

PCC Newsletter



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A Last Look. Photo by Brian Chan.

NO MORE FLYING!

As of October 1, no one is allowed to fly at the PCC Half Moon Bay airfield. Our lease has ended and we are actively looking for a new flying location.

CLEAN UP TIME

During the month of October, we will host work parties every Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. at the field. If you see a member getting ready to fly, please let him know that we no longer have the right to fly here.

FROM THE FLIGHT DECK

Jake Chichilitti

Hello Everyone,

As most of you know by now we have received a letter from the new land owners that our lease has been terminated as of September 30, 2008.

There were a couple of reasons given for our eviction, but in the end the new owners didn't need an excuse. They have made it clear that they don't want to talk to us. So let's move on and pull up stakes and find another field to call our home.

We have until the end of October to vacate the premises and we will have to remove all of our field improvements in order to satisfy the lease requirements.

We will have to find a place to store our stuff and it will take a team effort to remove the runway and separate the junk from the stuff we want to keep for the next field.

It looks like we will be having work parties every weekend during the month of October. Please try to help as much as possible and we will have the field nice and clean before you know it.

I wrote the following before the eviction letter was received.

I hope you are enjoying the flying weather we are having. This time of year is usually the best weather we will see before the rain starts.

We had a picnic at the field on September 14th. It was kind of a surprise to me as I didn't check our schedule of events on our web site. In any event the weather was great for the picnic and the food was great thanks to our hardworking president, Ken Martinez. Thank you Ken for all your hard work.

In case you were not at the PCC meeting on September 17, I want to update you on the ban of turbine/pulse jet proposal I made at the August meeting.

After much discussion it was decided by the membership to not ban the running of turbines/pulse jet engines, but instead place a moratorium of them until January 2009. Under the moratorium there will be no running of turbines/pulse jets until the membership revisits the issue in January. If the club decides to allow turbine operations at our field the person operating the turbine must show proof that they have a current AMA Turbine waiver. There can be no exceptions to that rule as our liability insurance will be put in jeopardy.

That's about it for now. See you at the field,

—*Jake*

MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

Mike Solaegui

The meeting started at 7:35 p.m. with 26 members present. No guests.

Alonzo Richards reminded everyone that he is cleaning out his garage, so stop by for plenty of free stuff Saturday, September 20, at 2 p.m.

Phill Hill brought a box of free miscellaneous airplane parts and tools.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER: Ellsworth Crowell gave the treasurer's report. We enjoy continued solvency.

SAFETY: It's important to keep the gate closed and, when appropriate, locked. Several times unwanted visitors have entered the pit area.

MEMBERSHIP: Melvin Jung has applied for membership. Total membership is 105.

FLIGHT PROFICIENCY: Mike Solaegui is certified for Level A. Eric Einarsson is certified for Level C.

NEW BUSINESS: We're waiting to replace the gate and perform site maintenance by leveling the berm.

Phill Hill repaired the lawn mower. It's ready to pick up.

Dennis Fuente showed a turbo free prop and a turbine.

The October 15 meeting is a Flea Market where members can sell their extra planes and equipment. Fee is \$10 per table.

Jake Chichilitti proposed that turbine be banned from our fields. Many people expressed opinions on this issue. There was no vote. Instead, the group agreed to observe a moratorium on jets until the January meeting.

The group needs to set aside a space for testing jets.

HITS & MISSES: Ray Granz lost a plane from 30 feet when the engine leaned out. Jake lost a small electric plane from a wing frame failure.

SHOW & TELL: Kenny Martinez showed a glider cradle mounted on a sturdy airframe, inviting anyone to take a ride.

Ray Granz was working on his 34-inch biplane when he blew out the receiver by connecting it with crossed polarity.

RAFFLE: Alex Holt won a Mini Ultra Stick.

—*Mike*

UPCOMING EVENTS

See PCC Website for more Northern California RC events.

October

Work Parties at PCC Field every Sat & Sun 10 a.m.

10-12 Float Fly @ Salinas Area Modelers

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

December

17 PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Room

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

PICTURES

Photos by John Bassetto, Martin Vargas, Brian Chan and Pete Johnson. You can view these in color at <http://flypcc.org/coppermine/>

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We need a new place to put this sign!

On the Last Sunday, President Ken discusses events.

Mike Peck helps Mike Klass tune up for a flight.

Eric Einarsson chats with Ray Squires.

Greg Romine talks a long walk back after his wing folded.

John, Eric, Ken and Martin smile for the camera.

Eric hangs up his channel pin for the last time.

Jake crouches by his venerable "Elder Biplane."

John, Ken and Martin pose with John's antique biplane.

Kenny Martinez poses with his Cap Aerobat.

Ken tweaks his engine.

Ken and John fasten down the wing.

Ken and John mug for a photo.

Group shot of John, Eric, Ken and Martin.

Ken, John and Eric work on their planes.

A dramatic cliff-side view of the flying site, by Brian Chan.

Brian's beautiful aerial view of the field.



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