

# PCC Newsletter



April 2005

Next Meeting:

April 20, 2005

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the Dream Machine Show, call me at home to arrange picking up the tickets. (650) 368-6559.

*Keep 'em charged and keep 'em flying!*

Ray

## President's Column

*Ray Squires*

On Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the PCC Spring Clean-Up was held. Under the threat of rain in the afternoon, a group of 15-20 members showed up. The things that you'll notice right away is that the new gate is installed. Attention still has to be paid when opening the gate. It still tends to swing open and snap against the pole. Next is the start-up tables that were built by the crew of **Jake, Frank**, and master carpenter, **Ken Martinez**. The lawn was manicured by our resident 'green thumb', Marco and the outline of the runway was also weed-wacked. Finally, the new impound box and phone box were permanently installed by **Dennis Lowry** who also built and painted both boxes. Thanks are also in order to **Harry Smith** who went to Alameda to pick up the boxes and delivered them to the field.

The stalwart crew was treated to a gourmet lunch which was cooked by **Ryan Haylock**, a perspective new member and a friend of **Eric Einarsson**. Thanks to all who participated in the cleanup. The field looks great and ready for summer and fall flying.

Last, but not least is the PCC booth and the Dream Machine Show on April 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Half Moon Bay Airport. We will be at the same location as last year, in front of Frank Silvestri's hangar (Snoopy hangar). I will have entrance tickets to hand out to those who wish to participate by our next meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to attend the April meeting and wish to participate in

## Minutes - March 16, 2005

*Kirk Phaling*

The March, 2005 PCC meeting was called to order by Pres. **Ray Squires** at 7:35 P.M. One guest, who started in RC quite some time ago was present. He is mainly interested in electric RC now. RaffleMaster **Dennis Lowery** displayed the prizes for this evening. One being a Sig Somethin' Extra kit. The others were an assortment of various items. **Dennis** asked the members to vote on whether to have the kit as the only prize or to use the assortment. The vote was in favor of the kit.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**TREASURER:** This information was given by **Ellsworth Crowell**.

**SAFETY:** **Wally Cain** reported that recently he had to caution several members not fly over the runway nor over the highway.

He also stated that anyone going out to slope soar must notify those pilots who are in the air or who are about to fly that they are going out to soar so that the pilots will be aware that someone is in the field and is to be watched out for.

**FIELD:** **Marco Pinto** reports that the new mower is working

great and there are no problems at the present.

**MEMBERSHIP:** **Ryan Haylock** is now a Prospective Member and will be voted on as a Full Member at the April meeting.

**FLITE PROFICIENCY:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The HMB Dream Machine Show will be April 24 and PCC has been invited again to participate. See or call **Ray Squires** if you can participate.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A Spring Work Party is scheduled for April 3rd. Bring tools and an appetite. PCC will provide lunch for the worker bees. **Dennis Lowery** is the EATS chairman.

**S.A.D.:** **Jake** reported that a member of another club was flying at Lake Hennessy recently and flew into a tree. He and others tried to free it from the tree branches by throwing rocks at the planes. They succeeded--in destroying the plane.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M. and was followed by Show & Tell and the Raffle.

**SHOW & TELL:** **Ken Martinez** had a Lanier Twister ( a profile plane) which he bought at the last PCC auction. Had it all engined and radioed up. Looked great with a new Brodak paint job. He also had an Ultra Stik .40 which he got at Bayside. He is adding floats and will use an Irvine .53 for power.

**Karl Flick** is experimenting by taking the tail assembly of one plane, the body of another, and the wing from a third and putting them all together to make one. He will report later on how it turns out.

Our guest demonstrated his Shogun 400 electric helicopter. It uses a Speed 400 size motor, has a gyro, and weighs 650 grams . It is 3D capable but that was not demoed. He had practiced on a flight simulator. It flew great. Quite impressive.

**RAFFLE:** And the Winner of the Somethin' Extra was **Eric Einarrson**.

*Kirk*

## **Vice - President's Column**

*Marco Pinto*

It was a little cloudy when I got to the field for the work party we had on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. I was anxious to get there. There was a very light breeze, cool wind on the mid-to-high 60s but nothing a wind-breaker could not handle. It was around 9:00am when I got to the field. I thought I would be one of the first ones in getting there but lots of members were already working. Their vehicles as their own ambassadors told me

who had already arrived. You could see people moving in all directions and doing different chores They all remind me of an army of leaf-cutter ants or busy bees. Everyone was working in small groups doing many different tasks. Since noone was flying it was a good time to mow the whole field. The smell of freshly cut grass was plentiful. As I mowed the BBQ area some members quickly sprint to moved the benches and tables over the carpeted area so that I could mow without obstacles to go around. You could read on peoples' faces the joy and contentment they took at whatever task there were doing. There was a sense of enjoyment and satisfaction that mixed with the cool salty breeze and grass clippings that overwhelmed my senses. I felt very happy seen so much friendship among us. The field was getting a well-deserved and needed make up. The green areas were completely mowed and trimmed. The hot and cold pits were clean. A couple of old starting tables were replaced by three brand new and very practical starting tables --you got to check them up. They have been carpeted to provide some type of scratch/dent protection to our models. The old impound box was removed and a second new impound box, along the one Dennis built were mounted on their new location. There were a lot more things done that all together they make our field a better place to fly our models and to socialize with our fellow members. The hard work eventually gave way to a well-anticipated prize. Lunch time! All that intense work (not that hard, really!) -- made us develop tremendous appetite. As it is usual in our work-parties, we were not disappointed. There were delicious hot dogs, juicy burgers, mouth watering chili-con-carne, perfectly spiced potato salad and all the topping you could expect or want. Second servings were abundant and if you still had some space left in your belly the sweets were waiting for you to indulge in the sweetest watermelon I have had in a long time. There were cookies and bakery goodies. The wind had gotten stronger and gustier by now. However, there were some who dared to fly and they did it very well. Unfortunately, it was time for me to go back home. It was about 1:30 pm by now. I was feeling pretty good about how much we as a team had accomplished that day. Everyone was clustered in smaller groups telling stories and sharing tales. Laughs were abundant and bursting from every group. There was a sense of accomplishment in the air. As members of PCC we stood there as a cohesive group. There was a sense of pride in the work we had done. We were happy and delighted about what we had done. The camaraderie that distinguished us from other clubs was noticeable and profuse. It goes without saying; we were all having lots of fun.

I want to thank all those who participated. Thanks for your time and effort. PCC belongs to each of us. PCC is our club, we are PCC. I am proud to be part of it. The best asset PCC has are its members. We put our heart into improving our club and always pull it thought. Our devotion, time and effort pay-off with a place to fly models, a beautiful field and plenty of good friends. Your help is always appreciated by each of us. Thanks for volunteering and for serving your club.

Marco

## Treasurer's Column

*Ellsworth Crowell*

March is gone so, to maintain your 2005 membership, send me a check made out to P.C.C. for \$85.00 and a copy of your 2005 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 2005 dues:

**Jerry Walsh, Pedro Alverio, Richard Agtuai, Marco Chavez, Richard Connors, Donald Edwards, Karl Flick, Robert Janowitz, Howard Locketti, Marty Mullgaard, Kevin Phillips, Thomas Quiggle, and Erik Raubitschek.**

P.C.C. wants to hear from you all. If you know any of these individuals, encourage them to renew their membership!

*Ellsworth*

## Raffle Corner

*Dennis Lowry*



Well, at the March meeting the three members present voted unanimously; 15 to 7; to shelve the prizes I had slated for the raffle, and instead, to raffle off a 'Somethin' Extra that we happened to find lying in the corner. Those who were absent can take a lesson away from this: If you don't see a great prize listed here in this column, come to the meeting anyway, and vote on stuff. You might be like Eric and walk away with Somethin Extra.

At the April meeting I plan to raffle off a Gentle Lady. But who knows? Alonzo has suggested to several people that a gentle lady would be nice. I'm hoping this is what he meant. Come out and see what develops.

Anyway, DONATIONS to the raffle are always welcome - even lemons.

See you at the meeting.

*Dennis*

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

## Upcoming Events

### *April*

- 3 *Spring Clean Up @ PCC Field*
- 20 *Club Meeting, 7:30PM, Millbrae Library*
- 30 *Float Plane Fly @ Lake Hennessey\**

### *May*

- 18 *Club Meeting, 7:30PM, Millbrae Library*
- 28 *Float Plane Fly @ Lake Hennessey\**

### *June*

- 15 *Club Meeting, 7:30PM, Millbrae Library*
- 25 *Float Plane Fly @ Lake Hennessey\**

## Pictures

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



**Ed Bussing's beautiful classic antique.**



The guys preparing to destroy our old impound box. We'll miss those pesky mice.



Dennis and Bob working on the new 'phone' box.



Ken had lots of help with the new benches. He's pretty good at building things.



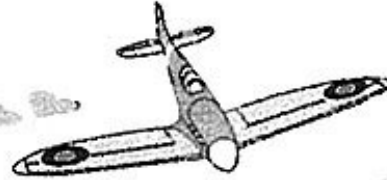
The guys taking a break after having lunch



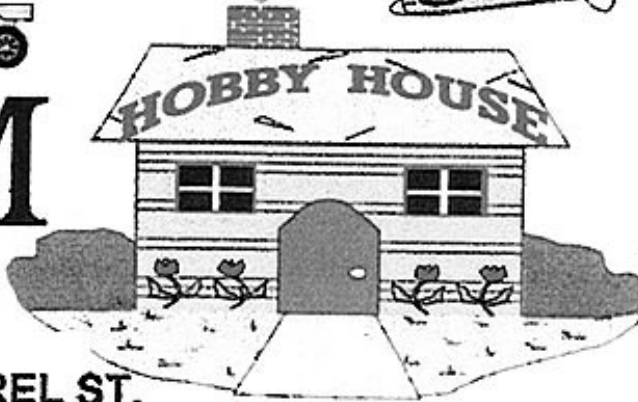
Enrique, Harry, Ray and Charlie trying to figure a new system for the gate.



Bob won the 'door prize'. Everyone who showed up for the work party was eligible to win the \$25 gift certificate!



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