

PCC NEWSLETTER

PENINSULA CHANNEL COMMANDERS INC.



December 2012 Next Meeting: December 19th, 2012 AMA Chartered Club # 139

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Ray Quintal's Goldwing Pitts, powered by a DLE 35 c.c. gasoline engine. AYW is about 8 pounds.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ PCC

12/09/2012 A nice windy weekend at Half Moon Bay. The wind was up to 18 mph in the morning, but member still coming out to fly. The local secret is the wind will die down in the afternoon (not all the time though!) Today was one of those good days. Several showed too early and left without flying, the diehards waited and were rewarded to a nice flying day in the early afternoon on Sunday.

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

I was informed by the Holiday Party Chairman that if you purchase the tickets at the December and the January general meeting, you are eligible to a special early bird drawing. So get the party tickets from Ray Squires at the meeting. By the way, the PCC holiday Party will be held on January 19th, 2013 at Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Yes, how time flies when you are having fun! It is that time again, slowly approaching Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas! It is time to renew your PCC and AMA membership.

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 2013 AMA license to renew your 2013 PCC membership, NO EXCEPTION.

You can also visit <http://www.modelaircraft.org> to learn about special options for AMA members including alphanumeric AMA numbers.

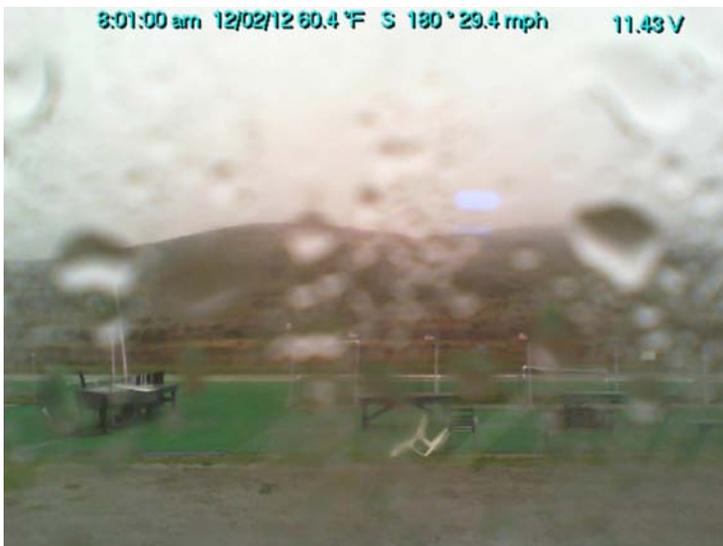
When you receive your 2013 AMA card, mail a copy of it along with your **\$125.00** (\$100.00 membership fee + \$25.00 field surcharge) check made out to "PCC" to:

**PCC Treasurer
1779 Woodland Ave., Ste. #28
Palo Alto, CA 94303**

Or bring your AMA card and a check (or cash!) to the next PCC meeting (save you 45 cents and an envelope!) **Dues are \$125.00 if paid before the New Year, \$135.00 after January 1st 2013. It will be \$145.00 if paid after February 1st!**

A GOOD DECEMBER STORM

The new weather station recorded this photo during the storm on Sunday (12/02/2012) morning. The wind was blowing from the south at **29.4** mph at the field!



UPCOMING EVENTS

December

- 19 PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Rm, Millbrae 2013 PCC Membership Due. Pay at meeting.**
- 25 Christmas Day. Merry Christmas!**

January 2013

- 1 New Year's Day, Happy New Year!**
- 16 PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Rm, Millbrae**
- 19 PCC Holiday Party at Harry's Hofbrau, Redwood City.**

PCC HOLIDAY PARTY

The 2012 Holiday party will be held at the usual place, **Harry's Hofbrau** in Redwood City on January 19th, 2013.

INTERIM AT OCEANA COMING UP

Dennis Lowry

Hello Folks,

PCC will be hosting the Interim Course in Model Aviation again next year (2013) at Oceana High School and we are always looking for potential instructors. If you'd like to become more proficient at training others to fly, this is the perfect venue for you. Ken Martinez and I provide trainers that are easy to fly and buddy boxes so the training is easy for anybody who can fly. I have what's called a Mini Mag, and Ken has a Foam Cub. We fly them till they break.

I bring it up now because Cliff White at J&M Hobby House in San Carlos has donated a number of airplanes that a retiring customer left him. Cliff has always been a major supporter of our club, and I'd like to thank him (and Jake) for thinking of our school program for these models.

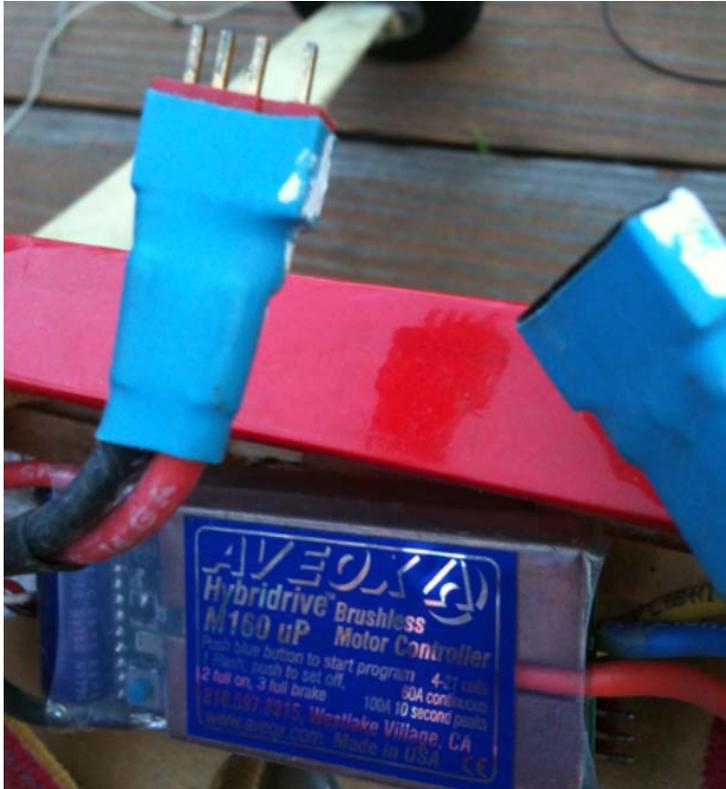
I'm including photos so you can see that they are all in need of some minor repair and possibly upgrading. If you can help us by taking one of the models and getting it ready for flight that would really be helpful.

A thing I've found instructive is to get a model ready; take it to the field and fly it; then bring it home and take it apart again, keeping all the components ready to reassemble. Then in class I have the students do the assembly as if it's a new project, then fly it. It gives them a real sense of accomplishment. Some of these models are ready for that. I think the power plants are primarily good, but some of the RC gear is a decade old. Most will need a matched Transmitter and Receiver, but as FM goes out, you may have gear that YOU won't use again because your aircraft are so expensive. Out it into these, or donate it.

We need that old gear if it functions. We are not flying precious aircraft. These are rags that a fifteen year old will tinker with and make fly - sometimes. That's how they learn.

Feel free to contact me at dennis.lowry@groupdelphi.com. Call my cell 510-759-3865, but I don't answer it at work and turn it off when I leave.

OK, so that's about all for now. Avoid me if you must. I'd like to include you in this experience. It's good for all who help, and it's good for the kids.





Ray G's P-40 on landing.



First take off of the Sopwith Pup.



Steve working on the solar panel, tries to get more power!



Ken and Mike having FUN!



Greg with his Sopwith Pup before the Maiden flight.



Greg's Dornier Pfiel (Do 335) fighter.



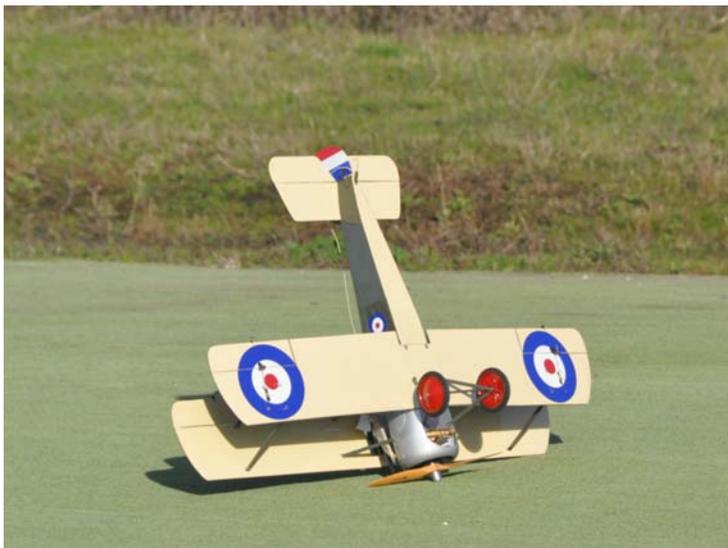
November general meeting. Yes, that's Greg and Phil!



Dave S. preparing his Somethin' Extra, built in 2001.



Better view of Dave's Somethin' Extra.



Nice bottom view of the Sopwith Pup.

FOR SALE: CROWELL'S LIMO.



This vehicle is for sale, contact Ellsworth (650-591-0851) for more details.



Peninsula Channel Commanders

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 19th, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

Holiday Party: January 19th, 2013 at Harry's Hofbrau, mark your calendar.

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