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President's Column

Marco Pinto

Greetings to everyone. I want to thank you all for your support and for the trust you have placed on me to lead our club for this year. Following in the footsteps of our previous leader Ray Squires, I know the benchmark is very high. I will try my best to do what is best for PCC.

This month I would like to mention two about two important topics. The first deals with our membership participation in the hobby and in particular to our monthly meetings and the other is a monthly calendar you all will be receiving as part of monthly newsletter.

First, from month to month I have noticed that attendance to our monthly meeting is usually from low to just a few members that can be counted in the low twenties. I remember how some years ago I accidentally forgot and missed the meeting. Nowadays, I assume that could be one factor too but there can be other more serious factors such as health, driving privileges or access to a vehicle or the lack of such, etc, etc. Whatever they are, we as a group who shares the same passion for our hobby and as friends that we are of each other, should take a second thought next time you come to our monthly meeting. I refuse to believe that we gather in a room once a month just to talk about news, concerns, access to a flying field and such, of PCC. It is not just that. Of course, those are matter or greatly importance and should be up high in our agenda but, we also come together to share our thoughts, our friendship, to enjoy the camaraderie of the group, to show off our new projects, to laugh at and be laugh at, in short to enjoy the shining light that we create when we come together as a cohesive and analogous group, we are PCC.

I want to plant a thought of alliance and in all of you. I want to challenge you to look at your roster and find a member that

lives near you and call him or her and invite that member to give you the honor of riding with you to our meeting. But don't wait until the day of the meeting. Call them a week ahead or a couple of days before the meeting in case they are out of town or have other plans for that day. Perhaps you can convince them to attend. Think that there might be someone wishing to come but is afraid or too shy to ask. Be a friend and make that call. Otherwise, you can call an alternate member or invite a neighbor or friend. We become active members not only by flying our models often, keeping a project going on our workbenches and attending our monthly meetings. We need to become active seekers of new members and help current inactive members to become active again.

Putting the chairs back in the stacks at the end of our meetings is senseless has no reason of being fun if all those chairs were unoccupied. Please, help fill those chairs with the presence of our members or visitors. PCC is well know for our willingness to share our friendship, let's all work together to make it grow bigger and greater.

The second item I wanted to talk to you was about a freebie you all be receiving. To be precise it is a monthly calendar page included in the newsletter. It will include known RC activities for that month such as Jake's Float Flying, Eric's Slope Flying, etc. It will display the PCC logo to remind you when our monthly meeting is; so no more "oh, I forgot it." Also included will be an attempt to show what the weekend weather "might" be for that month. That is only a reference based in the weather report for the month but which unfortunately might not be very accurate, especially for the last two weeks of each month. Please, use it at your own discretion and listen your wife and trust your own guess and instinct more.

I look forward to see you all at the meeting and at the field.
"Coming out!..."

Marco

Minutes - February 15, 2006

Kirk Phaling

President **Marco Pinto** called the Feb., 2006 PCC meeting to order at 7:45 P.M. There was one guest present—a member of Aeromodelers who has been flying at our field as a guest and now wants to join PCC. The minutes of the January, 2006 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

RaffleMaster **Dennis Lowry** displayed the Raffle prizes. The main prize being a Midwest Sukhoi kit in a .40 size. What ??? No ARF ??? You mean someone must actually BUILD a plane??? Do wonders never stop ??? There were several other prizes as well. It's a good thing that tools are of the ARF type or nothing would ever get built.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TREASURER: The status of the PCC treasury was given by **Ellsworth Crowell**.

SAFETY: **Wally Cain** was not present but nobody had any problems to bring forth.

FIELD: All appears to be in order except for the safety fence at the pilot station. The metal stakes holding the fencing are badly rusted and need to be replaced. A work party has been scheduled for Sunday, April 2 to replace the stakes with PVC piping and restring the fencing. The rains should be over by then. There will be a PCC furnished Bar-B-Que for the PCC members who participate in the work. Further discussion will be held at the March meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: There were several Prospective members to be voted in as Full members but only **Ken Barnes** was present. He was unanimously voted in as a Full member. Congrats, **Ken**.

FLITE PROFICIENCY: **Ellsworth** noted that there were no awards to be made at this meeting.

CONTESTS: A combat contest will be held Mar. 18 at Livermore.

The fly-in at Castle AFB will on Memorial Day.

A glider contest will be held at Los Banos April 22 and 23.

OLD BUSINESS: A field work party will be April 2 to fix the pilot station fence.

NEW BUSINESS: To attract additional members, **Harry Smith** suggested a one time amnesty period for former members only who may be late in reupping to allow them to pay only a year dues to be reinstated. This and any other ideas will be discussed at the next meeting.

D.O.M. : There were no new candidates so **Oliver** got to take it home again.

S.A.D.: **Ray Squires** recently had his nice Corsair--on his first flight of the day-go ape. It smote the ground with a mighty smack and was totaled. Just 20 feet shy of the cliff. Could not find the cause of the crash.

HITS & MISSES: **Ken Martinez** found a way to get consistent fuel flow to the engine in his combat planes. He uses a baby bottle liner as a bladder in the fuel tank. Muffler pressure is applied to the space between the bladder and the tank. The pickup line is in the liner and the liner is tied around this line. He has had more constant runs with this type of tank.

SHOW & TELL: **Kirk Phaling** had a Sig Herr Little Extra ARF. It was designed around the Norvel .074 engine. It's a nice looking plane--36 in. span and weighs 24 ounces. Two problems were found---The wing would not seat in the wing saddle due to long top planking. It had to be trimmed off and recovered. Then it fit perfectly. The other problem was with fastening the engine to the predrilled mounting plate. The muffler mounting flange sticks out over the screw holes. The supplied screws are Phillips type and a screw driver cannot be used. Had to buy allen head screws and use a ball driver to put them in place. Plane had not been flown yet.

Frank Phelps had a great looking Sig 4 Star .60

Ray O'Neal had a Great Planes Extra 300 ARF in 1/4 scale. Uses a 35 cc glow engine. Not quite finished as of meeting night.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M. and was followed by the Raffle. **Dennis Lowry** drew the Sukhoi but put it back. It was later won by **Frank Phelps**. Other winners were **Eric Einarrson, Ellsworth Crowell, and Dave Santana**.

ELECTRIC PLANES: Seems that electric motor powered planes are really starting to be a BIG THING these days. Take a look at the ads in the RC magazines. The main item that has motivated this is the development of the polymer-lithium battery. It's much lighter than nicads and one can get very large capacity batteries. They are not cheap in the larger size, but will get cheaper. Most of the planes available now are for the smaller motors and batteries. One thing which is notable is the availability of kits to build your own motor. These can be built from 30 watt to 200 to 300 watt sizes. And the price is around \$25 to \$ 30.

They can be made to run direct drive or gear drive. A gear box will run \$10 -\$15. I'm going to build my own motor for the Goldberg Electric Husky ARF that I got in the January Raffle.

If you are interested look at these web sites:

www.gobrushless.com; www.strongrcmotors.com;
www.aircraft-world.com and www.cdrworks.com

Kirk

Treasurer's Column

Ellsworth Crowell

March is here members. This is your last reminder to pay your 2006 dues. Anyone who hasn't paid by March 15 meeting will be dropped from the P.C.C. roster.

So, to maintain your 2006 membership, send me a check made out to P.C.C. for \$85.00 and a copy of your 2006 A.M.A. membership card. Mail to:

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

Some of the members that said they still wanted to rejoin are:

**Don Hos, Bill Newman, Dav Rajnarayan, Vidur Sood,
Todd Swanson, and Dan Williams.**

Other members not heard from are:

**Donald Edwards, Ryan Haylock, John Hubasco, Jeff
Obertelli, Max Schaefer, Brian Troy, Jan Threlkeld, and
Mark Tattersall.**

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

Please attach your 2006 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 2006 club roster in the April Newsletter.

Ellsworth

Raffle Corner

Dennis Lowry & Olivier Salles



In March we have THREE great prizes: 1) A Gentle Lady by Carl Goldberg; 2) A Skimmer 400 by Hobby Lobby; and 3) A Flying Clown by Brodak. All of these kits are great kits, and if I win one of 'em I'm gonna keep it.

A word of thanks to Alonso and Oliver who donated prizes for the February Raffle. Thanks guys!

For everybody else: come on out ; take care of the club's business; visit with your friends; and pick up one of these sweet little projects at the March meeting.

See you then.

Dennis & Olivier

Editor's Column

Paul Lum

The weather's been lousy but we still had some good flying days. The windy time of the year is nearly upon us.

For you newbies, keep your airplane above the hill on the south side of the ravine. Several guy have hit it already. Also, the ravine can be filled with turbulence as with the south slopes.

Paul

Newsletter Submission Deadline: Third Tuesday before the next meeting!

Upcoming Events

March

15 Club Meeting, 7:30PM, Millbrae Library

25 Float Plane Fly @ Lake Hennessey*

April

- 2 *Spring Work Party @ PCC Field*
- 19 *Club Meeting, 7:30PM, Millbrae Library*
- 29 *Float Plane Fly @ Lake Hennessey**

May

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

Hobby Legacy - Will.? Trust?

SOMETHING MORE THAN TO JUST THINK ABOUT...

It is to every club member's responsibility to consider "what" is going to ultimately happen to our hobby stuff when we die. I am suggesting that each member have a hobby mentor; "Someone" who understands what you have, its value, "where" it is, and the intended "last owner" of your hobby estate.

Worst case: Something happens to you, and NO ONE knows the value, danger, location, or intended use of your hobby items; including: Fuel, batteries, painting and cleaning chemicals. Then there are the "high value" items that could be overlooked, like a vintage engine or kit...

Please consider and INCLUDE these issues and items in your estate planning: (Whatever your age or physical condition) or, they might just end up tossed out, and in the landfill..

Do whatever you want, of course, but just doing "nothing" is not a good idea. We all think (hope) death is just for "the other guy". No! No one else will be able to do this important job as well as YOU. So, make this one more New Year's resolution: Establish a hobby mentor / trust / will, in your best interest...TODAY...At least write down what you want done with your hobby stuff, and put a copy in a place that will be easily found.

Regards,

Robert Hixson (Masked Pilot)...

Spring Swap Meet

March 25, 2006 8.am to 2 p.m.

Ward Hendricks Field, Oakdale, CA \$15 per booth space.

For Info, Call Paul Klahn at 209-962-6404

Take HWY 120 north of Oakdale to 26 Mile Rd.

Turn north on 26 Mile Rd. Turn right on Eastman Rd (just north of Woodward Lake), 1/2 mile to field.

Pictures

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



Walt's Extra lined up on final approach. Stay above the Hill south of the ravine. Guys have hit it several times.



It was such a beautiful day that Brian brought out his big camera to take some pictures. See page 7 for photos.



Bob & Jim enjoying the sunshine and the conversation. Jim still getting over his back surgery.



Ed watching the planes whiz by while relaxing on his 'rocker'.



Corey, the art student, watchin Brian's airplane in the air. The wind was quite strong by the time this shot was taken.



Phil checking his transmitter making sure everything is o.k. while his engines warms up. Low flying!!!



That Mickey! He bought a new car... AGAIN! Really nice looking car.



Phil's tail wheel got caught in one of the field mice's holes. Be careful because the holes could rip your landing gear off.



Here's a picture of Grant's new big airplane. A BME 'Yak'. I think it's a 30% and it's light with the DA-50. Grant hopes to bring it to the next meeting. So be there!

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Walt & Diana concentrating on his airplane. What a beautiful day!



Ed Daum flying. Or is he fishing?



Harry concentrating on flying.



Looks like Mike is coming in for a for a landing.



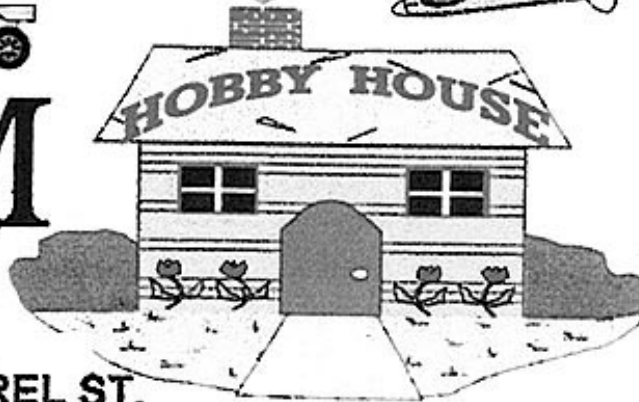
Here Mike's airplane coming in for a final. See how he keeps his plane above the hill. Good!



Ed didn't fly his plane close to Brian. Brian used his telephoto lens to take this picture.



J&M



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