

# PCC Newsletter



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## **FIELD NEWS**

We are still moving forward on getting a new field, and the outlook is quite good. The PCC held a picnic and noise test Sunday, Nov. 23, at the new field in Half Moon Bay. See pictures in the [Photo Galleries](#). Brian Chan took a spectacular aerial photo and Photoshopped in planned improvements. See his picture: [http://flypcc.org/pages/galleries/new\\_field.shtml](http://flypcc.org/pages/galleries/new_field.shtml)

Where is the proposed new field? You'll find a map and directions here: <http://flypcc.org/pages/new-field.shtml>

Come to the Dec. 17 meeting to hear the latest developments.

On a perfect Sunday in Half Moon Bay, Alonzo Richardson poses by the Richardson Field sign.

## **\$20 DUES!**

Annual PCC dues are reduced to \$20 for 2009 while we work on getting a new field set up. See Ellsworth Crowell's **Treasurer's Column** for details.

## **ELECTION TIME**

Attend the December meeting and vote for your new club officers.

## **PCC BANQUET**

The annual PCC Banquet will be held Saturday, Jan. 24, at Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City.

## **STEVE ATWATER**

Don Magrini writes about Steve Atwater:

*Steve's companion of many years, Alice Powell, has just informed me that Steve passed away in July from complications after surgery. The couple have resided on the Oregon Coast for over 10 years.*

*Probably only a few of us old guys remember Steve. He was a retired Psychology instructor at City College of SF, a member of PCC, and a meticulous modeler. A WW I Spad Biplane comes to mind that was truly a work of art.*

*A super nice guy, his sunny personality will not be soon forgotten.*

## **FROM THE FLIGHT DECK**

**Jake Chichilitti**

Hello everyone,

I don't know about you folks, but I sure do miss our old flying field. I have been flying at the SACRATS field and it is a very nice facility, but I can't imagine another flying site as beautiful as our old field.

There is one thing that the SACRATS field has in common with our old field and that's salt water. There is a line of trees just on the other side of the runway and beyond that there is bay water. A plane could be retrieved with a small raft or kayak, but the radio gear would probably be ruined from the salt water.

A few weeks ago Eric and I were flying there and we heard about a fellow who crashed his B-25 Mitchell bomber out in the salt water and it was still there when we went out to take a look for it. It looked like one of the big ARFs and from what we heard it was electric powered.

We are making good progress in our hunt for a new field. By the time you read this we may have secured a new field. Come to the meeting December 17<sup>th</sup> and find out all the details. Wouldn't that make a great Christmas present!

I'd like to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday Season and hope that Santa brings you everything you wished for.

**—Jake**

## **TREASURER'S COLUMN**

*Ellsworth Crowell*

It's time to start to collect PCC dues for 2009.

There probably won't be much flying until some work is done to the field and a lease is signed, so it was decided to lower the dues to \$20 for 2009.

I would appreciate it if you would mail me a copy of your AMA membership card for 2009 and a check for \$20.00 made out to PCC.

Mail to:

**Mr. Ellsworth Crowell**  
**424 Oxford Way**  
**Belmont, CA 94002-2752**

Happy New Year! Merry Christmas!

—*Ellsworth*

## **MINUTES: NOVEMBER 19, 2008**

*Mike Solaegui*

**NEW BUSINESS:** Only new business was about the potential for a field on the Giusti property on Highway One, 1.2 miles south of the last traffic light in Half Moon Bay.

It was agreed by a show of hands that we go ahead with plans to first test for sound levels and then if no sound problem exists to allocate approximately \$8,000.00 to build out the field.

A meeting at the property at 9 a.m. Sunday will be used to sound test with DB meters the sound levels at the home .75 miles south and the church .60 miles north, the only areas that could be affected by engine sound.

At Dennis Lowry's suggestion, Richardson Field was selected by motion as the name for the new field to honor Alonzo Richardson, our senior member.

Dennis Fuentes brought Phil as a guest.

George Golda was recognized as the person responsible for locating the property for the new field.

**SHOW & TELL:** Bill Kuhse showed hand-built boats from Vietnam.

Tim Boyle a P-40 with scale retracts.

Randy Paul brought his big Citabria Pro Bipe

Mike Peck cut class to show his Park Flier Corsair.

Mike Solaegui showed the Piper Cub that was given to him by Alonzo Richardson, electrified of course.

Mike Peck won the raffle prize for the first time after many tries and prayers.

**TREASURER:** Ellsworth Crowell reported that we still have money in the bank.

—*Mike*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **December**

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

### **January**

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

24 PCC Banquet, Harry's Hofbrau, Redwood City

### **February**

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

### **March**

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

### **April**

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

### **May**

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

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

## **PICTURES**

Photos by Brian Chan, Brian O'Neill and Pete Johnson. You can view these in color at <http://flypcc.org/coppermine/>

Help make the newsletter and website better: take pictures and send them in! Want to learn how? Check out this helpful page: [How to Send Photos](#).

## **PHOTO TIPS**

If you want to add photos to the PCC Photo Galleries, please do the following:

- Size the photos to 640x480 pixels horizontal @ 72 dpi
- Turn off the datestamp feature!
- Provide a caption

There's plenty of parking at the new field, folks!

Brian Chan gets ready for an aerial photo flight.

Ken Martinez primes his Mako for a noise test.

Looking east across the field to the hills.

Alonzo, Jim Reimholz and Bob Mariani enjoy a perfect day.

Marco Pinto checks the noise level of John Costas' plane.



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