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The Pacific Coast Dream Machines has been cancelled.

President's Column

Marco Pinto

We have had a pretty strong rainy season and the forecast did not predict anything better for the work party day so I had to call off. That was a pretty sad decision since I was really looking forward to have a good time with those of you who were planning on coming. However, we will postpone it for the month of May when the rains will be almost gone. [sigh] One good new, the pilot safety fence has temporarily been fixed by a UGM – Unidentified Good Member. A big thank to you for stepping forward on your own. If you know who the good member is, please call me or let all of us know it at the next meeting.

PCC provide its members with activities and a place to fly our RC models. For the most part we fly on our own as our time and private time/activities allow us. However, sometimes specific activities are organized by the club's board and member participation depends on their schedule/availability and whether they like that specific activity or not. I am planning to have various RC activities this year but I want them to be of your liking. I would like to have a couple of fun flies to have a great time, some social and flying gathering to enjoy some good food, to socialize and to watch sport flying –nothing formal, to have some flying clinics in which skilled members can coach us on our flight proficiencies levels, to helps us improve our sport flying in general or to explain us how to improve our landings and

take offs, etc. I want to have a group of builders that can show up upon request at your home and help you finish that model that still needs radio installation work and help you get up in the air quick, or to fix that landing gear that broke because of the wind that changed direction on you at the last minute. What I want is to see you all at the field whether it is for flying or just to watch others fly their models. Come to the field to work in your latest project –sanding or hanging out there is not so bad- or just to hang around with the rest of us, your friends. However, I am very interested to hear what you have to say. I want to know what is that you want your club to do as far as club's activities go because I want you all to join the rest of us. Sure, I have some ideas about what I want to see in our club but I want you to joint us and for drawing you out the activities have to be of you liking. No matter how well planed, organized and prepared an RC event is, it can completely fail if we the members don't show up to participate. I beg you to call me, to come see me, to email me, to write me a letter, a note, a memo or just approach me at the meetings if you want, but please let me know what do you want your club to do? You might not be alone in this predicament as I am sure there are many others with the similar interests, concerns and opinions like yours, so don't be shy, please, come see me anytime. I will deeply appreciate your interest in sharing your thoughts with me to help shape PCC. There are many members whom I have not yet met but I look forward to do it. I want to have fun, lots of fun but I really want all of you to join me, so I need you to come out and play with us.

I look forward to see you at the meeting,

Marco

Minutes - March 15, 2006

Kirk Phaling

The Mar. 15, 2006 PCC meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Pres. **Marco Pinto**. Again, a relatively low attendance. This gives a greater chance to win a Raffle prize, but cuts down on the money available for future prizes and also cuts down on the money for coffee and donuts. Cutting out coffee and donuts could be a real crisis. So, come on members, get with the program. Attend your PCC meetings. Not only are Raffle prizes and coffee & donuts a vital part of each meeting, but you must be present to express your views on the state of affairs, activities, and direction that PCC is going.

The minutes of the Feb., 2006 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. **Dennis Lowry** displayed the Raffle prizes.

The April 2 work party was called off because of the threat of rain. It will be held at a later date when the weather is more likely to be good. Based upon recent experience---lotsa luck on that being very soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TREASURY: As has been the status for many a moon, this report was made by **Ellsworth Crowell**.

SAFETY: **Wally Cain** was back but had nothing to report. Has been so rainy, that not much flying has been happening.

FIELD: **Marco Pinto** again discussed the work party to be held April 2. (and was later cancelled because of rain). He had nothing else to report.

MEMBERSHIP: **Russell Bigelow, Donald Best, and Gerry Maddalozzo** were voted in as Full members. Congrats to all.

FLITE PROFICIENY: Nothing to report this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: April 30 will be the Dream Machine Show at Half Moon Bay airport. PCC has been invited to participate again. Call **Marco Pinto** if you want to participate. It's a great deal. Get in free, have fun talking to people, and you get to see the show.

OLD BUSINESS: **Ellsworth** read a letter PCC received from C.A.L.L. thanking us for the contribution in the name of **Marty Lee**, a longtime former member who passed away recently.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

D.O.M.: There were no nominations this month, so **Oliver** got to keep it for another month.

S.A.D.: **Ray Squires** had the front of both floats on his plane come loose while flying at Lake Hennesy and hang down.

Had a bad landing but he was able to salvage everything.

SHOW & TELL: **Ellsworth** had a complete field box which had belonged to **Russ Cryder** for sale. If interested, give **Ells** a call.

Neil Leopold showed a neat electric trainer.

Grant Sawai had a 30 % Yak 54 made by BME. Has a DA 50 gas engine for power. An ARF. Weighs about 15 lbs., 87 in. wing span. Has all kinds of goodies-smoke, double this and double that. Should fly by itself. It's a beautiful looking plane. Not flown as of meeting night. Expected to be flown by the end of the month. But with the weather we've had recently, it's doubtful.

Dennis Lowry is building a Spitfire from plans and had the stab. and el. to show.

Oliver Salles had a new Mini Ultra Stik which is made for electric power. An ARF. Not finished yet. Looks great.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M. and was followed by the Raffle. Winners were: **Jim Perry, Tom Aiken, and Don Best.**

Kirk

Editor's Column

Paul Lum

In this month's newsletter, we will print the club roster. This roster will not be posted on the club's website version of the newsletter to protect our members' privacy. Please go over the roster and check your personal information to see if it is correct. If you find any errors, please contact either **Ellsworth** or me.

As many of you probably already know, Highway 1 at Devil's Slide has been closed due to slippage. You might be wondering what the traffic situation is like. From personal experience, unless you live between Devil's Slide and Highway 92, it appears that the traffic hasn't been too adversely effected for us flyers. When going flying, we are usually going against the commute traffic, the commute traffic going east in the morning and west in the late afternoon. If you should need to go in those directions at those times, you will need patience. But like I said, for us flyers, it doesn't pose much of a problem.

Ken Barnes read in the San Jose Mercury that an event called "Legend of the Motorcycle" is to be held at the Ritz-Carlton on May 6th. The event is described as a Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance for motorcycles. They are estimating that 6000 people will attend the event this year. So heads up!

The Pacific Coast Dream Machines event has been cancelled in large part because of the closure of Devil's Slide. I also understand that the grounds at the Half Moon Bay Airport have been heavily soaked and is susceptible to damage from pedestrian traffic should the event take place.

Yes, March/April period has been rainy. But still there were

a few good days for flying. Remember the weeks and weeks of solid fog on the coast last year? Today, Sunday 4/8, saw a beautiful day with light winds and glassy smooth air. Just **Roberto** and I were there, burning up the sky. Thursday was also another perfect day. Just **Ken Martinez** and I were there. So keep your batteries charged and be ready to fly when weather permits.

A few more members have taken up the new electric flying. Maybe we can get members to submit a list of equipment necessary to get into electrics. A few years ago **Paul Rushing** bought a 'park flyer' package. Darn thing couldn't fly. He ended up having to buy a different battery and a different motor before it could fly. So knowing exactly what engine, battery, servos and etc. to get will save newcomers a lot of heart ache, time and money. **Ellsworth** has a new Foamie so I'll try to get some info on what equipment he is using. **Jake** too. **Kirk** hasn't flown his electric yet but after it's proven itself, I'll try to get a listing of his equipment.

Paul

Newsletter Submission Deadline: Third Tuesday Before The Next Meeting!

Upcoming Events

April

- 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*

June

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

Spring Swap Meet -

Radio Control Flyers Unlimited, of Oakdale, California is having a second Spring Swap Meet on Saturday, April 22, 2006, at 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ward Hendricks Field. For booth space rental, call Paul Klahn at 209-962-6404. Directions: 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. No Seller's Fee

Remember: Wear your name badge at the field. Put your name and phone number on your transmitter. (There's an un-named Tx in the impound box at the field)

Pictures

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



Our poor fence posts finally rusted through and the storm winds knocked our fence down. A temp fix has been made.



Dennis concentrating on his airplane. It got really bumpy while he was flying.



Grant's new pattern airplane. Smooth flyer.



Here Grant is holding his new airplane. Does he look cold? I thought Grant always wore shorts?



Ken with his completely recovered Hangar 9 Stick. He's learning which switch controls what.



Ells and Dennis watching Dennis' airplane while Andrew concentrates on taxiing his airplane back to the pits.



Olivier arriving at the field. He was anxious to do some flying after all of the rainy days we've been having.



Ellsworth with his new foamie. Haven't seen it fly yet! Looks like a winner!



A picture of Bob Hixson's new pattern airplane. He's had several flights on it already.



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