

# PCC Newsletter



November 2011

Next Meeting:

November 16th, 2011

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ PCC

***RUNWAY IS DONE! NOW WE JUST  
NEED A LITTLE CLEANING UP  
AROUND THE PIT AREA! THANK YOU  
EVERYONE.***

## CLEAR DA PROP!

***Dennis Lowry***

The holidays are here again, and it's time to head down to the field and avoid that entire hub bub! The runway is ready to go, and much improved, so get out your big airplane and go use the whole thing. The tables are not yet back in the pits

(They are as of Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> bc), but that shouldn't stop you. Go have fun. I have special thanks in mind for Kenny Martinez and Mike Klass. They spearheaded the day to day efforts, coordinating the machinery, the earth, and Eddie. Of course my hat is off to Eddie as well. Thanks to all of them.

I want to also note those who have come out to help with the restoration of the Astroturf. They represent the folks who will do the bottom line requirements in order to keep the club together. The work parties are always hard, and everybody knows it's going to be that way, but there has always been a group who will be there to get it done. Thanks to you; to those of you who may not agree, but who will keep the club together by being present when it matters. That is the most important thing, that there is a group who wants the club to be vital; to give them a place to do this thing that is so foreign to most people. We will not go away, and I appreciate those

who will do whatever it is that makes it possible to keep it alive.

I am proud that we have a strong ally in our landlord. We have lived up to our original agreements with him, notified him whenever we made property improvements, and in an appropriate manner notified him of our intent to refurbish the runway. I will do what I can to help us maintain this relationship for many years to come. There is nowhere on the Pacific Coast where the land usage politics is easy, and I, personally, would like to keep John as a partner.

Now on to the New Year:

Ken and I have met with the new candidates for the Oceana Interim Class we will teach March 26 – 30 next year, and they are a good group of kids. Again I will be asking for volunteers to help. It's in the works, we are committed, and we will take it on again. It's a good way of repaying the community for the space we take.

Last, we will hold elections soon, if you want to lead the club, step up and be noticed. It doesn't hurt, and you make good friends. If you know a good candidate, give him a little push. Some folks are just shy.

OK, get out and fly. Be safe; stay away from HWY 1, and the no fly zone.

*Dennis*

## **OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES**

*Dennis Lowry*

October, 19 2011

The meeting was called to order by Oliver Salles, the PCC VP.

The guest was admitted, welcomed and grilled.

John and Eric announced a spectacular raffle.

The treasurer gave his report.

Donuts were eaten.

Attendance was extremely low since nominations for club officers were due. In fact, half of the currently sitting officers did not show their sorry faces! The shame of it all is that when I asked who had been nominated, for I was absentee myself, not a single soul had stepped forward to accept the falling flag! No nominations were offered, and none accepted! Gentlemen, I ask, is this not a club that would be an honor to serve? Step forward if you want to lead! Be not afraid to take the helm.

Some people had two donuts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 without further ado.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **November**

5 SCCMAS R/C Swap Meet, Morgan Hill, Ca

16 PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Rm, Millbrae

24 Thanksgiving Day.

### **December**

21 PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Rm, Millbrae

25 Christmas Day. Happy Christmas.

31 New Year's Eve.

### **January 2012**

1 New Year's Day

18 PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Rm, Millbrae

***Keep an eye on this space, the next PCC Holiday Banquet information will appear here without warning!***

## **DUES, DUES, DUES.**

Yes folks, it is that time again. Thanksgiving is almost here, that means the end of the year is not that far away. Did you send in your AMA renewals yet? Also, it is time to submit you 2012 PCC dues. The current renewal for 2012 is \$100.00. Also proof of AMA membership is required.

**Renew your AMA membership now in order to get the 2012 Card before January. AMA renewal can be done online @**

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/joinrenew.aspx>

***You will need the 2012 AMA license to renew your 2012 PCC membership, NO EXCEPTION.***

When you receive your 2012 AMA card, mail a copy of it along with your **\$100.00 + \$25.00 (field fee)** check made out to "PCC" to:

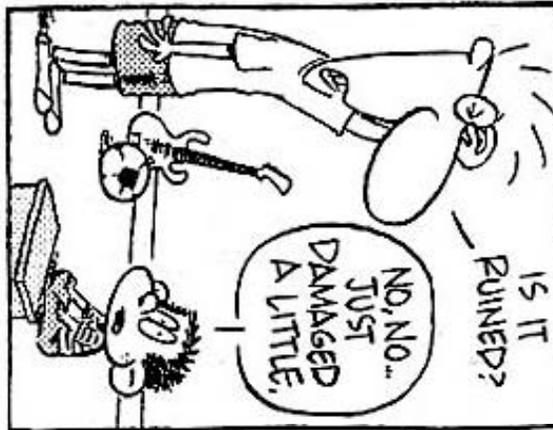
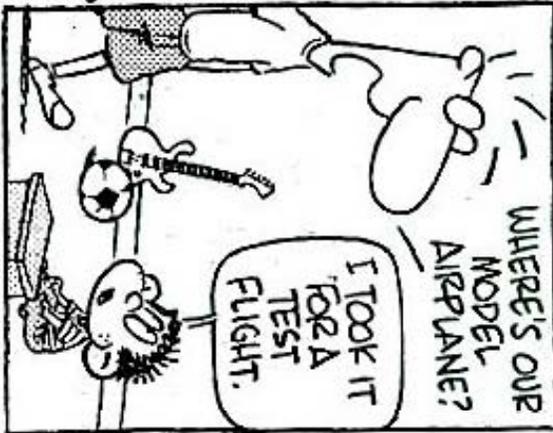
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Or bring your AMA card and a check to the next PCC meeting (save you 44 cents and an envelope!) **Dues are \$125.00 if paid before the New Year, \$135.00 after January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. It will be \$145.00 if paid after February 1<sup>st</sup>!**

If you have not paid by March 1<sup>st</sup>\*, you will need to reapply as a new member.

\*2012 is a Leap year, so you will have an extra day! I hope you are not planning to wait that long!!

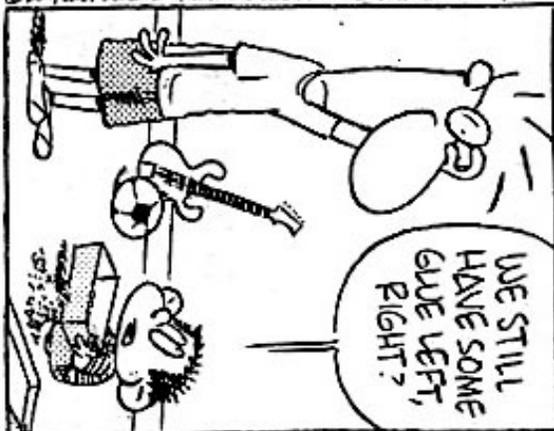
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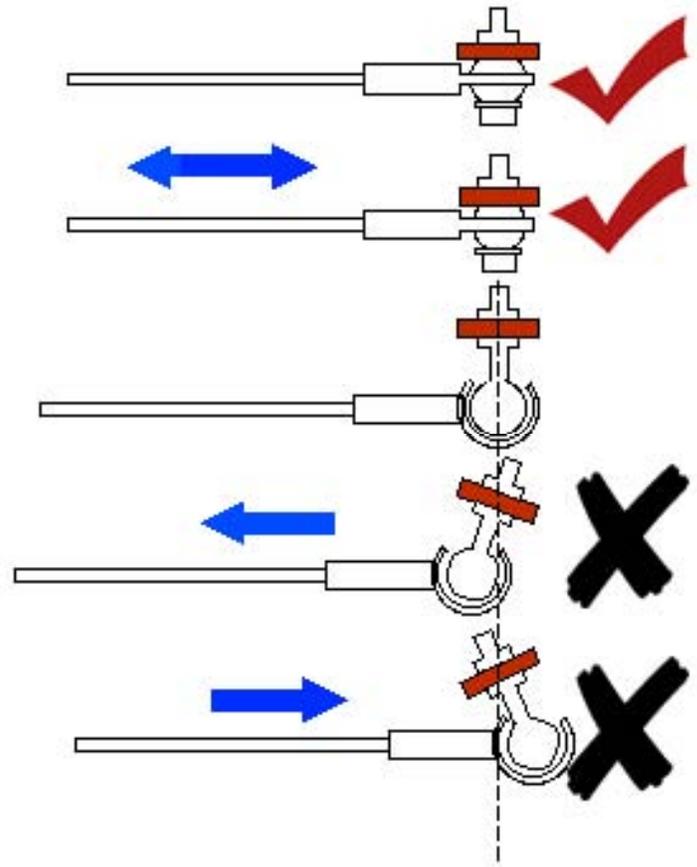
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## BALL LINK VOWS!

*Brian Chan*

Be careful when choosing ball links to be used on control surfaces. Some ball links are taller and some are shorter. When using the taller ball links, make sure you are using the thicker servo arms or servo wheel to support the ball link. The taller ball link will cause the narrow servo arms to be twisted when heavy load is applied.



## WHO AM I?

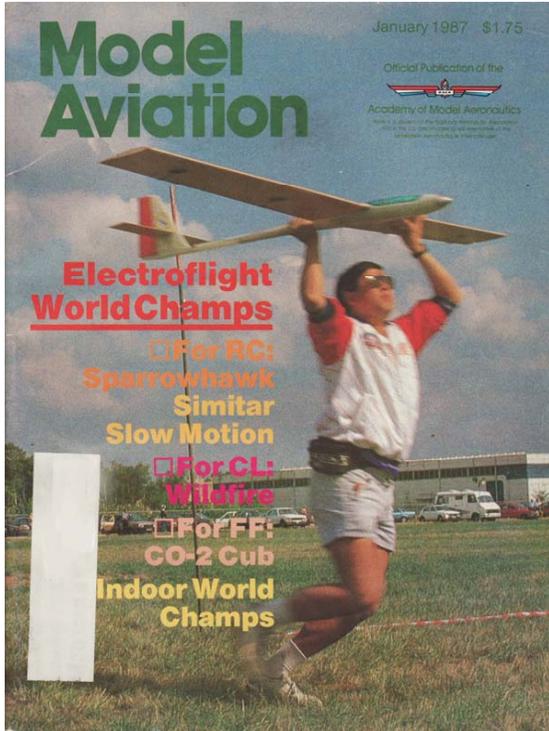
*Brian Chan*

Hello, Brian here, your editor of the PCC newsletter and the same guy who sent you email once in a while to tell you what is happening in the club.

Here is my side of the story: (please disregard any other rumors that you have heard!)

I was born and raised in Hong Kong (hint to the questions regarding the way I speak), did not move to this country permanently till I was about 17. I have been flying something since 1963. And started to fly radio-controlled models when I was 15 with my father! I started with glow power then moved onto electric powered models exclusively in 1983 after a car accident that turned me off to loud noises. After college, I landed a job in San Diego, working with a bunch of toy

airplane nuts that got me onto several US Model Teams (sailplanes and electric sailplanes) to the F.A.I. World Championships in England, Belgium, Netherlands and Austria; and on the cover of Model Aviation magazine ☺. Moved back to the Bay Area in 1987 to work as part of the US Army wind tunnel research team at Ames. I am looking forward to retiring in 2017 or sooner!



Other than the powered toys you see me fly at the PCC field, I also fly non-powered flying toys. Actually I learned to fly with a glider, and still like the silent flights a lot. My silent interests including scale sailplanes (have several of them in my toy

hangar), DLGs, gliders and electric powered gliders. I have in my collection from 1-2 oz indoor flyers to 200 inch span, 34 pounds scale glider, and a lot of planes in between!

Other than the electrics, I am slowly adding gasoline power planes to my collection. Those are mainly to be used as tow planes for aero-towing scale gliders.

Those who had been to my “man-cave” know how much I like “making” (not much building anymore!) and playing with RC stuffs. I don’t frequent hobby shops much as I have most I needed in-house!



Working team to refinish the pit area. Mickey D photo.



Working on the pit area. Mickey D photo.



Ellsworth was caught off-guard by the camera! Mickey D photo.



Re-installing the astro turf onto the runway. Hans B Photo.



The refurbished runway is "smooooth"!



Re-installing the astro turf onto the runway. Hans B photo.



Newly refinished pit area! The ground is flat.



"I think we need one more nail here." Hans B photo.



Parting shot of the newly refurbished Richardson Field.



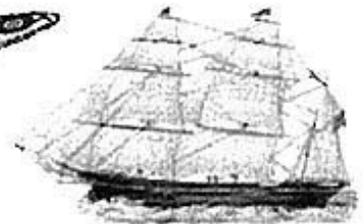
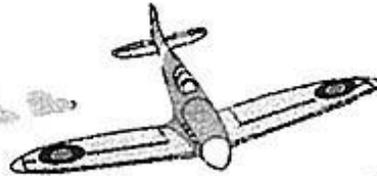
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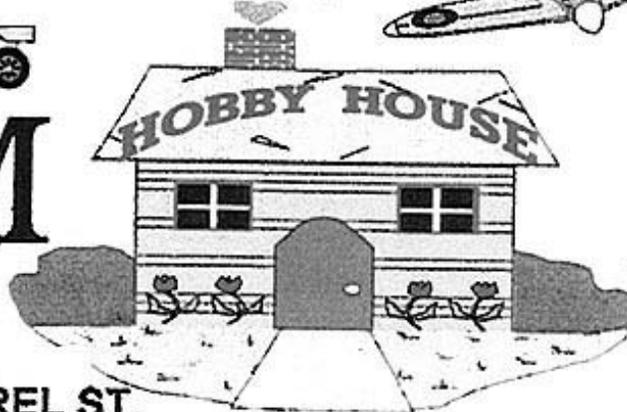
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**Taking Officer Nomination at the November General Meeting! Be There!**



**J&M**



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