

PCC Newsletter



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PCC Annual Banquet

At Harry's Hofbrau – Redwood City
January 21, 2006 7:00 p.m.

(There's always a bunch of guy who show up stag so don't be afraid to come by yourself!! It's a lot of fun!!!)

President's Column

Ray Squires

Happy New Year! This is my last column as PCC President. I can't believe that it has been two years since I took the helm. Thank you's are in order for the people who have helped me attend to the business and functions of PCC. They are in no certain order, **Ellsworth Crowell**, **Jake Chichilitti**, **Greg Heumann** (the phantom webmaster), **Harry Smith**, **Dennis Lowry**, **Kirk Phaling**, **Oliver Salles**, **Marco Pinto**, **Ken Martinez**, and last but not least, **Paul Lum**. Thanks, **Paul**, for doing such a great job on the newsletter and especially for letting me extend the deadline for my column on several occasions!!

I know the club will unite behind the two new officers – President **Marco Pinto**, and Vice President **Olivier Salles** and give them as much support as you have given me. They will be faced with a few things that are looming on the horizon. First, is the maintenance of the field - the pilot station fence is almost completely down and will probably need immediate attention and general upkeep of the field. If any member has ideas on things that should be attended to please feel free to

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contact **Marco** or me. Second, the Aeromodelers Club and their difficulties means we may have the possibility of some new members. I hope they can resolve their problems because they are good friends and neighbors.

I won't say too much about the Holiday Party on the 21st of January at Harry's Hofbrau other than – **BE THERE!!** Lots of prizes and good times. Tickets are \$25.00 per person, for members and guests. Last chance to purchase your tickets is at the January Meeting or by calling **Ellsworth** at home (650-591-0851).

The last thing is the club membership/AMA dues. If you have not already paid your 2006 membership dues, bring your AMA card to the next meeting. **Ellsworth** will be collecting the monies at the meeting. The dues are now \$75.00. Be sure to bring your AMA card and your checkbook.

Well that's it for me. It's been a pleasure serving as your President and I look forward to many more flying years with PCC.

See you at the Holiday Party!

Keep 'em charged and keep 'em flying!

Ray

Minutes - December 21, 2005

Kirk Phaling

Pres. **Ray Squires** started the last PCC meeting of 2005 at 7:40 P.M. Hard to believe that 2005 was almost over. There were no guests present and attendance was relatively low. Probably due to meeting night being so close to Christmas.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. RaffleMaster **Dennis Lowry** displayed the raffle prize-An electric Husky 400 ARF.

Pres. **Ray** again announced the date of the Annual PCC Banquet. It will be Jan. 21, 2006 at Harry's HofBrau on El Camino in Redwood City. There will be lots of Raffle prizes and induction of the new officers for 2006. Call or see **Ellsworth Crowell** for tickets which are \$25 per person or see him at the Jan. 2006 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TRESURER: Ellsworth Crowell gave this vital report.

SAFETY: Wally Cain was absent but nobody had anything to report.

FIELD: Marco Pinto had nothing to report but since the meeting it has been reported that the fence in front of the pilot stations is in bad shape and needs repairing.

MEMBERSHIP: Ellsworth Crowell reported that there are several people to be voted in as Full members but none were present.

FLITE PROFICIENCY: Again, **Ellsworth** said there are several certificates to be awarded but the awardees were not present.

OLD BUSINESS: Pres. **Ray** noted that all PCC members are responsible for seeing that people wanting to fly at our field are members--all PCC members must wear the current PCC year tag and verify the current AMA membership. The same applies to guest flyers from Aeromodelers.

NEW BUSINESS: Election of PCC officers for 2006 was the next order of business. There were no nominations in addition to those from last month. So that worthy group was elected. Pres. **Marco Pinto**, Vice Pres. **Olivier Salles**, Treasurer **Ellsworth Crowell**, and Secretary **Kirk Phaling**.

A sign up sheet was sent around to allow Pres. **Ray** to get an idea of the Banquet attendance.

D.O.M.: No nominee this month.

S.A.D.: **Harry Smith** reported that his Ultra Stik Lite (120 size) suffered some sort of interference glitch while flying and the plane went into an uncontrollable dive to the ground. The result was almost complete destruction of the plane but fortunately his modified weed eater engine and the radio gear survived OK. **Harry** already has a S.A.D. patch so he got a star.

SHOW & TELL: Dennis Fuentes had just finished but not flown a new Century heli with a Zenoah G23 for power. It is fully aerobatic and weighs 12 lbs. with lots of carbon fiber components.

Neil Leopold had a very nicely finished Balsa USA NorthStar complete with a Fox .45 engine, and Hitec 4 chan radio. He had bought it at an auction and was selling it for \$175. At that price it was a bargain and was sold that night.

Dave Santana had a Goldberg Electric Gentle Lady he had bought at an auction with no motor. He has installed a Fox .15 and radio for El. and Rudd. It was not yet flown.

Ken Martinez showed a Gentle Lady also bought at an auction. He lightened it by making the tail built up instead of sheet. Has flown and well.

Frank Phelps had won an electric plane in a PCC raffle but he traded it in on a new motor for a Sig 4Star 40.

Some time back **Troy** got a Gizmo in which he installed new landing gear to raise the nose and tail and added a new OS .46 AX. He now has the Gizmo he won at the PCC Raffle recently for sale.

Ray Squires showed an E-Flite Blade CX heli RTF with contra-rotating blades. He was bemoaning it but had a slight mishap which cut the demo short. He likes the way it flies.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M. and was followed by the Raffle. The grand winner was LUCKY **Jake Chichilitti**.

Stan Muniz has the following RC equip for sale:

Goldberg Anniversary Cub with OS Surpass 4stroke .70

Like new---only flown 3 times \$ 370

Goldberg Super Chipmunk with OS Gold Head 2stroke .60

New---never flown \$ 400

Goldberg Eagle 63 with OS Surpass 4stroke 52

Like new \$ 299

Field box with starter, power panel,electric pump, 12 volt battery, tachometer, props, and tools, etc. \$ 150

Stan lives at 435 Alhambra Rd., South San Francisco, Ca. and his phone no. is: 650-871-7914

Kirk

Treasurer's Column

Ellsworth Crowell

It is now past the December 31st deadline for renewing your P.C.C. dues for 2006. The renewal fee is now \$75.00 if you renew in January, and \$85.00 if you wait until February. If renewal is not made by the March 15th meeting, you will be dropped from the P.C.C. roster. Don't forget to include a copy of your 2006 A.M.A. membership card and mail it to:

Ellsworth Crowell
424 Oxford Way
Belmont, CA 94002-2752

Please attach your 2006 year bar to your field badge. The field badge with your year bar attached is to be worn at the field at ALL TIMES!! Not only does it verify that you are a paid up member for 2005, it also helps other members to get to know your name.

Reminder: Please mark your transmitter with your name, telephone number and frequency number flag. Be sure your airplane has your name and address on it somewhere.

This is an A.M.A. requirement!

If you need some name stickers for your plane, see the Treasurer.

Let's all come to the P.C.C. banquet on Saturday, January 21, 06, at Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City. The Hofbrau is on 1909 El Camino Real near the intersection with Woodside Road. Price is \$25 per person. Send the money to **Ellsworth**. As I said last month, "Be there, Don't be square."

Also, don't forget to lock the field, "Lock To Lock".

Ellsworth

Raffle Corner

Dennis Lowry and Olivier Salles



Park flyer EFlite Carl Goldberg Husky. These park fliers are absolutely unbelievable.

Hello fellow fliers!

In January you all have a chance to take that Husky from Jake, because I found it back on the shelf at J&M. So come out and give it a try. It's a beautiful little plane and you'd love to have it. Good luck. See you at the meeting!

See you at the meeting.

Dennis

Editor's Column

Paul Lum

I guess we're all kind of glad 2005 is gone and done with. I

think it was one of the worst years, in terms of fog, wind and rain... EVER! Here's hoping 2006 will be a lot better.

We've had a few Aeromodelers members take us up on our offer to fly at our field. Not much problem encountered. Just the usual stuff of flying too close to the highway or over the beach. Compliance is not a problem because they used to run a very tight ship at their field. Remember, the reason for not flying so far out is to reduce the possibility of an accident as well as keeping our landlord happy. If we upset our landlord or lose our insurance, we'll lose our field. So please comply. It is a requirement. Repeat offenders may have their flying privileges revoked.

On to another story. A few days ago I took off with my Extra. The aileron trim was off. Nothing unusual about that. I gave it two clicks and it flew straight. The next pass, the aileron trim was off again. Didn't want to take chances so I landed and checked the ailerons for anything loose. It looked ok so I took off again. Immediately the trim was way off. I immediately landed. This time the right aileron was fully down. Then it went up all by itself. That was it for that plane.

When I got home I checked the servo and found that the pc board had chafed the servo wire and caused a short. The servo was shot. Seems to me that they should have designed the servo so there wouldn't be chafing. Just in case, I checked the other aileron servo and found that it had chafing too but only one wire was exposed. Then I remembered that I had an old servo that actually smoked on me before it died. I opened it up. The pc board had chafed into the neg. wire to the motor. Then I checked the Extra's elevator servo. Same thing. Chafing but no damage yet. These servos were the Hitec HS-650. I have some of their new HS-635's so I opened one up to see what it looked like. On the 635's they changed their design and the wires do not touch the pc board. I also checked one of my HS-475's and my HS-425 and they appear to be designed correctly. But if you have one of these Hitec HS-605, CHECK FOR THIS PROBLEM! The 615's may have this problem too. I added more insulation and I think that will take care of the problem.

I emailed Kirk about this and this is what he said: "Lucky you caught the problem before you lost the plane. This would be a good thing to add to the newsletter--a caution--if you see any quirky actions of your servos don't fly until you fix the problem".

And... if your plane does anything strange in the air, land immediately and check it out.

Paul

Newsletter Submission Deadline: Third Tuesday Before The Next Meeting!

Upcoming Events

January

- 18 Club Meeting, 7:30PM, Millbrae Library -
- 21 Annual Banquet at Harry's Hofbrau
- 28 Float Plane Fly @ Lake Hennessey*

February

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

March

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

EMERGENCY SAFETY ALERT

(Summary of AMA Safety Committee notice)

Lithium Battery Fires

FIRES can result from improper charging, crash damage, or shorting the batteries resulting in loss of models, automobiles, and other property. Homes, garages and workshops have also burned.

Never attempt to charge Lithium cells with a charger which is not, specifically, designed for charging Lithium cells.

Store, and charge, in a fireproof container; never in your model.

Never leave the charging process unattended.

Most important: NEVER PLUG IN A BATTERY AND LEAVE IT TO CHARGE UNATTENDED OVERNIGHT.

Serious fires have resulted from this practice.

Physically damaged cells could erupt into flame

In the event of damage from crashes, etc, carefully remove to a safe place for at least a half hour to observe.

Never attempt to charge a cell with physical damage, regardless of how slight.

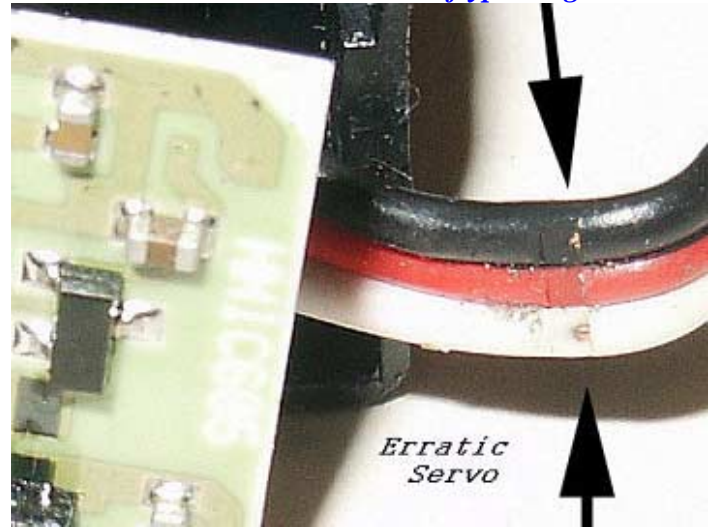
If the batteries show any sign of swelling, discontinue charging, and remove them to a safe place outside as they could erupt into flames.

Do not attempt to make your own battery packs from individual cells.

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Pictures

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



Warning! HS-605 Chafing occurs on wires that contact pc board. This can result in shorting and loss of servo.



635's replaced the 605's. Notice the wires do not contact the pc board, eliminating chafing.



Ed Daum and Mike Klaas from Aeromodelers enjoying our field and the sunshine. Beautiful day.



Brian Chan, Aeromodelers' president with his electric Funatna. Really nice flyer and very quiet.



Hans, Mickie, Charlie and Bob enjoying the sun and the fellowship.



Albert (Doc) striking a Russian pose next to his Russian Mig. Realistic flying for a small electric airplane.



Another Aeromodeler with a soon to be applicant chatting with Phil.



Bob and Joe having a really nice time doing their favorite thing. Flying and helping each other.



Even though it rained a lot, we had some beautiful day. a lot of guys took advantage of the dry days.

Don't forget our annual

PCC Club Banquet

at Harry's Hofbrau, Redwood City

On January 21, 2006
7:00 p.m.

Fun, Food, Friends and lots of door prizes.



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Belmont, CA 94002

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