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Current News

Please note: The December Club meeting will be held at Jim Scott's house at 2671 MacGregor Ct in Modesto. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm with refreshments to be served.

The Club Officers for 2008 are as follows:

Jim Scott	President
Jose Macias	V. President
Steve Howie	Secretary/Treasurer

I have sent out the annual membership information form/invoice to each member for the upcoming year. Please return the form with all corrected information and fees/dues owed. Even though you may not have any fees owed and the form is current, it is imperative that you return the form. Otherwise, you will be dropped from the roster. This allows me to keep the membership roster current.

The float fly boat electric motor was not doing an adequate job of powering the boat, therefore, as approved by the membership, I will be purchasing a 5 hp 4 cycle engine for the boat. The total price will be under \$1,000.

We have two more plane hold downs at the ends of the pilot's fence. We have had a lot of good things said about these hold downs. I have even seen up to 35% aerobatic planes using the hold downs. Thanks goes

to Jose Macias and all of the other people that contributed to installing these hold downs.

A couple of things that need to be addressed during the next year. First, the storage shed has a lot of items in there that need to be disposed of (items that are currently not usable/broken). Next, we need to re stripe the spectator limit line since the existing line is currently faded away. We will be asking for volunteers to help at the time these items are to be addressed.

The Stockton club's war bird flying at the field was a success. They have given us half of their proceeds for using our field. This is great to have other clubs use our field to have events that they could not have at their home field. This provides goodwill between clubs.

Jose Macias has proposed having a Jet Rally at the field during May 9th and 10th of 2008. Now that we have the extension on the field, the jets will have an easier time landing and taking off from the field.

Mike Cummins is having a toys-for-tots and memorial at the field on Dec 15 2007. Here is a message from Mike about the event:

Toys For Tots/Memorial Fly-In

Open to all members and guests.

Saturday December 15th.

Begins at 10:00 am. - all day.

Please bring an unwrapped toy.

BBQ hamburger, chips and soda at noon - \$5.00

Card signing and remembrance for Tony Capobianco, Ralph Bambacigno and Jim Bambacigno.

Enjoy a fun day of flying, get into the Christmas spirit of giving, and band together to celebrate the lives of those who are no longer with us, but who we have come to know and call friend.

Below is an editorial from Rene Martin:

Fellow club members : (from ol' potty mouth)

There are two proposals I wish to put forth at the Dec. meeting and I'm hoping you will attend so you can express your opinion.

FIRST: A NAME CHANGE- To call ourselves RCFU of Modesto is simply ridiculous for a multitude of reasons.

I realize that the club is tradition based and that our founding members had our best interest at heart – BUT- if my parents named me Phineus Snodgrass III – I'd change my name.

Only six yr. old boys would gleefully associate themselves with RCFU and the sleazy connotations associated with those letters.

As for (of Modesto) – WHY ????? The heart and soul of club is the flying field – AND it's at Woodward Reservoir. If you look at the Woodward Reservoir website you will find a marvelous article about our club and it's location. WE SHOULD INCORPORATE WOODWARD RESERVOIR INTO OUR NAME. Like Woodward Res.- R/C Pilots -OR R/C pilots at Woodward Reservoir.

I will bring a list of possible names to the meeting but your suggestion will undoubtedly be better than mine especially if it's humorous. My own personal favorite, so far is : R/C Bald Eagles of Woodward Res. Tammi – the love of my life – see's no humor or merit in this name whatsoever, but what the heck – she's only one vote. Her personal favorite is R/C Magpies of Woodward Res. since she believes we do more talking than

flying at the field. Obviously the poor misinformed woman has mistaken our necessary and critical flight discussions for personal gossip sessions. As every right thinking man knows, that sort of tripe is beneath our code.

In conclusion: Please think about our dilemma and a possible name change and come to the meeting. I'm confident, that whatever name we chose will be more fitting and appropriate than our present Albatross.

SECOND: THE SENIOR DUES DEBATE.

A few of my fellow members have been entertained in past meetings by the heated discussions between myself and another member over the proposal of Senior members paying dues. I have three reasons for opening the proposal again. First, I believe it's long term financial suicide to exclude 1/3 (and growing) of the members from paying dues simply because of age – and not hardship. Second, it is a financial slap in the face of the younger members who must carry the financial burden for all the members who are excluded because of age. Third, (and most important) a new alternate proposal has been put forth by a new member (Randy Sanders). ***The proposal is: any member who has paid 10 yrs. of dues and is 65 yrs .old or older will be considered to be a Senior member and will be excluded from paying dues. Any member who is 65, or is over 65 yrs. of age who has not paid 10 yrs. of dues, are required to pay 10 yrs.of dues before they will be considered to be a Senior and excluded from paying dues.***

To me this proposal seems to me to be an ideal solution to an emotionally difficult problem; one in which we are rewarding the old members who have paid dues for all those yrs. and have helped build the club.

PILOTS CORNER

Take More Chances—Enjoy More Crashes

by Bob Karaseiwicz

From the Ramblings Newsletter, Randolph, New Jersey

As you gain in skills, you will take more chances. For instance, an outside loop with a trainer! Well, you just learned that the typical trainer will not do an outside loop (outside loop—from straight and level flight, push down; go down and around to straight, and level flight again.)

When your trainer has reached the inverted position and is trying to go up while inverted, it either won't climb or falls off to the side. The likely result is a crash. The definite result is a learning experience. Don't give in to the temptation to blame your airplane, radio, the wind, the sun, or anything else external. The fault lies with your urge to try something new. Congratulations! You are well on your way to becoming an excellent flier.

Now, how does a beginning flier get out of a difficult situation? The answer, my friend—it depends. In the above outside loop situation, the experienced flier would stay in inverted flight and level off. Then either give up to do a half-inverted inside loop, or do a half roll to level flight. This comes with experience—experience in getting out of tight situations. The flier who never gets into a difficult situation—that is, never takes a chance—never progresses.

Is there a general method for getting out of trouble? Yes, only one. Before you try it, think about it and think about things that can go wrong. Remember the “three mistakes high” rule. You might want to discuss your attempts with an instructor beforehand. You definitely want to discuss your new maneuvers with someone more experienced afterward. If only to brag or find out what went wrong.

Oh, one more thing. Please make sure your attempts are safely out over the field, never near the pits.

Cash Flow Report

Income			Expenses	
Club Dues (including initiation fees, field assessment fees, and	\$3,390.50		Port-o-potty service	\$140.00
	\$0.00		Web Site	\$29.85
			Event Registration	\$10.41
			Insect spraying	\$28.87
Totals	\$3,390.50			\$209.13

Last Month's Total	\$3,897.38
Income	\$3,390.50
Expenses	(\$209.13)
Balance	\$7,078.75

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Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 6:30 PM
At Jim Scott's house, 2671 MacGregor Ct in Modesto.**