

PCC Newsletter



July 2011

Next Meeting: July 20th, 2011

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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ PCC

Editor

UPGRADE THE RUNWAY. COME TO THE MEETING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT IT.

CLEAR DA PROP!

Dennis Lowry

Hello Gentlemen.

The PCC Board of Directors held a meeting on Wednesday June 8 with these members present:

Dennis Lowry, Mike Solaegui, Greg Romine, Ellsworth Crowell, Ray Squires, Ken Martinez, Jake Chichilitti, Matt Abrams, Harry Smith, Mike Peck, and Brian Chan.

Oliver Salles, our vice president, was invited, but now works evenings and could not attend. Still, we had a quorum, plus several others who are active in field maintenance and organizing club activities.

We looked at the Treasury, where the club is headed, and made some decisions about where we want to go. We came to these conclusions:

Prior to our loss of the field at Deannie's farm, the Certificate of Deposit was much larger than it is now, and without it the club would have likely collapsed when he sold his land. At that time we used it as it was intended, and moved to our current location. But since then we have done nothing to

restore it. Since using it for the move, we have not touched it, but still, it is now \$20,000.00 less than it was then.

Also, our rent is now more than it was at Deannie's; basic club costs are more now; and even though we've raised our dues, we barely make ends meet by year's end.

The members present unanimously voiced a want for a better runway, but acknowledged that we need to keep the CD healthy. Using CD funds to pay for this project is an action we are strongly opposed to.

Yet, we believe we can increase membership, and have a healthier club if we improve the runway. We left the meeting with a strong resolve to move forward on the upgrades, and this is the resolution we've agreed upon:

Let it be Resolved by the Members of PCC that:

A new yearly lease will be negotiated with John Giusti in such a manner that we are able to make the timely payments and that he is agreeable to our continued usage of the premises.

For his formal approval, John Giusti will be presented with a Field Improvements Proposal that will outline the work to be done and a timeline of completion. This proposal will stipulate, at his request, that the property will be left in its original condition and that any gravel or stabilization material added by PCC will be removed if and when PCC vacates the premises.

Ken Martinez will meet with Eddie Andreini and agree with him on the projected PCC "not-to-exceed" costs for making the appropriate upgrades. He will clearly present the goal to render the runway flat and devoid of dips and divots; and that it will have sufficient drainage so that it will be stable when the work is finished.

We will begin work only when we have a Total Budget and Schedule in hand. The total cost to PCC including Andreini's costs is not to exceed \$8000.00.

Payment will be made from three revenue sources:

- 1) Yearly Club dues will be increased in 2012 to \$100.00 a year.
- 2) For the next three years, 2012, 2013, and 2014, in addition to the yearly dues, a \$25.00 runway fee will be collected from all members. Dues will effectively be \$125.00 for three years, and then barring any future actions, revert to \$100.00 in 2015.
- 3) A pending \$1500.00 donation from an anonymous member will be collected and used. This donation is offered in the form of a matching grant.
 - a. Any other donations by members will be welcome, but cannot be counted on for budgetary purposes.
 - b. A Field Improvement Grant Application will be made to AMA but cannot be counted on for budgetary purposes. If granted by AMA, the funds will not be available until the fall of 2012.

The Treasurer, currently Greg Romine, will withdraw \$6,500.00 from the PCC Certificate of Deposit in order to have cash flow for the project. The Treasurer will then repay these funds into the CD over the course of three years from the runway fees collected from the membership as stated above. A payment of no less than \$25.00 per member will be paid into the CD at the time of the CD's yearly renewal.

In this way we will make improvements to our facility, and begin a program of keeping our Certificate of Deposit strong and healthy so that it will be there if and when we ever lose this current flying field.

END OF RESOLUTION

I am releasing this as the clear the prop article for the July news letter. We have been discussing the field improvements for some time, and now we are about to take action. I will put this resolution to a vote at the July meeting, so please attend if you want to have a vote in the proceedings.

Thanks for your attention,

Dennis

JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Mike Soleagui

June 15 2011.

Guests, Luke Outman

Raffle, A complete fuel box donated by Dell Outman plus four digital servos.

An Extra 260 3D 480 donated by J& M Hobby House.

A Volt Watch, J & M Hobby House.

Treasurers Report, checking account balance is \$4132.00, this is less than our expected expenses through December 2011.

Membership is 106.

Safety, Matt Abrams has no issues.

Field, Ken Martinez will use the silhouette planes to reinforce the gate, the charging station will be located on the north side of the shed, most parts have been collected and building should begin soon, 3 rolls of carpet are available at Dennis Lowry's workplace, tick spraying will be done sunup Monday the 27th.

Float fly June 27th.

Skip's new Electric Fly Foker.

Ray Granz brought a new War Bird.

FLOAT FLY AT LAKE HENNESSEY

Jake Chichilitti

Saturday June 25, 2011

Ellsworth and I drove up to the lake and got there before nine o'clock and there was already one person there setting up. That would be Bill Johnson from the Bayside Club.

The lake was very full and the wind was light. Just perfect conditions for our float fly.

It was about 9:45 before we had the retrieval boat set up and flying could begin.

I didn't get an accurate head count, but I'm guessing at least ten persons were flying at one time or another. We also had a handful of spectators join us.

In addition to Bill from Bayside, we had Bert Rosen from the SACRATS club join us. A blast from the past Carlos Reyes was there. He was a member of PCC a while ago and then moved to the Sacramento area and has now returned just in time to help of out at our work parties, right Carlos?

All the rest of the pilots were the usual suspects from our own PCC club.

We flew all day long and finally packed it in around 3:30. It was getting up around 80 degrees about that time.

A few of us headed to Big D's hamburger joint in Napa for a little dinner before we headed home.

I hope every one had a good time and we will do it again before the year is out.



Spectators and pilots at Lake Hennessey.



Lew launches the RV-4 for Martin.



Burt's Edge before take off.



Burt's Edge during landing phase....

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
- 13 Annual Warbird Rally In The Valley, Radio Control Flyers Unlimited, Woodward Reservoir, Oakdale, CA.
- 17 **PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Rm, Millbrae**
- 19-21 All Scale Fun Fly, Salinas Area Modelers, Chualar
- 20 Pattern at Tomcat, SCCMAS, Morgan Hill

September

- 10 Electric Fly-in and BBQ, SCCMAS, Morgan Hill
- 21 **PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Rm, Millbrae**
- 24-25 Waldo-Pepper's Flying Circus, SACRC, Union City.

November

- 5 SCCMAS R/C Swap Meet

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

Where are those "Who Am I" articles I asked for?

Brian

WHO AM I?

Jim Reimholz

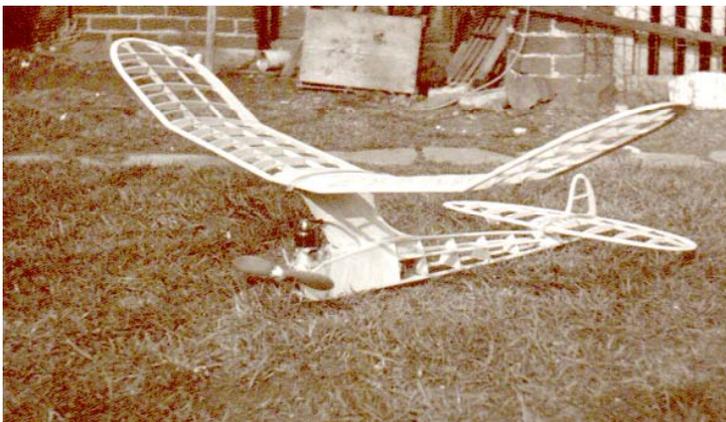
My friends tell me that I am 83 year old *Jim Reimholz!*



(This photo was taken many many many moons ago!)

I grew up in Conneaut, East Cleveland, and Euclid, Ohio, with two older sisters, a wonderful childhood with lots of loving family around. Family didn't have much money, so I wore no shoes in the summer as a kid.

Graduated with a BS in EE from Case Institute of Technology in 1949 and went to work for the Clark Motor Control Co. in Cleveland. Later joined the ITE Circuit Breaker Co and after surviving nine mergers, retired as Regional Sales Manager for ABB in San Francisco in 1991. I have a Son, a Daughter, three Grandchildren, and three Great Grandchildren.



I began building rubber powered model airplanes at age 6. They started to fly by age 8. First gas plane was a "Playboy Jr" with an Ohlson 23, and first RC model was an Anderson "Trixter Beam", rudder only, with a K&B 19 Greenhead engine, an Ace kit, single channel, two tube receiver with a matching base mounted single tube transmitter, and a Bonner escapement. It sometimes flew RC! (Flew Control Line too, at about the same time, a Jim Walker "Fireball"). Advanced to

a Kraft Gold Box proportional radio and a Jensen Ugly Stik in the 50's. Flew with George Reich, Chester Lanzo, Jim Jensen and Phil Kraft. Flew scratch built, A/B size, Lanzo "Jr. Bomber" from plans he gave us. Looked like a squared off Goldberg Zipper! Flew well!



I'm lucky to have so many really great friends through this hobby. Joined PCC in 1991 and served as President in 1992. Mike Nadler was VP. I'm also a member of SACRATS, PAM, and Pioneers.

Friends (?) tell me that I had to join three clubs because one club couldn't handle all the garbage I brought! At 83 I'm lucky to be able to fly and still have pretty good hardware and great software, although my friends say I'm delusional about the software!

I've always enjoyed listening to music, Opera through Blues, and had the pleasure to listen to it for 50 years through esoteric, Hi Fidelity components. Presently, I have 51 GB of music in my computer connected to my Home Theater Music System that I control with my iPhone as a remote.

I wrote this just so Brian wouldn't harass me anymore!

Jim

LARGE MODEL AIRCRAFT (MORE THAN 55 POUNDS)

AMA Safety & Member Benefits Department

On January 25, 2011, AMA's Executive Council (EC) approved an update to the Large Model Aircraft Program. This program includes some significant changes. To review the document, go to www.modelaircraft.org/files/520-a.pdf.

One of the most prominent changes is the weight increase to 125 pounds for propeller-driven models (LMA) and 100 pounds for turbine-powered models (LTMA). There are four classifications referenced within the program: LMA-1, LMA-2, LTMA-1, and LTMA-2.

Classifications LMA-1 and LTMA-1 (55 pounds to 77.2 pounds) will allow for a self-inspection by the owner of the LMA or a Large Model Aircraft Inspector (LMAI). It will require two demonstration flights in front of two observers.

The owner can serve as one of the observers, as long as he/she is not the pilot of the model. The other observer has to be an AMA Contest Director (CD), Leader Member (LM), or Large Model Aircraft Inspector (LMAI).

Classifications LMA-2 and LTMA-2 will require inspection by an LMAI followed by demonstration flights observed by the inspector.

Please note that all required documentation (as outlined in the program) has to be received by AMA Headquarters no later than 30 days after being issued for the permit to be valid! AMA Headquarters will send a receipt notification to the owner listed on the Permit to Fly and update the Web site listing. This document can be found in the "Members Only" section.

FOR SALE:

Great Plane Super Decathlon 40 almost ready for covering. Complete kit includes external fuel filler, Robart hinges, Sullivan fuel tank and wheels, and painted pilot image. Best offer over \$40 payable to PCC. Contact Brian Chan for more details. Plane is donated by Don Magrini.



Phil's Augusta 109A on skids.



The Costa's (Keith and John) with their PT-19's.



Once in a while we have day like this one, with few pilots presence.



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July meeting: discussion on runway upgrade.

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