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FROM THE FLIGHT DECK

Jake Chichilitti

Hello Everyone,

It's hard to believe it's June already. Where does the time go? I hope everyone is getting in plenty of flying time. We have one club event this month.

Marco has scheduled a club fun fly for Sunday June 22. You don't need anything fancier than a trainer to compete. Please plan on attending either as a participant or a spectator. It should be lots of fun.

I know the weather hasn't been the best this spring, but there have been some very nice days at the field if you pick your time just right. I was at the field over the Memorial Day

weekend and Sunday was really nice. I guess most everyone was off doing other stuff as there were only a handful of us there.

We even got some of the field mowed that day, thanks to Ken Barnes. As you probably know by now, our riding mower is not operational and we received permission to use the PAM mower. It hasn't been used for a couple of years and Ken got it running. We mowed most of the parking area and the spectator's area, which was getting very overgrown with weeds. We also got to use the weed whacker and things are looking pretty good. Thanks Peninsula Aeromodelers and thanks Ken.

The next weekend Neil Leopold and I drove up to Schmidt's Ranch near Elk Grove for a contest sponsored by SAM 21. Some of you may not know about SAM.

SAM stands for Society of Antique Modelers and we fly models that date back to the 1930's. The nice thing is we are allowed to add radio control for elevator, rudder and throttle cut functions. Some of the real brave souls fly their models just the way they were designed as free flight models.

We flew only radio control-assisted models at Schmidt's Ranch as the venue isn't large enough for free flight. Basically all the events are timed duration events with limited engine runs. It's quite a challenge to make a model stay up long enough to score a max flight time. Neil is good and scored several maxes.

It wasn't a real big contest in terms of participants, but was huge in terms of friendliness and helpfulness. Thank you to all

the folks that made me feel welcome and helped me set up my models.

This was my first contest as a participant and it was a lot of fun. I came in first place with my Bird of Time, which was flown off a high start, and I came in second in the Ohlsson Sideport event which is flown with a .60-size ignition engine manufactured in the 1940's.

I can't say it's as exciting as RC combat, but I flew for two days and all my models were undamaged after the contest ended. In contrast, I brought four models to the last combat contest and ran out of planes before it was finished.

To top it off I won a completely finished model complete with an engine and radio in the raffle. It is one big plane and has a Super Tigre .60 for power. Somehow Neil managed to stuff it in his van for the drive home. I didn't think there was room for it as we had it pretty well stuffed with planes already.

I'm hoping to make a couple more contests before the end of the flying season and you'll probably get to see me fly my old timers at the field. I definitely need the practice.

That's about it for this month. Let's charge up our batteries and go flying,

—*Jake*

MINUTES: MAY 21, 2008

Mike Nadler

Jake Chichilitti called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. Guest: Mike Solauqui.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER: Ellsworth Crowell delivered the treasury report. All is well.

SAFETY: The gate has still not been replaced. Harry Smith will call Mr. Deany about the gate and additional grading.

FIELD: Jake and Mike Peck disposed of garbage from the work day.

The tractor is not running. In fact, the motor is shot. Cost to repair: \$1,400. Sears has new tractors for \$995. The old tractor is only four years old. If we replace the tractor, regular maintenance will have to be performed.

RAFFLE: Main prize is a Piper Pawnee 15e by E-Flite.

MEMBERSHIP: No news.

FLIGHT PROFICIENCY: No news.

CONTEST REPORTS:

- May 24 IMAA at Chowchilla
- May 24 Watsonville Fly-In
- May 30-June 1 Sam 21
- May 31 Slope Races at Davenport

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Fun Fly Sunday, June 21. \$10 per person.

Contest Director is Marco Pinto.

Egg drop devices approved last year will be OK.

Lunch will be provided for contestants and offered to spectators at minimal charge.

Additional details will be posted on the PCC website (also see next article—*ed*).

DUMMY OF THE MONTH: Jake lost sight of his Playboy.

SAD STORIES: Greg Romine lost radio contact on his twin-engine bomber and destroyed it.

HITS & MISSES: Polyurethane glues such as Gorilla Glue cure faster and expand dramatically when mixed with about 20% water. Keep a damp paper towel handy to mop up extra glue as it oozes out.

Marco is very enthusiastic about the Pro Foil computer program. Ask him for details.

SHOW & TELL: Bill Kuhse showed his E-Flite De Havilland Beaver, available for about \$150.

Jeff March showed a Top Flight P-51.

Andrew Sweeney talked about his Twister 40.

Ken Martinez was pleased to win a First Place award for R/C Combat at Exeter.

Eric Einarsson showed how he can mount two transmitters on a single tray to test for radio failures.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Marco Pinto won the raffle.

—*Mike*

JUNE 22ND FUN FLY DETAILS

Marco Pinto

I hope you have had time to get the dust off that fun-flier hanging from the rafters or stored away in your garage. Re-install that receiver you removed for another airplane and cycle

the battery – more than once. Re-start the engine, re-adjust the carburetor and run half a tank of fuel to ensure proper and peak performance of the engine. Not to mention the final cleaning with “Windex” or other polishing compound to warrantee that your model will look at its best for the Fun Fly contest and the photo shoot.

On June 22nd at 9:30 am we will have our Fun Fly contest – the weekend after our monthly meeting. There will be \$10 entry

fee that includes lunch. For those on the sidelines cheering the participating pilots there will a small fee for their meal – burgers, chips and drinks.

If you are planning to participate, here is list of the games that will be played,

more or less in order.

The first phase of the event will consist of ground games. They are:

- 1) **Taxi Run:** run (not lift off) plane at end of runway, U-turn around cone and return to starting point as fast as you can without lifting off.
- 2) **Obstacle Course:** slalom airplane around cones on runway, u-turn around last cone and return to starting point. Shortest time wins.
- 3) **Faithful Indian Guide:** you will need a “trusty” guide here. The pilot blind-folded or turning his/her back to his model airplane must drive this model to the end of the runway, turn around a cone and return to starting point. Shortest time wins. However, in the past those who took their time to go slow but steady did best.

Then we move on to the second phase: the flying games. We will start these with:

- 4) **One-minute Flight:** The pilot must take off, fly and land in exactly one minute with no help from timing devices or hints from others — just his own guesstimation. Hint: some pilots have sung a jingle to estimate the time. Time starts from the moment the airplane lifts off, so get a good run to avoid a low speed, high angle of attack stall.
- 5) **Climb and Glide:** from still (or tail released), model accelerates down the runway and takes off. You will get 20 seconds from release/acceleration to take off and climb as high as you can. Time starts from the time the model is released or accelerates on runway. Engine must be shut down at the 21st second. Glide

your model for as long as you want, can or dare to but model must land on runway. Longest time wins.

- 6) **Spot Landing:** Take off, do complete flight around field, then land. Closest touch down to line across runway wins.
- 7) **Slow Fly-by** and...
- 8) **Fast Fly-by:** Model flies upwind west side of the runway in straight course. Flights are timed. First pass is slow, second is fast. Longest time and shortest time win, respectively.

At 12:00 or so we take a 30-minute lunch break. At 12:30 pm the contest continues with everyone’s favorite game:

- 9) **Egg Drop:** Everyone will have 3 eggs to drop from flying airplane into target at runway. Closest to the target hit wins. Eggs will be carried in Styrofoam cup and fastened to model with rubber bands and popsicle sticks. If you built an egg drop box last year, it will be allowed for this contest. No other apparatus will be allowed.

And last game is

- 10) **Musical Chairs:** All airplanes get airborne while music is played. When music stops, all models must hurry up and do a touch and go. Every man for himself in this game. Last model in touching is out and must land. This is repeated until only one model remains in the air. Last one remaining wins.

I hope you are as thrilled about this contest as I am. Don’t miss it. Give your model one more safety check, pre-fly it before the event and get it ready for the contest. Practice the games herein described and be ready to have as much fun as possible in a single day. You will not regret it.



This event is guaranteed to have you laughing throughout and on your way back home. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting and at the contest. Come on and join us Sunday, June 22nd, at 9:30 am.

—*Marco*

Newsletter Submission Deadline: Third Tuesday before the next meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

See PCC Website for more Northern California RC events.

June

- 14 Pattern Training Day, Sacramento Area Modelers
- 18 PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Room
- 22 Fun Fly @ PCC Field, 9:30 a.m.

July

- 16 PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Room
- 26 Open B Combat, Livermore

August

- 20 PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Room
- 22-24 IMAA FlyIn, Salinas Area Modelers

September

- 6 Annual FunFly, Livermore Flying Electrons
- 14 Annual PCC Club Picnic
- 17 PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Room

October

- 4-5 Pattern @ Sacramento Area Modelers
- 10-12 Float Fly @ Salinas Area Modelers
- 14 Annual PCC Club Picnic
- 15 PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Room

PICTURES

Photos by Paul Lum. You can view these in color at <http://flypcc.org/coppermine/>

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This is the transmitter that came in the plane's package.



Dennis bites his lips in anticipation of the plane's first flight.



Dennis examines his new unflown micro electric airplane.



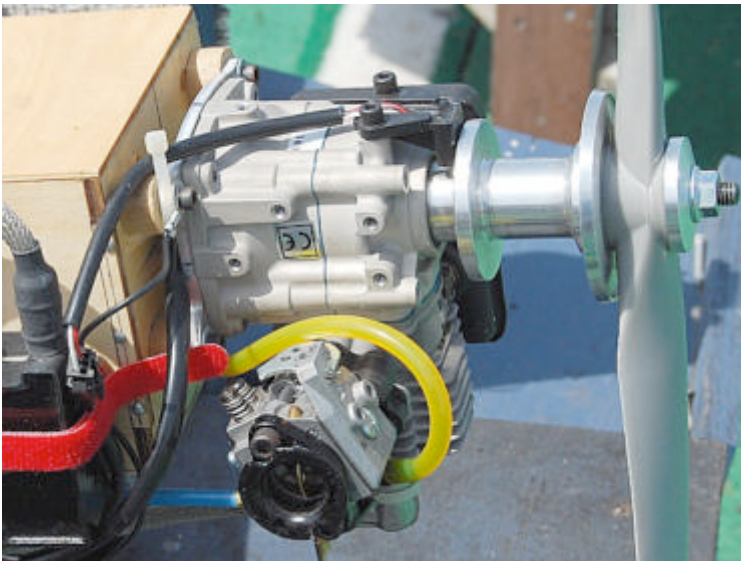
Dennis launches the plane and it flies. It's controllable!



Mike kept programming and programming his transmitter.



Here are two of Bill K's beautiful airplanes.



Mike replaced the ignition system on his engine.



Here's a closeup of the cockpit of one of Bill's airplanes.



Ray's Spitfire waits for Ray.



Mickey on the left watches Franklin fly his foamie airplane.



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