

PCC Newsletter



June 2011

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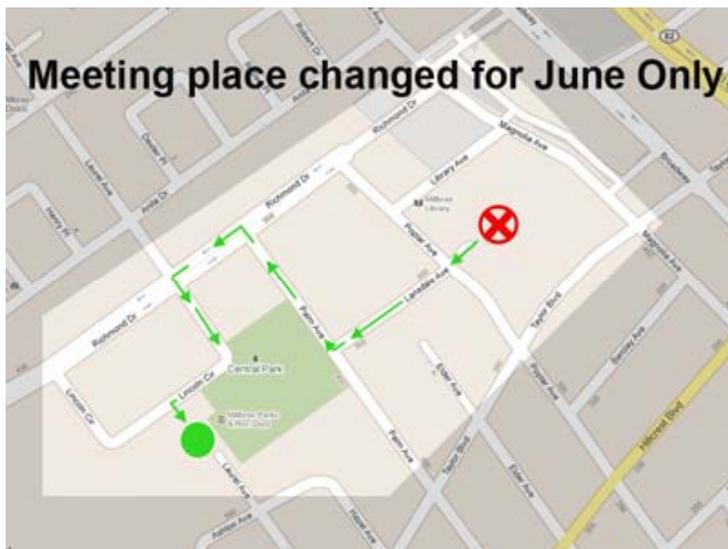
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ PCC

Editor

GENERAL MEETING LOCATION CHANGED FOR JUNE 2011.

Due to scheduling issues, the June club meeting will be moved to Rooms DEF at the **Millbrae Community Center - 477 Lincoln Circle, Millbrae**. This is just for June 2011 meeting.



CLEAR DA PROP!

Dennis Lowry

Hello Gentlemen.

I have called for a meeting of the members of the Board to discuss the upgrades proposed for our runway.

As the membership requested in our March general meeting, Kenny Martinez and I met with our landlord, John Giusti, several weeks back and talked about flattening the earth underneath the Astroturf. He is not opposed to the work, but the agreement we have with him is that when we leave the premises, if we ever do, for any reason, PCC will restore the ground to its original condition.

For your consideration also, John has offered to allow us a one year lease on the property. I have just reread our existing month to month lease, and the conditional use will be primarily the same. I believe the yearly agreement is simply a written form of a strengthening relationship. PCC members still have to be proactive stewards of the area. And we can still lose it for reasons unseen by us and/or by John.

Eddie Andreini is ready to start work, and Ken is going to start a signup sheet of members committed to doing the work required for the effort.

When Ken has enough members committed to doing the work, and we resolve how to pay for it, we will move forward. The membership will have spoken.

Come to the meeting.

By the way, the meeting this month will be held in the Community Center. I'll post a map on the Chetcutti Room,

but it will be the same place we go whenever President Obama flies in.

OK, let us hear your desires.

Dennis

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Mike Soleagui

4-20-11

29 members in attendance and one guest, Zack Holt.

Membership 107 active members.

Safety, no new issues, BUT always have someone else preflight check a new plane.

Maintenance, do we pull up the runway carpet and have Andriani till the soil to prepare the soil for compaction?

Raffle, J & M provided an extra 260 3D 480.

Work Party, May 21 & 22, all hands on desk please.

Dream machines May 1.

May 19 is a Portola Valley RC event at 6:00 PM.

Matt Abrams Won his first time entering the IMAC basic contest in Salinas.

Oceana had 22 students this year and was a great success.

Ray Granz brought his raffle prize for a few months ago in a hundred pieces.

Hobby Kings DMS2 receiver @ 7.99 seems to work well.

Jake showed his old timer, a Play Boy.

Skip is still collecting 2 gram planes.

Larry Smith has a new A J Stick 50 size 3D plane.

FLOAT FLY INFORMATION

Jake Chichilitti

Ray Squires and I are planning a float fly at Lake Hennessey on June 25th the last Saturday of June.

Also there will be a Red Bluff Float Fly beginning of July 14 and ending on July 17.

This is a major event and is always a great time.



UPCOMING EVENTS

June

- 11 Warbird Fly-In, SCCMAS, Morgan Hill, 9am- 4 pm
- 15 PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Millbrae Community Center. Rooms DEF.
- 25 Float Fly at Lake Hennessey, Contact Jake for info.

July

- 4 Independence Day, USA.
- 9-10 Tomcat's Annual airshow, SCCMAS, Morgan Hill.
- 20 PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Room
- 22-24 Wings of Victory, Woodland-Davis R/C, Woodland.

August

- 6 SCCMAS R/C Swap Meet
- 17 PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Rm, Millbrae
- 19-21 All Scale Fun Fly, Salinas Area Modelers, Chualar

More events schedule information can be obtain from Northern California R/C Society NCRCS at <http://www.NCRCS.com>

"WHO AM I?" ARTICLE REQUEST

Editor

I am going to start a column titled "Who am I". I want people to write something about themselves and their hobby. We see most of the members (including yourself) almost every weekends, we don't really know them other than what planes they fly and what they crashed. Do you know what they do for a living or other hobby they are into?

Please write a small bio about yourself, put in what you want or not, then I will put in the newsletter. You can put in shameless plug about yourself! May be with a photo of you too. How about it?

If I don't get enough, I may just make up stories about you!!! Believe me, my version of your life will be much juicier than reality!!

Brian

WHO AM I?

Pete Johnson

(Pete was the PCC editor and PCC webmaster)

For seven years I was a reporter and pop music columnist for the Los Angeles Times, then for 17 years a creative executive for Warner Bros. Records and, lastly, for 11 years a ebmaster and editorial manager for Apple.

In 2005, I retired and now spend my time managing <http://svkitchen.com>, a website about sous vide cooking,

listening to rock music, reading novels, watching SF Giants baseball games, walking my dogs and, occasionally, flying R/C airplanes and helis. Currently I'm building an R/C sailboat to sail at Shoreline and Speckles Lake.



Although I majored in English Literature at Pomona College, I've always been fascinated by science and technology.

The U.S. Army laughed at my Bachelor's degree and sent me to radio repair school, which I loved. I wield a wicked soldering iron.

During the late 1970s I built my first computer http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heathkit_H8, lots of soldering! and subsequently taught myself programming, advancing from Basic to Pascal to C, along with a handful of scripting languages.

During the 1980s I ran a computer bulletin board system (BBS) in Los Angeles, a hobby that eventually lead me to Apple.

I've been married to Suzette for about 25 years. We have no children, but dote on our two greyhounds.

—Pete

CASTLE IMAA FLY IN 2011

Brian Chan

May 28th, Atwater, Ca.

Four of us, 2 Mikes, a Jim and a Brian, piled in Jim's van and headed out to Atwater for our annual pilgrimage to the IMAA Fly In at Castle Airport (Castle AFB prior to 1995).

We arrived at the flying area about 10:00. The flying has already started. There were a lot planes there but noticeable less than the previously year. I think that is beneficial to the pilots there, more flying time per pilot. The rolling palaces, I mentioned in my last year's report, was definitely fewer than last year.

At the field there were five flight stations set up. There were planes in the air all the times. And there were 3-D and turbine jets demo in between the normal flying. And there was a guy had a full size merlin engine on a trailer that he ran the engine in the noon time demo! A few of the PCC members were there to spectate and a few were there to fly in the event. In the spectator roll, there were many vendors selling their wares, such as servos, glues, wires, plane kits, engines, Hot dog and ice cream!

We left Justin time to catch the rain on the drive back to the Bay Area. It rained so hard that we had to stop for dinner in Livermore (It was a good excuse anyway!) Warren and Simone joined us at the dining table to get out of the rain!

It is a special event that one needs to experience at least one in your lifetime, may be twice. It will be held at the Memorial Day weekend next year again.



Flight Line at Castle Airport.



Daryl Rolla's Hawker Sea Fury at Castle.



Merlin running.



Dornier Do 335 Pfeil at Castle.



Vender roll.



"Smoking Biplane"!



John Costa's Lavochkin La-7.



3-D Demo.

PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM HAZARDOUS MATERIALS



Chris Myers

From The Beacon,
Miramar Radio Control
Flyers, San Diego,
California

If we caught our kids out in the garage sniffing paint or glue, we would send them to counseling. Yet, as adults we do this and call it modeling.

Last year I read an article about a man who was working with acetone in his house. After using it, he almost collapsed. Getting out of the room and lying down, he returned to normal.

When I look at the shelves in my work room, the chemicals stored there range from Balsarite to various spray cans, paint, lacquer, pesticides, etc., to CA to acetone, along with a couple cases of fuel. In addition to this, I use balsa and do a lot of sanding, creating particles to clog my lungs.

In the process of repairing and maintaining our aircraft, our hands come in contact with several hazardous materials. Our body absorbs these chemicals, and consistent exposure to them can be a danger to your health.

If you dissect our hobby, it quickly becomes apparent that we often spill fuel and CA on our hands. We sniff the paint and glue fumes and use grease and oil in our maintenance. It all gets on our hands. If you are an active modeler, you have a lot of exposure to hazardous materials. Below is a list of a few items you may want to keep around the workshop. They should help minimize the risk of exposure to hazardous materials.

1. Get a fire extinguisher.
2. Go to an auto paint and body shop and pick up a good face mask.
3. Buy a small fan for ventilation. [**Tech editor's note:** A large fan is recommended. In order to move more air, a small fan must be run at a higher speed and that causes some of its own problems. A large fan running slow moves sufficient air without making other problems.]
4. Work in a room that is properly ventilated.
5. Buy a box of rubber gloves.

Our hobby is great fun, but more than the propeller deserves some serious attention to keep you from being in harm's way.

Fly safe and have fun.

PICKING SUNGLASSES

Jim Tiller

AMA Insider Safety Column Editor



If you are in the market for new sunglasses for this flying season, I strongly recommend you get safety glasses. Safety glasses no longer look like the ones you wore in high school chemistry class.

There are many styles and varieties. There are even bifocal offerings for those of you, like me, with aging eyesight.

There are many local and online sources with prices from \$10 to \$100. Regardless of the price, they must meet the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) requirements to have the label. Just make sure that the glasses you purchase meet the ANSI Z87.1 standard. This safety standard requires the frames and lenses have been tested to withstand a 150-foot-per-pound impact with a steel ball.

Make sure there is a .1 at the end of the standard. The addendum means the glasses meet an additional ANSI standard by having sufficient side-shield area to protect from lateral impacts.



Gene's Extra 300 on a low fly-by.



Bruce's Flash from RCFactory.com.



Peninsula Channel Commanders

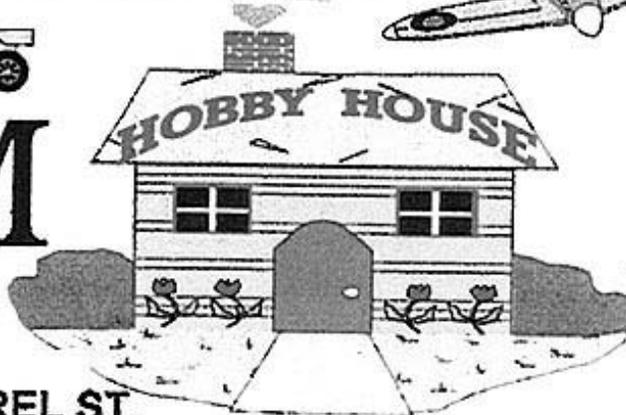
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