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WHAT'S HAPPENING @PCC



Welcome to 2016!*

**** That means if you have not renew Your AMA and PCC memberships, they had expired!!***

NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN!



**2016
PCC President
Jeff Mate.**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Jeff Mate

Greetings PCC club members and welcome to 2016! I hope that you and your families had a happy and safe Holiday Season!

My name is Jeff Mate, and I am your PCC Club President for 2016. I was NOT elected for my expert flying skills, nor my vast knowledge of RC Technologies. Having said that, I was probably not paying attention (see my report cards) and

everyone else took one step back. I do play well with others, so if that works for you, we should have great year.

The new year brings the opportunity to thank those that helped make PCC, once again, a great club throughout the past year with many successful field projects and events.

Mike Solaegui has been President for many years, with many successful years of increased memberships and the huge transition from the old PCC Site to our new one. Mike will retain a position as Vice President with PCC. It will be great to have him as a mentor. Mike is very successful in all areas of his life. He has a very successful Cutlery Business and enjoys the Culinary Arts with his wife Kim. If you are interested in building race cars and racing them, talk to Mike.

The rest of the Officers will stay on for 2016, so a big thank you to all PCC Officers for staying on for 2016. We probably had the shortest election in AMA/PCC history.

2015 was a good year for the club. Our membership increased in size and we completed some maintenance projects at the field. We also added more container space by bringing our container back from the old site. Special thank you to Ken (Carbon Ken) Martinez for his Project and Tape Measuring skills in this effort to build a pad.

Thanks to all those members who helped out at events and the work parties this year. The events and work parties go much smoother when we have good member participation. I also want to send out a very special Thank You to Brian Chan for his years as our Newsletter and Editor in Chief. Brian puts in many hours a month to keep us all educated, laughing and informed. When you see, shake his hand and give him a big thanks. I think this is his/our 81st issue.

On to a few business items....

All club members are reminded that the current field rules require that club members wear their membership badges at the field. Wearing your membership badge is important for several reasons. It lets others know that you are a current member of the club and a AMA member. It also shows your name and that helps us all, especially new members.

The club has several new members, so if you see someone that you don't know at the field, please introduce yourself and welcome them to the club, just as you would like to be welcomed if you were a new member.

The AMA Expo is this month in Ontario CA. I hope many of you had a chance or are planning to attend. I will be there as will many members and vendors we do business with all year long. AMA Business meetings will include our District X VP Lawrence Tougas. Of course the buzz will be the FAA rulings and the registration of Multi-Rotor Craft (Drones). The Jury is still out on Registering Airplanes per the latest AMA news announcements. One thing is for certain, Drones and Star Wars Speeder Bikes will need to Register with the FAA.

<http://geektyrant.com/news/remote-control-flying-star-wars-speeder-bike>

Best Wishes Safe Landings

Jeff

MEETING MINUTES

Dennis Lowry

December 16, 2015

Call to Order: By Mike Solaegui, PCC President.

Visitors: George Sutter can fly a self-flying airplane and needs a trainer person to help him.

October/November Minutes were approved.

Membership Report: Hovering towards 100.

New Members: None.

Officers 2016 confirmed: Jeff Mate as President, Mike Solagui as VP, Greg Romine as Treasurer, Lowry as Secretary. Ray Squires is one of several Board Members. He takes care of our Harry's Dinner, and leads Dream Machines.

Raffle: a donated Hobby Lobby V Diamond Pusher Jet from Peter Liu;



and a Horizon BNF P-51 from J&M.

EVENTS: PCC Holiday Banquet at Harry's Hofbrau: The Saturday after the next meeting, January 23. The tickets are \$30.00 each, and there will be Prizes, Prizes, and more Prizes. Ray will make sure they have extra Prime Rib. So see Ray for your tickets, and be there or be square. 78" wing span T-28 Carbon BNF with ASX is the top prize. It's a pricey bird, worth winning.

The old timers may pick the San Jose with a 480 with 2200 ma battery

Treasury Report: The treasury is healthy.

New Business:

Drone FCC and Congressional Oversight:

Jeff says: Laura Colton with AMA Expo is ticked off with the new rules. AMA's brief should be looked at with information. Looks like a deadline was looming and FCC moved quickly without caution. We are required to log in and register with FCC starting on 12/21/15. They will issue a registration # that we are then required to put on the airplane. The \$5.00 fee is waived for the first 30 days of registration.

He recommends that we use the word "multirotor aircraft" and not drone.

The 400 foot rule is a point of un-clarity.

As a club we need to decide how to respond. Does flying unregistered void our AMA insurance?

Zack Hoyt donated a \$375.00 over sell from his old equipment sell off that Martin took care of on e-bay.

Half Moon Bay is going to be renamed for Eddie Andreini. It was posed: how about having an Eddie Andreini Fun Fly in June.

Old Business: none.

Safety: NO FLYING WEST OF THE RUNWAY AND STAY OUT OF THE BUSHES. Thanks.

Hits and Misses: None.

Show and Tell:

Maurice showed a Bell Cool Six Helicopter by Century 6. A very nice model with a 800 DB motor. He spent 6 months learning to hover. He gets a 6-minute flight. It flies fairly scale. He modified the gears to graphite from nylon. It has a 3-axis gyro. He started on a 450 heli and has worked up to a 700 through a bunch of different models. He recommends working up with a simulator.



Brian showed a battery warmer that heats up a battery for better quick battery run on cool days. Used for competition runs. At \$14.00 it's worth winning the contest.

Adjourned

Minutes by Lowry.



Ray Squires

The *PCC Holiday Banquet* will be held on **January 23rd 2016** at



**1909 El Camino Real,
Redwood City.**



The tickets will be same as last year **\$30.00** per person, each ticket is also a raffle ticket. The top raffle prize will be the **Carbon-Z T-28!** Don't miss out!

No host cocktail starts at 6 PM and dinner starts at 7 PM. Tickets will be available at the *December* and *January* meetings also at the door.

Contact Ray Squires for tickets, 650-575-4273

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

- 20 PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Rm, Millbrae**
- 23 PCC Holiday Banquet, See above. For ticket information, contact Ray Squires 650-575-4273**

February

- 14 Valentine's Day, hint, hint....**
- 15 President's Day**
- 17 PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Rm, Millbrae**

March

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

See <http://www.ncrcs.com/> for more detailed information.

SIMONE OLSON



Simone and Janie.

Dear friends and family of Warren and Simone Olson,

Many of you already know that Simone Olson passed away in the Peninsula Hospital (Burlingame) ICU on Tuesday, January 5, due to heart failure. She was 88, as was Warren's mother, Mabel Olson, when she passed away. This email is to introduce myself, for those who don't know me, and establish a new communication link for Warren through me. I am Roger White, Warren's only nephew (my mother is his sister). I have been staying with Warren at his house since Monday, Jan 4.

Warren is adjusting reasonably well. He is a realist and believes that Simone got every ounce of life out of her deteriorating body. They had a magnificent life together for 63 years, and he is accepting this unfortunate change in his life circumstances as well as could be expected. Warren knows that my wife, Kay, and I, along with our five children, son-in-law and three daughters-in-law (all are within two hours of our home in Auburn), will do everything we can to make life fun and comfortable for him. He is experiencing no major health issues, currently, and I believe will do fine for years ahead.

The concerns I had for his emotional well-being, though minor, were unfounded (at least visibly). He has asked me to look for a room for him in Auburn, near my wife and me (and other family members), which we are leaving HMB today to do tomorrow. I have cautioned family members to take all of this slowly and carefully. Yes, he is a stoic Norwegian. But he is experiencing huge changes in his life, and any move should be gentle and not rushed, I believe.

I will bring him back to his HMB home Thursday afternoon to try out Visiting Angels for his mornings and evenings (I have a business trip on Friday and then again next Monday and Tuesday). Local friends have committed to visit him on occasion to help him avoid loneliness. I plan to stay with him at his HMB home about 3 days per week until a new home near my family is identified.

We are organizing setting a Life Celebration Party (I just don't think Simone would want it to be called a 'memorial') for Simone on Saturday, Feb 13, here in Half Moon Bay. More details later.

By the way, Janie was a bit frazzled on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, but seems to be adjusting to the absence of Simone since about Thursday, as well. Simone was such a "huge personality" (quoting friends and family members), and seemed to have an almost indestructible life force. The silence is deafening.

Roger White

January 12, 2016



THE FLYING SITE NEWS

A few bits of information for our club members regarding our flying site, the Richardson Field.

1. Tidy up the flying field when you leave, specially when you are the last one to leave. Pick up any trash, we don't have a janitor to clean up the field. Take your trash (rubber bands, sandwich bags, paper towels, broken propellers....) home with you.



2. Make sure all the locks are locked. Make sure the gate is locked and the tumblers on the lock are rotated off the unlocking combo! Make sure the rope is tight so the chain is loose (but locked!)
3. Slow down when driving on the dirt road leads to the pit area. If you see dust trailing behind your car, **you are going too fast!**
4. The proper way to enter the field from the north is turn left on Verde Road (after you passed the gate to the field) and make an U-turn on Verde Road when it is clear to do so. Then go back north to make a right turn into the field.

PCC RENEWAL

When you receive your 2016 AMA card, mail a copy of it along with your \$125.00 (\$100.00 Dues + \$25.00 field fee) 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. Dues are \$100.00+\$25.00 if paid before the New Year, \$110.00+\$25.00 after January 1st 2015. It will be \$120.00+\$25.00 if paid

after February 1st! If you have not paid after March 1st, you are no long member of PCC and required to reapply.

You did renew your AMA membership, correct?

FLYING WITH A PURPOSE CAN INCREASE SAFETY

**Jack Frost,
Education Coordinator**

Does your club hold a training night on a regular basis to help new club members learn to fly? What kind of training is accomplished during these sessions?

Many clubs hold training sessions at regular intervals during the flying season, and most training seems to consist of getting into the air and back on the ground with a flyable aircraft. I've seen takeoffs, circles, horizontal eights, loops, rolls, and landings practiced.

Is this really enough?

I know that some clubs must do this, but I have never personally seen any club provide a ground school before a newbie was allowed to put his or her airplane in the air. I've seldom seen flight emergencies such as out-of-trim airplanes, failed servos, or even engine-out emergencies taught or practiced. I've seldom seen anyone practicing crosswind take-offs and landings, yet students are signed off as solo pilots without this training.

I have seen newly soloed pilots crash aircraft unnecessarily because of fairly routine problems. I have even seen airplanes crashed in low crosswind situations because the pilots were never trained to fly in the wind. Some might say that it is too hard to learn all of these things; this hobby is supposed to be fun, not work. I can understand that, but I also feel that learning to be a proficient and safe pilot doesn't have to be work. It can be fun.

I know that not everyone is into competition, but we can all still learn things from competitors. Watch the way a competitor practices. I don't care if it is RC Pattern, or CL Stunt, they all have one thing in common: purposeful flight. They fly with specific goals in mind. They practice until they have mastered those goals. Should we be any less demanding of ourselves as instructors or students?

The next time you observe your club training night, ask yourself what is really being taught and what is really being learned. Are the students being trained to the best of your club's ability? Are the students developing the skills necessary to become proficient and safe pilots? And when they get their solo sign-off, will they be assets or liabilities to the club and to themselves?

TIPS

From The Wine Country Flier, Wine Country Flyers

Separating iron-on covering

If you have trouble separating the iron-on covering from its plastic backing, try this. Stick a small piece of tape to each side of the covering, near the edge, and pull them apart. This should separate the covering from the backing. Another method is to stick a No. 11 X-Acto blade into the backing at a sharp angle. The blade will puncture the plastic backing but not the covering. Then, just lift up on the blade, and the backing will come off.

Loose rubber deflectors

If you are worried about your rubber deflector coming loose from your muffler, put a bead of J-B Weld around the outlet pipe to form a lip at the tip. Now, when you push the deflector onto the nipple and tie wrap it around the ridge of J-B Weld, it will not come off. This would probably be a good method for keeping tuned pipes in place also.

Gluing on canopies

Before gluing on your airplane's canopy, put a small hole in some obscure place to allow air circulation under the canopy. This will keep your canopy from popping off in the summer when the air inside expands or from collapsing in the winter when the air shrinks.

Soldering wires

Unless you have nerves of steel, it's difficult to hold two wires still while you solder them together, even if one is clamped to your workbench. An easy solution to this problem is to glue two wooden clothespins to a wooden base, about an inch apart. Now, slip the wires to be soldered into the clamping part of the clothespins, and they will be held together without jiggling. You can put the clothespins side by side rather than nose to nose. This keeps them from interfering with longer wires. You will probably have to sand the gripping part to create a larger grip area.

Keep screws in place

If you are having trouble with screws backing out of servos, cowlings, or anything else, try this. Put a little carpenter's glue on the threads before installation. The glue will hold the screws but will allow them to be removed if needed.

Removing glue

After you put that beautiful covering on your model, you accidentally spill some CyA glue on it and think it's a mess. Get a bottle of "debonder," put a little on a paper towel, and rub the glue right off. Wipe it clean, and your model looks brand new again. If there is glue on your fingers, and it won't wash off, don't wait for it to wear off. Get a pumice stone from your hobby shop or the hardware store. You can rub the glue off with soap and water in seconds.



New President Jeff waiting for the members to show up at the meeting!



One way to bring your model to the field, or home!



Santa was there!!



Dave works on his \$15.00 "Swap Meet Special" as Ken looks on.



Lazy day at the field, Bob and Ladybug. Squires Photo.

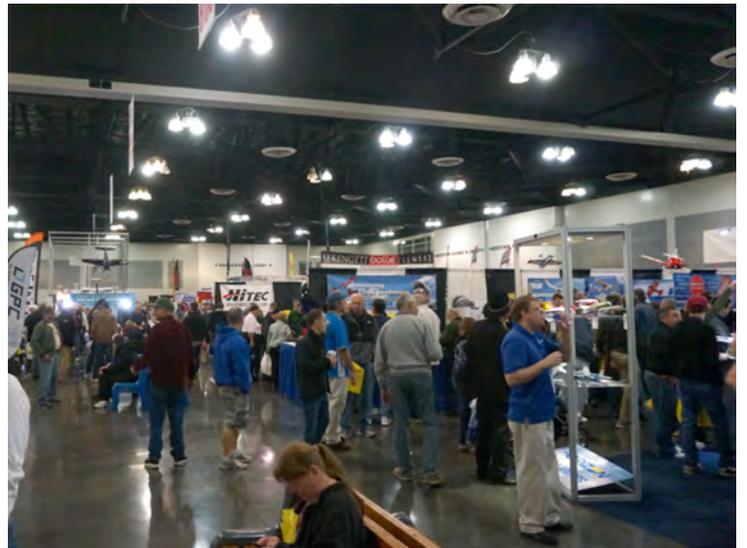
PHOTOS FROM AMA EXPO 2016



Bruce and the Valiant from Horizon Hobby.



Some multi-cylinders engines from Horizon Hobby.



Pretty good crowd showed up on Saturday.



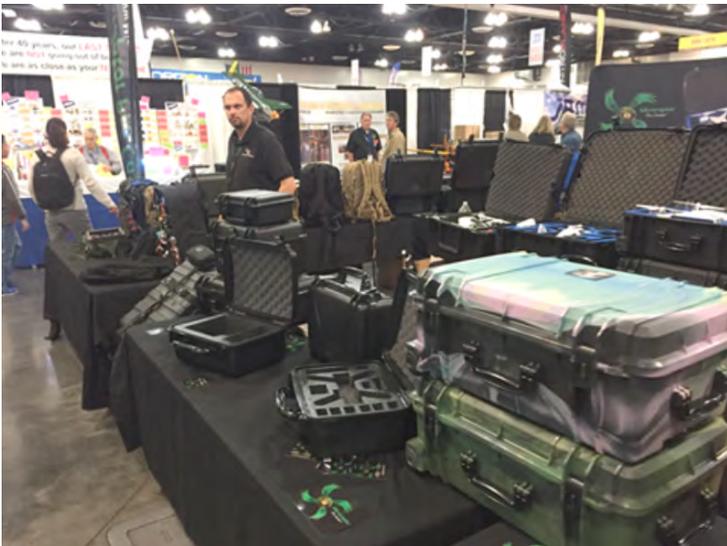
The EAA discussion session.



Gliders at the SoaringUSA booth.



Some exotic engine at the swap shop vender.



Various carrying cases are offered here.



NeuMotors booth and Steve Neu himself (R3).

Next Meeting January 20th.

J&M HOBBY HOUSE

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