

# PCC NEWSLETTER

PENINSULA CHANNEL COMMANDERS INC.



March 2017

Next Meeting:

March 15th, 2017

AMA Chartered Club # 139

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING @PCC



Water runoff from the highway damaged the edge of the driveway.(It has been repaired! Thanks Prez Mike.)

**PCC gate lock combination has been changed, you should have received an email with new combination. Do not share it with anyone. If you did not receive the combination, contact Lew Chee for the new combination.**

## MEETING MINUTE

*Lew Chee*

**Date** February 15, 2017

**Call to Order:** by Mike S., President

**Time:** 7:35pm.

**Guest(s) Introduction(s):** No guest.

**New Applicants:** Konrad Dudek has rejoined after many years of absence.

**Raffle Prize for tonight:**

Horizon UMX PT-17 Stearman

**Approval of last month's Minutes;**

Motion by: Ken M.

Second By: Jeff M.

Approved: Yes

**Announcements:** We received some donations from Frank Vaughn. Three ARF kits: Balsa USA Fokker, Global 40-size Cub and World Models GS Clipped Wing Cub. Also, some electric boats. Brock also donated some misc. glow parts and landing gear struts.

Several items were absorbed by the members at the meeting. John B will put the remaining two Cub kits on sale on RCG. All proceeds will go to the club.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave, Dennis and Lew met a couple weeks ago and filed our state and federal taxes. Dave presented the final numbers from the banquet and we lost about \$1200. More discussion below regarding future banquets. Membership renewals show us breaking even currently with operating expenses. No major expenses are expected in the immediate future.

**Membership Committee Report:** 94 renewals have been received to date. Renewals will be overdue at the end of this month. VP Dave M will be contacting those that have failed to renew. We will be changing the lock codes. Brian will send out the new code to the membership via email.

**Safety Committee Report:** Safety Chair had no incidents to report.

**Field Maintenance Report:**

- 1) UV rated zip ties are needed for the shade.
- 2) Mike S has repaired the muddy entrance road and diverted runoff to the culvert.
- 3) Mike S also mowed the grass.
- 4) Ray G has installed a solar cell charger for the mower.
- 5) Greg H will be modifying the clutch stop on the mower.

**Flight Instructors:**

Nothing new to report.

**Old Business:**

We need to keep up with mowing this year.

**New Business:**

1) Field Assessment Fee – We need to look at using these funds for augmenting the revenue from dues to pay for operational expenses. In lieu of replacing the front gate, we will purchase an additional lock for the barbed wire on right side and also get a lock from the fire department. A sufficient amount needs to be maintained in case we are forced to relocate the field to a new location. There are costs for returning the old field to previous condition as well as setup costs for a new location.

2) Future Banquets – It was discussed that we need to reduce the losses of the banquet. Several ideas were suggested such as reducing the raffle prizes, getting donated prizes and raising the cost per ticket.

**Contest Reports/Upcoming Events:**

SAM21 has a couple events later this year focusing on the group build of the “San Jose”. They have extended build times to 18-months to let people catch up. Schmidt Ranch is also flooded.



(Normally the place has no water!)

**Hits and Misses or SAD stories:**

n/a

**Show and Tell:**

- 1) Konrad D showed off his Dynam Meteor 70mm EDF jet from MotionRC's "Scratch and Dent" pile. He was able to rebuild, repaint and experiment with several fans and rotors to get it to fly to his liking.
- 2) Konrad D also showed off his Freewing SU-35 EDF Russian jet featuring vectored thrust and FMA 6S 6000mah pack.
- 3) Dave M brought in his DJI Mavic Pro quad copter featuring a 4K camera and compact, folding design.
- 4) Oliver S displayed and flew his Blade Inductrix micro quad copter.

**Meeting Adjournment:** 9:07 p.m.

**Raffle Drawing – Winner(s):**

Dave Mosher

**Number of members in attendance:** 18 + 1 New applicant.

**Minutes by:** Lew Chee, PCC Secretary



## UPCOMING EVENTS



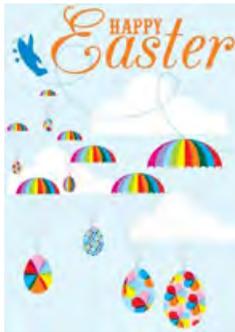
### March

12 Daylight Saving Time starts 0200!

15 PCC Meeting @ Peter's Cafe, 10 El Camino Real, Millbrae. 7:30 pm

### April

8 SCCMAS swap meet. Location to be determined. Look on SCCMAS web site [www.sccmas.org](http://www.sccmas.org) for information when it's available.



16 Easter Sunday.

18 Taxes Due!!

19 PCC Meeting @ Peter's Cafe, 10 El Camino Real, Millbrae. 7:30 pm

22-23 Los Banos Scale Funfly. Los Banos Creek Reservoir, Los Banos. CD: Lynsel Miller, SBSS. <https://www.scalesoaring.com/los-banos-registratio>

### May

17 PCC Meeting @ Peter's Cafe, 10 El Camino Real, Millbrae. 7:30 pm



29 Memorial Day

## WE NEED MOWER OPERATORS!

*PCC needs your help.* More mower operators are needed more people to operate the mowers. With all the rain we got, the grass will be growing faster. Contact one of the officers of the club to volunteer the mower duty. More people we get, less time for each individual will be on the massage machine (per Alonzo Richardson!)

## FIELD RULES REMINDER

*Editor*

Just a friendly reminder of some of the PCC field rules.

1. Smoking NOT allowed at the PCC field. 



2. NO Alcoholic beverages can be consumed at the PCC field.

3. PCC Flying field operation hours are from Sunrise to Sunset. Field is **closed** to all activities from Sunset to Sunrise.



4. No Taxi in the pit. Walk the plane to the runway by holding onto the fin after engine started. No electric motor running in the pit.

5. Keeping the field safe is the responsibility of every PCC members.

6. Slow down when driving into and leaving the field,

Maximum speed 10 mph.  If you see dust (or splashes) in your rear view mirror, you are driving too fast. Same go for entering the highway, do not kick up the rocks, we paid good money for them!

7. Lock the gate when you are the last one out. Close the shackle and rotate the dials so the unlock code is



not visible.

8. Keep the PCC clean by removing all the trash from the field, take home what your bring to the field; including all trash (your own or someone else's), broken airplanes/parts and young children/pet.



**Current membership badge MUST BE worn while you are at the PCC field. Remember "NO BADGE, NO FLY" rule applies 24/7/365 at PCC. No Exception!**

*Yup, This was in the last month's newsletter too!*

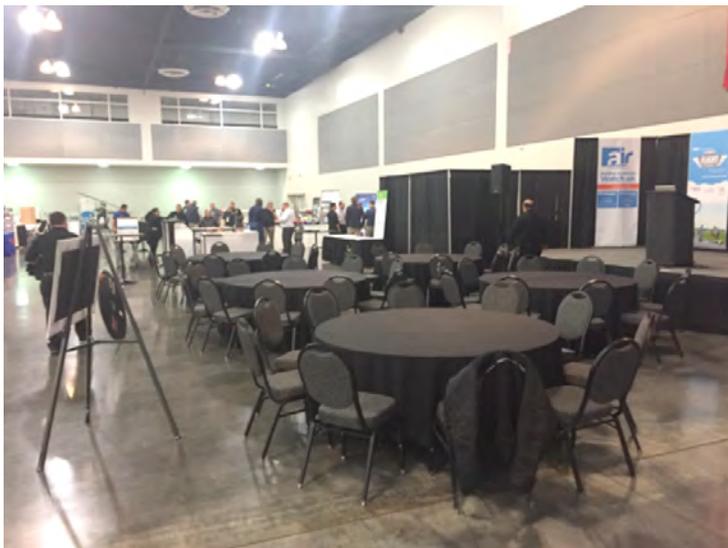
# AMA EXPO WEST REPORT

*Brian Chan*

Bruce Devisser and I drove down to Ontario on Friday to attend the AMA Expo West. The event has been calling the Ontario Convention home for a few years now. This year had the least vendors participation than all the other ones I had attended. I am not sure if the AMA EXPO East had drawn some of the East Coast vendors from the Expo West, but there are many empty spaces where there were vendors last year. The main attraction this year are still the Quads and ARF's. Horizon Hobby and Soaring USA have pretty good size booths showing their ware. Same as Desert Aircraft (DA Engines), they have a lot of engines on display. A lot of local clubs were in attendance too.



*Bruce talked with the DA folks.*

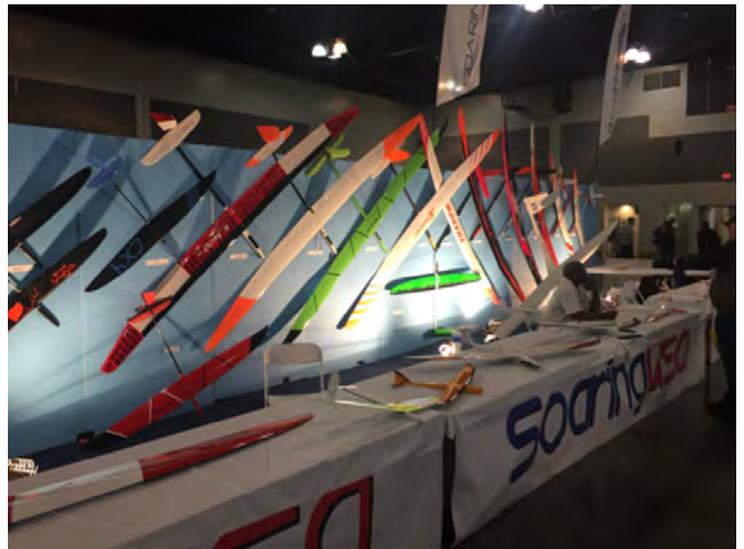


*Lots of empty tables!*

The attendance was noticeably less than last year, no problem cruising through the exhibition hall. The swap shop was heavily attended. Many private sellers were there to sell everything that was existed from 50 years ago to the latest models! I have to say the Swap Shop was more interesting than the main hall.



*Horizon Hobby booth.*



*SoaringUSA booth.*



*A full scale sailplane on display.*



*Maxford USA booth with lots of new models!*



*Horizon Opterra flying wing! Can be used for FPV.*



*JB Hobby display. They will be closing after the stock are gone.*



*E-Flite Convergence, VTOL.*



*The quads flying cage!*



*Motorized Parafoil from France. Can be flown un-powered.*



*Rick with Trixter Beam, waiting for the right moment!  
Byooutiful work!*



*Lew's Nitroplane Ninjato. A cloned ParkMaster at half  
the cost.*



*Rick preparing the Trixter Beam for flight.*



*Ray S's Horizon Hobby Opterra and a Nitroplanes  
Neptune!*



*A perfect inverted low pass caught by the camera!!*



*Robert with the old timer floater that Jim gave him.*



*You can see clearly now! Greg H must have spent hours on the mower to mow those acres of land in front of the runway. Now you can find all the parts you dropped off, like Cruz's dolly and Ray's bomb!*



*The driveway entrance has been repaired.*

**ONE LAST ONE!**



*One can dream!*



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*Next Meeting:*

***Peter's Cafe***

***10 El Camino Real, Millbrae***

***March 15th, 2017***

***7:30 pm***

***Remember do not park in the front parking lot***

## ANOTHER SWAP MEET!

I'm reaching out to a lot of Northern California Hobby Clubs and Shops to ask for some help in spreading the word about this event. Please post the flyer on your website, in social media, e-mail to your club roster and any rc friends and family. Any bit of help is greatly appreciated (and please send me event flyers in the future, so I can do the same for you!).

The Wine Country Flyers [www.fcflyers.com](http://www.fcflyers.com) are hosting the event and they really need help getting the word out. Every bit of help is greatly appreciated and will go a long way to making this event a big success. We're trying to get the word out even earlier this time, so everyone can make plans to attend.

Thank you,  
Jake

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**All Hobbies  
SWAP MEET**

**April 30th, 2017  
8am - 2pm**

Presented by:  
**The Wine Country Flyers  
and Jake's Performance Hobbies**

Swap open to All Hobbies. RC Airplanes, Hell's, Quads, Cars, Crawlers, Boats, Drones, Trains, Plastic Models, Rockets, Die-Cast and More.

Tables are \$10 reserved, \$15 day of the Swap. Vendors are welcome, \$20 per table. Tables are provided, limit 3 per Seller.

Buyers Entry Fee \$3.00 (Kids under 12 FREE!)

Swap Meet starts at 8AM, with set-up at 7:30am.

No Early Bird selling, or parking lot deals. (both parties will be asked to leave)

Coffee for sale from **Dutch Bros**

Come see displays from local Hobby Clubs!

11th Annual, bigger and better, 100+ tables!

Hobby Swap will be in the Main Hall of the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 95404

For questions, or to reserve a table, contact Adam at [adamclement@gmail.com](mailto:adamclement@gmail.com) or Jake at [jphracing001@aol.com](mailto:jphracing001@aol.com) See [www.WCFlyers.com](http://www.WCFlyers.com) for more info.

**All Hobbies welcome!**

Buy-Sell-Swap  
**Swap Meet!**  
Buy-Sell-Swap

**11th Annual!**

**Largest Indoor Hobby Swap in Northern California!**

## 2017 PCC SURVEY REPORT

We received 30 responses out of 93 membership renewals received representing a 32.3% return.

### 1. What are your primary modeling and flying interests?

The most popular response was Sport flying (30%), followed by Electric (27%) and then a tie for Scale and Gliders (23%). There were also 23% responses with less than one vote representing other area of interest.

### 2. What days of the week do you normally fly?

As expected, the most popular days for flying are the weekends (59%). The most popular weekday is Friday (23%).

### 3. How often do you fly? Daily Weekly Monthly Rarely Never

Most respondents said they fly on a weekly basis (60%). No one would admit to Never flying (0%).

### 4. What field improvement to the facilities would you like?

Most respondents were generally satisfied (47%) and provided a positive remark (i.e. "All good") or left the question unanswered. Of those that responded with a suggestion 20% were related to improving the runway, 7% wanted improvements to power / charging table and 7% wanted more or better webcams.

### 5. If you were to change one thing about the club, what would it be?

Again, most respondents were generally satisfied (60%) and provided a positive remark (i.e. "Don't change a thing") or left the question unanswered. Only one item was mentioned more than once and that was to improve the weather station (10%).

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