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Flight Plan

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Current News

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

Chuck Hughes
Joseph Heartsner

Please make our new members welcome and give them any help and advice they wish to have.

The annual IMAC aerobatic competition will be held on June 6 and 7, 2009. The field will be used only for the competition during these times. You may fly after the competition each day (generally after 4:00 pm). Friday will also be a practice day for competitors. Friday will still be open for all club members to fly, and the club members will have first priority to fly. But please give consideration to any flyer wanting to practice the IMAC sequences. I will try to have a club member at the field Friday to monitor the non-members that may want to fly in the weekend competition. If you would like to try and compete in the competition, you may contact me at rcfu@rcflyersunlimited.com. Also, I will need help with the score keeping, registration, and general help. Please let me know if you wish to help. Also, I will need a cooking team for the Saturday and Sunday lunches at the field. Please let me know, thanks.

Rene displayed some of his logos and lettering designs for club shirts and are very

interesting. He asked for comments and would also like to see other club members give their ideas for a club logo. Any members who wish to express their ideas may contact any club officer, Rene Martin, or come and present your idea at the meeting.

Because of the remoteness of our club field, the membership, at the last meeting, thought it was a great idea to have informational signs at the field with emergency phone numbers in case of situations or emergencies that require immediate attention. We will be getting a couple of these signs to be posted at conspicuous places at the field.

Also discussed at the last meeting was the need for descent tables for working on our models at the field. The current tables are in bad shape and need to be replaced. One suggestion was to have 4 x 8 tables since they were the size of one sheet of plywood. Because of the large amount of space that would be taken up by these tables, the final size was cut down to a smaller 3' x 6' foot table built with metal legs and support structure and wooden table top. Cost estimates to be forthcoming.

Joe Zimmernam is pursuing getting our IMAA club charter membership back. We used to be a member, with an IMAA number, but it has since lapsed. This membership charter is free to the club but we may have to get a list of all members of the club who are also members of the IMAA. I will let you know if that is the case.

Please note: Bill Center passed away in December. Bill had a lot of R/C stuff, too much to list. Ron Moran is currently responsible for Bill's R/C property. If you are interested in viewing/obtaining any equipment or other R/C stuff Bill had, please contact Ron Moran 209-495-2526.

Below is a statement by Rene Martin. He asked me to include this in this newsletter. Please be aware that the following comments are editorial in nature and do not necessarily reflect the views of this newsletter nor the club membership.

The Field Entrance Project Club Members-

Anyone with one-fourth of a brain knows that a tenant cannot change the structure of his rental without the landlords approval or face eviction A renter cannot paint, remove flooring, walls, windows, etc. without the landlords approval or - face eviction if discovered. We **(All the club members) ARE RENTERS**. We are **NOT** allowed to make physical changes to the property **WITHOUT APPROVAL** or face **EVICTION!** We are allowed to maintain the property and existing structures, but out of sheer courtesy we should inform our landlord's Representatives (The Woodward Reservoir Supervisor) of our intended maintenance.

As for our present project, the vinyl fencing for the entrance; the written formal request with diagrams and photos **has been** submitted and now we must await their approval or disapproval. The landlord's decision may take two weeks, a month or six months. Patience, patience, patience is our only ally.

The Merced club had a patience problem with their landlord, so one of their club members decided as a club member to take matters into his own hands and talk to the mayor. The results being, they almost lost their field!

Fortunately we have Tammi, who possesses "The Nice". "The Nice" is a corporate term for a person who soothes ruffled feathers with charm, patience and a natural sweet personality. We should let her handle these matters until they are resolved. OR: you are the members; so it's your field to lose.

If you're wondering what the club can do until we hear from the county, there is always clean-up, organization of the tables, painting, road repair and grass mowing.

Also, may I remind all club members that negotiations for our lease renewal are coming up in May!!

J. Rene

PILOTS CORNER

Drilling Bolt Holes

by Rick Giannini, Desert Hawks R/C Club
From the Schoolcraft Skyhawks, Portage, Michigan

On most of the glow engines we use today, the propeller reamers that are currently available usually work for propeller hole enlargement. However, when we move up to larger engines, there is a need for a hole larger than the reamer is capable of making.

If you have a drill press, try this:

- Move the drill plate off to the side a few degrees so the hole is not under the bit chuck.
- Drill and tap a hole for a 1/4-20 bolt.
- Thread a 1/4-20 bolt up from the bottom of the plate roughly 1/4 to 3/8 of an inch.
- Bevel the end of the bolt with a 1/4-inch bit.
- Set a new propeller over this short alignment pin (bolt) and accurately drill the larger propeller hole.
- Center the pin using the beveled tip of your drill bit to align it.
- Drill about halfway down the propeller hole, move your plate back to the regular position, and continue to drill through the propeller.
- Hold the spinner firmly to prevent spinning.

If your engine uses a multibolt hub, the front plate usually has a short-threaded post for a spinner bolt. This post is conveniently the same size as the factory centered hole on a big wooden propeller. Put the front plate on the

propeller with the post in the hole and drill the outer holes as needed.

I suggest that if you are drilling larger propellers, you use a drill press. If you try this by hand, it is practically impossible to get an accurate hole, and on larger propellers, you get a lot of vibration from an inaccurately centered hole.

Plywood on the cheap

Also along those lines, cabinet makers have birch- and oak-faced ply pieces in different sizes 1/4-inches thick, that they will sell to you for a reasonable price. I use these for firewalls, gear mounts in bigger airplanes, and you can double them up to make firewalls for gas engines.

Cash Flow Report

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Club Dues (including initiation fees, field assessment fees, and Donations)	\$1,390.50	Port-o-potty service	\$140.00
Raffel Income (included in above)		Newsletter Club Raffel Expense	\$84.00
Swap Meet	\$325.00	Pest Control	\$163.46
		Web Site	\$40.00
			\$29.85
Totals	\$1,715.50		\$457.31

Last Month's Total	\$8,721.96
Income	\$1,715.50
Expenses	(\$457.31)
Balance	\$9,980.15

**The May Club meeting is scheduled for:
 Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 6:30 pm
 at the Police Station at 10th and G sts.**