

Radio Control Flyers Unlimited

Flight Plan

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Current News

I would like to extend the club's welcome to our new member.

George Lauchland

Please make our new member welcome and give him any help and advice he wishes to have.

Our 12 annual swap meet is coming up shortly. This will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2008. Call Paul Khan for information.

Please note, you must use both your current club card and the current AMA card at the field if you wish to fly. This includes any fliers that are using 2.4 Ghz frequency radios (Spectrum radios). Even though these radios do not cause frequency interference problems as both the short wave band and the FM bands do, the cards still must be put up on the frequency board prior to flying. This allows any of the members to see if that person is a current member of the club and to see if the AMA membership is also up to date.

We are moving forward with a few project plans for 2008. These include: installing a permanent shade structure between the existing shade structures, moving the impound shed on a new pad just to the south of its current location, build a couple of helicopter pads on the south end of the

property, and clean out/repair the water diversion trench at the west end of the field.

A couple of event dates have been firmed up: the Jet Rally will be May 16, 17, and 18, 2008; and the IMAC contest will be June 7 and 8, 2008.

Kip Garvey will be the CD for the upcoming IMAC contest and he wishes to propose the following:

I would like to host an introduction to IMAC and precision flying, designed for our club members who want to see if this may be their cup of tea. If the club thinks it's a good idea, we could schedule a Saturday or Sunday at the field to include a dialogue and presentation by myself or other better qualified IMAC pilots. The purpose is to explain what IMAC is, what precision flying is and how it differs or is similar to other types of special interest flying, what pilots can expect from the IMAC organization, what a contest entails, what the rules are and how flying is judged. Our club members can bring along whatever aircraft they have so they can try flying some basic maneuvers. We'll have competent local IMAC flyers on hand to help pilots, working with them one on one.

I want to emphasize that this will not be advertised in the Norcal IMAC community as a practice session for IMAC pilots. I will personally ask certain IMAC pilots to come and help. I would expect our club would want to invite other local clubs to participate depending on the respective interests of local

flyers. Even so, this effort is to help educate our own members about IMAC, precision flying, and how contests are conducted. This is not an opportunity for IMAC pilots to bring their planes and fly at our field while our club members sit on the sidelines and watch, as was done previously.

If the members think this could work for the benefit of our club members, I would like to set a Saturday or Sunday in late April or May for the session, depending on field availability vis a vis our current schedule of events. I don't see a need for this event to limit flying at the field only to those participating in the seminar. The field should remain open to all club flyers and their guests so that our members don't lose a day of flying.

This would be a lot more informative than just having a IMAC practice session. Plus, you do not need an IMAC scale aerobatic plant to participate. Even if you do not wish to compete, these tips and lessons will go a long way to making you a better pilot.

PILOTS CORNER

RC STUFF FOR SALE!

STICK BUILT JUST FOR FUN TWIN TAIL- 60 ENGINE, FLIGHT READY INC. FLIGHT PACK 10 MIN. AIR TIME.

SIG. CADET SENIOR ARF WITH FLIGHT PACK & 91 OS 2 STROKE- FLIGHT READY, (BUILT BY LLOYD POE)

STICK BUILT SLOW AND LOW WITH 60 OS 2 STROKE- FLIGHT READY- CHANNEL 48 INC. AIR-TRONICS TX, MANY HOURS FLIGHT TIME (BUILT BY CENTERAIR)

GREAT PLANES UGLY STICK WITH 60 OS 2 STROKE & FLIGHT PACK- FLIGHT READY, INC. TX FUTABA 4 CH. #72

GREAT PLANES UGLY STICK 60 SIZE KIT (NOT ARF) GILES 202 ARF 46 SIZE, 2 STROKE BY PHOENIX KITS MISC. TOOLS, CHARGERS (ALL SIZES), FIELD BOXES 7 CART , ETC.

T9CAP FUTABA CH 19 (BOOKS & CASE, INC.)

STAR FIRE WITH 40 2 STROKE OS , FLIGHT PACK, TRANS., FUTABA 4 CHANNEL- FLIGHT READY

FOR MORE INFO, CALL BILL CENTER at (209) 847-1077

DUE TO HEALTH PROBLEMS, BILL CANNOT CONTINUE FLYING.

Tips and Tricks from JIMSRC.COM

Got fuel soaked balsa?

Fuel leak from the fuel tank all over the tank compartment? If so I have the solution!! First, remove the fuel tank if able. Next, try to dry as much as possible. When finished, get some regular corn starch and dump it in the compartment and leave for 24 to 48 hrs. After that, dump out the excess(if able) or use the vacuum cleaner. You will probably have corn starch stuck on the balsa where the fuel was. Just push the tank in and take it back out and use the vacuum to get the rest out. If it is still damp reapply the corn starch for another 24 hrs. Repeat as you feel necessary. Yes, there are other methods to use but I have found this one to be best.

Installing control horns

When installing control horns onto control surfaces the screwdriver invariably slips. The result is a hole poked into the covering material or a gouge in the balsa. There is a simple tool you can make that will eliminate this damage. Take a small piece of thin plywood and cut a rectangular opening in it just slightly larger than the base of the control horn. Place this opening around the control horn base before tightening the mounting screws. Now when the screwdriver slips there will be no damage to your new aircraft!

Firewall Fuel proofing:

Firewalls of planes are normally coated with epoxy to help prevent fuel and oil damage to the wood. On planes with no cowling, apply a coat of epoxy on the firewall after you cover the plane with film covering. Make sure the film overlaps a little onto the firewall. This way the epoxy seals the edges of the film covering. Besides, most film adheres better to

wood than epoxy, so that's another plus.

CA flowing. The silica gel can be revitalized by baking in you oven.

Rubber band storage

Here is a good way to store your rubber bands. Just put them in a Ziploc bag and cover them with Talcum Powder or Corn Starch. This will soak up the exhaust oils and condition the rubber and help them last longer!

CA Storage

Everybody seems to have a secret on keeping CA adhesives usable for long periods of time. One of the most popular is to store the CA in the refrigerator. However, the answer may really be simply keeping moisture away from the opened container. This can be done by storing the opened CA bottles in a plastic baggie that has silica gel desiccant bags included. The silica gel keeps the moisture out and the

Bearing removal

When the time comes to remove the bearings, the best way to remove them is to heat up the case. This can be accomplished by using a propane torch, a small butane pencil torch, or in an oven @ 450-500 degrees for only a few minutes. Just be sure that EVERYTHING that can come off the motor is off. i.e. carb, head, back plate and everything up front, and all paper gaskets. Just give a no more than 7 mins at these settings or it may warp the case and that's a bad thing!!! Be sure to use an oven mitt to remove it from the oven. Once out, have a piece of wood handy and while hot, just firmly tap the back of the motor on the wood and the bearing should fall out. Be careful the bearings may be hot also.

Cash Flow Report

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Club Dues (including initiation fees, field assess- ment fees, and Donations)	\$540.00	Port-o-potty service	\$140.00
	\$0.00	Pest Control	\$40.00
		Newsletter	\$189.38
		Web Site	\$29.85
		Annual Boat Launch Fee	\$75.00
Totals	\$540.00		\$474.23

Last Month's Total	\$9,123.66
Income	\$540.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>(\$474.23)</u>
Balance	\$9,189.43

**The March Club meeting is scheduled for:
Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 6:30 pm
at the Police Station at 10th and G sts**