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FROM THE FLIGHT DECK

Jake Chichilitti

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all having a great summer so far and are enjoying our beautiful flying site. It's been a bit windy at the field, but I always bring a glider or two with me and do some slope soaring when it gets too turbulent to fly my power planes. You don't need anything fancy to have a great time on the slope.

Here is another installment of **I learned about flying from that**.

I was warming up for the PCC Fun Fly Contest last Sunday and was going to enter my World Models CAP 232. I was getting good and warm when we heard a high-pitched buzzing sound coming from the plane. Being the cautious pilot that I am, I immediately cut the throttle and landed without incident. Mike West and I inspected the plane for loose covering or anything else that could be wrong. Well we didn't find anything amiss.

Here is where I made my first and last mistake.

It was pretty clear that something was loose somewhere, but I opted to take her up again to see if the problem cured itself. And just to make sure it was fixed I made a pass with the throttle wide open. Gee whiz the problem came back and this time there wasn't much left to inspect.

The best we can figure is the aileron fluttered and it just rolled over and dug its own grave. I'm sure I would have given it a better inspection if it was a model I had built, but it was an ARF and I didn't have much of an attachment to it.

That really isn't much of an excuse to fly an unsafe airplane that could have gone out of control and crashed into something besides the ground. You can believe I'll ground any of my models until it's thoroughly inspected and the problem is found. One lesson learned the hard way.

The Fun Fly went on without me and a great time was had by all. The weather could have been better, but it wasn't too bad if you were dressed warmly. The food was worth the price of admission. I'll leave it to Marco to give a full report on the results of the Fun Fly.

I was out at the field last Sunday, June 29, and the dirt is still piled up on the side of the runway. Hopefully it will be leveled and smoothed out this month. Also the PCC mower should be picked up by Ray Squires and moved to Phill Hill's shop for a closer examination. Phil will let us know what parts are needed to fix it up.

There are two contests scheduled for July that I know about. East Bay R/C will be holding their second Open B Combat contest on July 26 at their field in Livermore.

And there is another SAM contest up in Elk Grove that is a two-day affair on July 26 and 27. I am firmly hooked into the old-timer movement so Neil and I will be attending the SAM contest. If everything goes as planned I will be flying in four different events. It should be lots of fun.

I'll have a new model to show at the next meeting, unless something goes horribly wrong.

Keep building and keep 'em flying,

—*Jake*

MINUTES: JUNE 18, 2008

Marco Pinto

Jake Chichilitti called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Ken is on vacation. Guests: Larry Smith, Alex Holt, Maurice Zaldana.

Newsletter minutes were approved as published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER: Ellsworth Crowell delivered the treasury report. We continue strong.

SAFETY: Please keep the runway clear. If taxiing, announce your intentions loudly. Electric planes are quiet, so let everyone know when you are on the runway, taking off and landing.

FIELD: We mowed the field with the Peninsula Aeromodelers mower (thanks, PAM!). Our mower still needs repair. Phill Hill will try to fix it.

RAFFLE: John Bassetto presented the raffle prizes: FuntanaX, a donated gallon of fuel and a voltmeter.

MEMBERSHIP: Voted in as members were Larry Smith, Mike Solaegui, Alex Holt and Maurice Zaldana.

FLIGHT PROFICIENCY: No news.

CONTEST REPORTS

- Ken Barnes went to the Slope Races at Davenport May 31-June 2. One of the gliders crashed in front of the flight line, hitting a pilot and wounding him badly. It cut his neck almost to the artery.
- PCC Fun Fly Sunday, June 22.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Thanks to Ken Barnes for bringing donuts and Dennis Lowry for coffee.

DUMMY OF THE MONTH: None.

SAD STORIES: None.

HITS & MISSES: None.

SHOW & TELL: Maurice Zaldana brought an [ARF version of the P-38](#) from Hobby Lobby. Specs: 43-3/4 inch wingspan, 30 inches long, 243 sq. in. wing area, 24 oz. flying weight. It's

made from pre-painted molded hollow styrofoam and is easy to assemble. Lots of details. Props counter rotate using two EFlite 480 motors. He modified it by adding working rudders. With a LiPo battery it gets 8-minute flights. Easy to fly but fast. Very nice.

Dennis Lowry showed a Brodak control line model, the [Junior Flite Streak](#), built from a kit. He plans to install a Brodak .06 engine and finish it with Brodak paint. Dennis modified the airplane to streamline it and make it more aerodynamic. He has a second kit for his next project, which will be converted for electric power.

Jeff Obertelli brought two free wings. One came from a Great Planes Fundango. The other was a Gremlin wing.

Bill Kuhse, who likes boats in addition to airplanes, brought a Fast Ship Freighter built from a German kit. The full-size ship carried 12 passengers in luxury. The 40-inch-long model is very detailed and beautiful.

RAFFLE: First prize FuntanaX went to Tom Akin. The gallon of fuel was awarded to Ken Martinez. The voltmeter was won by John Bassetto, who had donated it in the first place. A re-draw awarded it to Olivier Salles.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

—*Marco*

TAMING THE DISTANCE

Pete Johnson

How did we get to this place, with compact solid-state electronic gear featuring multi-channel computer-assisted proportional remote control over our model airplanes?

For a look at the colorful history of our hobby browse the Radio Control Hall of Fame at <http://www.rchalloffame.org/>, a rich collection of photos, videos and profiles of the people and companies who imaginatively tamed the distance by pursuing three dreams: Any Control, More Control and Proportional Control.

Based on a Cleveland Heights, Ohio, collection of more than 1,300 transmitters and scads of receivers and actuators, along with vintage advertisements, photos, videos and fascinating profiles and historical tidbits, this website celebrates remote magic: "The focus of the Radio Control Hall of Fame and Museum is on the radio control itself – not the wonderful airplanes, cars, and other vehicles which employ it (and are very well covered by other museums and sites)."

The emphasis is on radio control of model airplanes, with an acknowledged bias toward American RC.

According to the website, “The development and initial history of radio control occurred overwhelmingly in this country just as certainly as more recent history has been dominated by other countries. U.S. radio control was so pre-eminent that – even as late as the 1965 Internationals in Sweden – 77% of all contestants from around the world flew US equipment. Even the leading Japanese competitor, who owned a Japanese RC company, used a US radio!”

The Video Gallery on the website showcases the **San Francisco Mustangs** (1950-1952) narrated by Jack Albrecht, **Ed Rutherford** demonstrating RC displays and the **1963 Internationals** from Morris Mckenna.

Special Exhibits include articles and photos of the following:

- Annco One
- Baisden One
- C&S One
- C&S Three Channel
- Citizen-Ship 4 Stick
- Controilaire Three Channel
- Doig’s Ulti Multi
- First 404
- First Controilaire Proportional
- First F&M Proportional
- First Logictrol
- First Pistol Grip Radio
- First Quadruplex
- First Royal
- Jack Albrecht’s Schneider
- KSE One
- Last Orbit
- Last Quadruplex
- Logictrol One
- Lorenz Mystery Tube
- Maynard Hill’s Sampey 404
- Min-X One
- Paul One
- Prototype Astromite
- Prototype Bonner Digimite
- Prototype Steeb Servos
- Prototype TEMCO
- Pullen PCS
- Royal One
- S&O One
- Space Control One
- TEMCO One
- Valley One
- Walt Good’s Last Transmitter

If this list sounds like what’s stored in your garage, perhaps you’d like to consider making a donation to the Radio Control Hall of Fame. ☺

Newsletter Submission Deadline: *Third Tuesday before the next meeting.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

See PCC Website for more Northern California RC events.

July

- 16 PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Room
- 26 Open B Combat, Livermore
- 26-27 SAM, Elk Grove

August

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

September

- 6 Annual Fun Fly, 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

November

- 1 Swap Meet @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill
- 19 PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Room

PICTURES

Photos by Brian O’Neill and John Bassetto. You can view these in color at <http://flypcc.org/coppermine/>

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On a somewhat grey day, contest director Marco Pinto pens in the lineup of contestants.

Styrofoam cup loaded and ready to drop its eggs.

Eric nods as Jake signals the release of the “Eggo-Bomber” by raising his hand.

Beware the Blue Box!

A net cozies the egg beneath the plane.

Jake gives the go-ahead.

Pilots compete on the flight line.

Getting ready for the Egg Drop.

Guess the plane's gonna fly inverted.

This plane suffered a broken vertical stabilizer.

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