

RCFU's APRIL NEWSLETTER

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This Month' Coming Events:

All events are subject to change due to rain!!! Any change will be immediately posted on our website: www.rcflyersunlimited.com - the website also contains directions to our field.

? Sat. – April 7th 2nd CLUB “SKY RAIDER II” PYLON RACE – our field – 9 to 12pm

Both the model and motor can be purchased at Oakdale Hobbies and A to Z Hobbies in Turlock. Racing rules are on our website. All Flyers with AMA cards are welcome to race with us. (contact Buddy Smith (209) - 551 - 7340 for more info.) The racer with the highest point total at the end of the season wins bragging rights and a large pan of Tammi's lasagna – “worth its' weight in gold.”

? Wed.- April 11th CLUB MEETING 6.30 pm - police station – 10th & G sts.

VP. Dev.Greves purchased a fantastic LANCAIR for this month's raffle – one ticket is all it takes to win this beautiful model.

? Sat - April 14th Fresno Club's Sport warbird race # 1. (contact John Lockwood (559)-298-1606 for more info.)

? Sat. – April 21st 1st CLUB “FLOAT – FLY” & luncheon – 9 till noon.
Tammi is preparing one of her fabulous meals.

FLOAT-FLY HINT: put your receiver and battery in separate baggies (DOUBLE BAG IT) along with a small desiccant pack (a moisture absorber) – trim, twist and zip tip the ends around the wires; also another option, very cheap water resistant plastic containers will be shown at the meeting. I can buy them in S.F. for you.

? Sat. - April 22nd Fresno Club's Picnic, swap meet, and fun-fly.

? Sat. - April 22nd Sacramento Area Modelers' – Classic warbird race.

? Sat. - April 28th & 29th Fresno Club's Electric Fly-In (contact Ed Holder (559- 434 – 0502) IF YOU'RE CURIOUS (and you haven't read previous newsletters) WHY I put other club's events in our MONTH'S COMING EVENTS, it's because they attend our events and support our club – “ what goes around comes around .” “ what's fair is fair .” So if you know of other clubs that support our club – tell me and I'll put their events in our newsletter.

COMBINATION CHANGE: The front gate's lock combination will be changed after you receive this newsletter. Call any one of these members to obtain the new combination. Pres. Jim Scott 576-7549 VP Dev. Greves 634 – 8151 Sec. Steve Howie 847-0567 Safety officer Larry Harless 632-2977

GATE SECURITY:

SPIN THE COMBINATION WHEN YOU" ENTER" AND WHEN YOU" LEAVE!" -

Pretty please with sugar on it. The gates have constantly been found wide open in the mornings. Maybe a reminder sign at eye level just above the lock?

PAST DUE - THANK YOUs !!!

WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL – Things are happening at our field by a bunch of incredibly giving club members who are not getting the thanks they deserve.

RACING Buddy Smith did a .magnificent job organizing the event, besides having the highest point total for the day. The event produced the biggest smiles and grins I've seen in years. Larry Harless brought a dozen hard hats giving all of us that safe professional look that the AMA loves to see. Larry is an exceptional club member who is always there for us. John Rudisill, Dick Stark, Richard Foster & Lizzy, Larry Harless, Tammi & VP Dev Greves, and Jim Bowman gave their all so that the flyers would have the times of their lives.

EASTMEN ROAD CLEAN-UP A nasty but necessary club project. A clean road leading to our house sets the – WE CARE - tone for visitors and our landlord . The Club members lead by Pres. Jim Scott and his family Kelly, Lindsey, and Dalton deserve our heart felt thanks for their spectacular efforts. They are Larry H, Larry M, Jim Love, VP Dev G, Jim B, Mike C , Larry & Jane Moore, and of course the little blond “ T “ who helped and prepared a delicious lunch for all. Now for a little dark humor; Is it true that someone was trying to start a rumor that the clean-up was cancelled because it was” dangerous”?? That is what I call an ultra slick way of getting out of distasteful work! Don't you think ?

PICNIC TABLES Those marvelous new picnic tables, we so love to use, were purchased and assembled by none other then my old buddy Dennis Crews. Next time you're having lunch on one of these tables, think nice thoughts about the guy who provided them for us.

WELDED HINGES ON THE CONTAINER Larry (the welder) Maxwell is our guardian angel who saved the day – seriously, one of those huge doors could have easily fallen on someone, that's how bad it was!!

RUNWAY WEED CONTROL Thank Mike Cummins for taking spraying the weeds on the runway under his wing. Those weeds, if neglected, could seriously damage the “heart and soul” of this club. So, when you see Mike out there spraying, don't try to take-off around, over, or under him; instead, walk over, shake his hand and say thank you, then give him the extra few minutes he needs to finish.

JOINING THE CLUB New Members must pay their initiation dues at a club meeting. This has been a part of our by-laws from the beginning but not enforced until now. pg3

The general feeling of the members at the last meeting is that some new members who can't be bothered to come to at least their initial meeting really show that the money is their only responsibility to the club, outside of flying; they usually have no involvement with the club. In reality, what we have created is a group of runway renters who care-less about anything but their own flying pleasures and substitute money for their own personal help. Is this the type of flyer we want? Fellow club members, the next time you're at the field, look about you with a critical eye and you will find many areas needed to be repaired, cleaned, or painted. We need responsible flyers who are willing to help – we don't need flying renters!!! OR DO WE ???

Some members feel that since seniors are free (seniors are 40 members strong 1/3 of the club and growing) we need the renters to avoid future financial collapse, who cares from whom or how we get the money-just get it. Who cares what they do or don't do; just collect those runway fees and dues and turn your head to the rest of it. WERE DO YOU STAND ??

I HAVE RESIGNED AS NEWSLETTER WRITER: This is the last issue from me because I cannot bring myself to do what is being asked of me-namely to be a copyist. Both the Pres. And Sec. have said that they have received numerous complaints (yeah) about the newsletter – its harsh tone (yeah), vulgarity(stupid) and possible libelous statements(ultra stupid). They insist I don't use names, tone it down and remember that *its' prime purpose is to report the minutes of the meeting.* They don't want or need a writer- they need a copyist to simply tape record the meeting , transcribe the minutes on a computer and mail it to the members - but DON'T call it a newsletter. I believe my fellow members deserve much, much more than a copy report!

I love complaints because it means the members are reading the newsletter – agree with me; disagree with me, love it or hate it, jump up and down on the newsletter or put it under your pillow at night - IS exactly what I intended!! Writing at its' best is an emotional art form intended to convey emotion and knowledge to the reader- but writing does not have an easy button. If you want to attempt to push back that dark tidal wave called Alzheimer's; try writing- The mental search for words is shear agony but the joy of occasionally turning a phrase is a wonderful reward. Anyone who feels uncomfortable or believes cartoon expletives sh----- and the term rat bastard is swearing; doesn't read very much and should go to a PG-13 movie occasionally. If want you to learn what swearing and vulgarity is all about, sit next to a group of teenagers on a public bus – its' amazing what they learn at home, the movies and video games, because it's sure not part of the classroom curriculum.

What kind of new vibrant writing approach would you use to alleviate OLD NEWS problems like; poor meeting attendance, trash at the field and the missing 38 pin? WELL? ARE YOU THINKING?? GIVEN UP YET?? - I tried fictionalized humor with myself, my friends and the club leadership receiving the brunt of the humorous jabs. Maybe some members mistakenly thought my fictionalized humor was real??

In closing, my writing intent has always been to emotionally spur the readers to action to the benefit of the club! In a month, all the ruffled fur will be smoothed; the turmoil will be a distant memory and all save but a few can return to hibernation. ADIOS AMIGOS

BUILDER'S CORNER

“GLUES CONTINUED”

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GLUE CLEAN-UP: “BEFORE YOU USE EPOXY- READ THIS”

Wet Epoxy dissolves in rubbing alcohol – **Dry** Epoxy does not !!!!

? BEFORE MIXING: GET OUT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AND PLACE THEM WITHIN FINGER TIP REACH. Rubbing Alcohol, Paper Towels, Q-Tips, and/or Cotton Balls, Coffee Stir-Sticks, Plastic Spoon. HINT: Get an old phone book – tear off the cover and use the top page as a palette to mix the epoxy when finished throws the top two pages away.

HINT: If available, use a disposable tin glue brush (a.k.a. shop brush) to brush epoxy deep into the wing joiner slots – if not, use a stir-stick.

? after applying epoxy: QUICKLY remove excess with a paper towel, Q-tip or cotton Ball, depending on the amount and location of the excess Epoxy. NOW AGAIN QUICKLEY with an alcohol soaked paper towel, Q-tip, or cotton ball wipe the surface area that had the excess Epoxy – then immediately rub the area with a clean paper towel, Q-tip, cotton ball!!! If you feel you still have an Epoxy film, repeat the last two steps.

? HINT: Color code with a permanent marker (Sharpie) the Epoxy containers and their tops. You NEVER want to get them confused!!!

? HINT: During the winter months, warm the Epoxy by putting a little hot water into two old coffee mugs and place the Epoxy containers in them for a few minutes. It makes the Epoxy easier to pour, mix, and use. Throw out the water and store the Epoxy bottles with the lids securely on in the mugs upside down. Now, the Epoxy is ready to use without waiting for it to flow down the bottle.

? HINT: Epoxy is sensitive to heat, so after you've applied it and want it to run into the cracks and crevices of your project; heat it a little with a hair dryer or a heat gun and it will run like water. Also if you need to take apart an Epoxied joint, carefully heat it and it will come apart for you.

? HINT: Since Epoxy dissolves in rubbing alcohol, an Epoxy – alcohol mixture makes an ideal paint for fuel proofing wood, like the motor mount and fuel tank areas. Mix up a portion of 30 min. Epoxy, then adds 2 or 3 portions of alcohol – stir and use.

CA glue - Clean-up

CA glue drips and excesses are very difficult to remove. You'll need DE-BONDER and All the clean-up materials previously mentioned. As before, you'll need the DE-BONDER and the clean-up materials close at hand. As soon as you see the drip or excess – stop everything put on the DE-BONDER and wipe - put on the DE-BONDER again – hope – wipe again. After 3 min.- think of it as a beautiful but unusual decoration to your plane.

CASH FLOW REPORT

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INCOME

EXPENSES

Club Dues (including donations,
Initiation fees, and field assessment
fees)

\$715.00

Port-o-potty service

\$75.00

Raffle intake

\$63.00

Raffle expense

\$271.86

Newsletter

\$388.20

AMA Charter

\$90.00

Racing Hard Hats

\$89.10

Totals

\$778.00

\$914.16

Last Month's Total.....\$14,629.39

Income \$778.00

Expenses (\$914.16)

BALANCE

\$14,493.23

If you are astounded by the Raffle and Newsletter expenses, it is because they are simple catch-all figures for a number of different expenses and represent two months.(due to our Steve's absence from our February meeting)

If you are interested or curious about the exact breakdown, I'm sure Steve will be able to answer any and all questions at the April meeting.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 RCFU 2ND PYLON RACE
8	9	10	11 RCFU CLUB MEETING	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 RCFU FLOAT-FLY
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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