M. and was followed by the Raffles. **Allie Santana** did her usual fine job of "Picking-Out". Winners included **John Bassetto, Jim Reimholz, Ken Martinez, Jake Chichilitti** (twice), **Alli Santana**, and **Lou**.

Kirk

## Editor's Column

Paul Lum

**THANKS TO EVERYBODY WHO SHOWED UP FOR THE WORK PARTY!** *It was fun and you surely improved our flying field.*

*Keeping things short this month to make room for the roster. Roster will be in paper form only. More pictures and news next month.*

Paul

**Newsletter Submission Deadline: Third Tuesday Before The Next Meeting!**

## Upcoming Events

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\***



Ken, Eric and Lou repainted the gate and removed the vegetation around the driveway area. Looking good!!!



The guys installing new wire mesh to protect us from those bad landings from the south.



George Wolf and other members setting up the fence between the hot and cold pits.



Hate to say it but this is always the best part of a work party. The food and being with the guys! Can't wait for the next work party.

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