

# PCC Newsletter



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## **FIELD NEWS**

The PCC has signed a lease with John Giusti for a field in Half Moon Bay. We cannot fly there until the AMA sends us an insurance policy which we can give to our new landlord, and we still need to mark the no-fly zones.

Meanwhile, Eddie Andreini, a truck driver and two workers, along with Mike Klass, spent a day at the field installing a drain pipe and leveling the driveway, drain area and part of the field. You can see many more pictures of the hydraulic excavator and the bulldozer and the work-in-progress in the [Photo Galleries](#).

We still have lots more to do before the field is ready for flying, but we're making progress! Do not go to the field yet: we'll have a few work parties to set it up before we fly.

Come to the Jan. 21 meeting to hear the latest news.

The giant excavator digs a trench for the pipe that will supply drainage at the new field.

## **\$20 DUES!**

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

## **PCC BANQUET**

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

## **CLEAR THE PROP!**

**Dennis Lowry**

The machinations of our club never cease to amaze me! Most of you have probably never heard of Sally Robert, sister of the famous Henry Robert. She ran a Quilting Bee several centuries

ago while her brother ran around the country as an Army Officer. When the progress on the Bee's quilt began to falter due to internal squabbling and feminine pressures that are best left unsaid, Sally put together a little pamphlet to help guide the ladies through their difficulties. She called it "*In Disregard for Robert's Rules of Order.*" In many of the PCC meetings I have attended, I marvel at how we have come to emulate and cherish its admonitions. Now, through its rigid enforcement I have inherited writing this column and all the luxuries that come with the office of Vice President! All I can say is THANK YOU SALLY!

So, what's happening?

## **BIG BANQUET AT HARRY'S HOFFBRAU!!! Saturday January 24**

Securing the lease on the new field is coming along. Mike Klass and Ken Martinez are working toward getting the grading done. Since it's been rainy that is going slower than many of you would like, but it's not for a lack of trying. But as Spring comes around, we will be calling for volunteers to prep the field. When the call comes, at the meeting, on e-mail, or on your phone, step up to the plate and do your part. This is your club, and you can make it strong by being active.

This loss of the field should serve as a wakeup call to all of us. What is this club, and why do we want to be members of it? One of the key questions the news reporter asked Ken was, "What service does your club provide the community?" I might become a pain in the rear end; I am going to pursue this question. We are extremely lucky that George Golda knows the Giusti family so well, and he could put in a word for us. We could lose this new field at the snap of a finger. John Giusti is a good man, and he is doing a community service by providing us with his field. Now what is our community service? It is our future, and we need to define it.

OK, I'll get off the soapbox for now, but I hope you think about it, and take some initiative and responsibility.

Remember: **BIG BANQUET AT HARRY'S HOFFBRAU!!!**  
**Saturday January 24**

—*Dennis*

## **TREASURER'S COLUMN**

*Ellsworth Crowell*

Happy New Year! It's time to collect PCC dues for 2009.

There won't be much flying until some work is done to the field, so we 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**

—*Ellsworth*

## **MINUTES: DECEMBER 17, 2008**

*Mike Solaegui*

**ATTENDEES:** 33

**GUESTS:** 0

**NEW BUSINESS:** John Guisti has in principle agreed to the terms of the field lease but on a month-to-month basis due to his concern with possible objections by neighbors or POST.

Eddie Andreini is working on a bid for leveling the site and installing a drain.

Xmas Banquet @ Harry's Hofbrau, Redwood City January 24, 6 PM no host cocktail, 7 PM dinner.

**TREASURER:** Treasury is in good shape.

**SAFETY:** 0

**FIELD:** 0

**IMPROVEMENTS:** 0

**NEW MEMBERS:** 0

**RAFFLE PRIZE:** Blade MCX

**SHOW & TELL:**

John Bassetto has covered his 120 Trainer.

Mike Nadler showed his just-in-from-Taiwan Cessna 140 electric.

Mike Peck, singing the praises of small electrics, showed an Edge 540 that, weather permitting, will fly soon.

Jake created the new category of **Show & Fly**, a tiny Blade MCX helicopter giving haircuts around the room.

Frank Phelps brought along hand-lettered signs for the new field.

—*Mike*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **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

### **June**

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

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

## **PICTURES**

Photos by Mike Klass. 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

Eddie Andreini has been a great friend to the PCC.

Eddie at the wheel of the giant excavator.

Getting ready to unload pipe for the drain.

The drain takes shape.

Grading and scraping the field.

The driveway is mowed!

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 21, 2009, 7:30 p.m.**