



# SCHEDULE OF CLUB EVENTS



## March 2009

**March 10**  
SGVRCL Board Meeting

**March 24**  
SGVRCL Club Meeting  
Annual Club Auction

## April 2009

**April 14**  
SGVRCL Board Meeting

**April 18-19**  
Lake Casitas Float Fly  
Ventura County Comets

**April 18-19**  
Radio Control Expo  
Fairplex, Pomona  
info: rcx.com

**April 28**  
SGVRCL Club Meeting

## May 2009

**May 12**  
SGVRCL Board Meeting

**May 16-17**  
Spring Pylon Race  
424 (APRA), 422, 428  
SGVRCL, Whittier Narrows

**May 26**  
SGVRCL Club Meeting

P.O. Box 9052  
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**March 2009**



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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sgvrcl>

**NEW MEMBERS**

New members are welcome and encouraged to join the SGVRCL, Inc. Please contact club Membership Chairman Mark Melvin to the left.

**MEETING INFORMATION**

**Business Meeting**

2nd Tuesday of the month: 7:00 p.m.

**General Membership Meeting**

4th Tuesday of the month: 7:30 p.m.

Note: There is no December General Membership Meeting!

**CLUB MEETING LOCATION**

The club has a new location for all club meetings. Sincere thanks go to Bob Chase for arranging the use of the El Monte Airport Administration building for our meetings. This new building, which has air conditioning and heating, is a first class venue for our club meetings.

The building is located smack dab in the center of the airport off of Santa Anita Ave. Look for the building with the curved roof. The address is 4233 Santa Anita Ave. (corner Lambert and Santa Anita.)

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Hey Members, that's you!

Let's see more of your models at our monthly meetings.

The Prize for winning "Model Of The Month" is a cool looking large club coffee stein!

***Model of the Month Contest:***

Now that we have acquired such a nice room to hold our meetings, let's keep it that way by making sure that the models we bring to our meetings have their fuel lines capped off and are drip free of oil. The last thing we need to do is wear out our welcome by leaving drip spots behind!

**Park Police Dispatch Number**

800-834-0064

This is the 24-hour dispatch number for the Park Police. You may want to jot this number down and stuff it in your wallet for future reference. When you've seen someone flying unsafely, this is the number to call if the flyer refuses to abide by the field rules.

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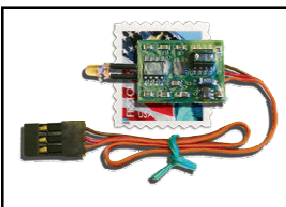
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## President's Message

Good news for our local friends of the Santa Fe Dam Radio Control Modelers RC club. They have regained use of their field after being shut down for nearly a month after AMA's Convention in January. The changes to their field required moving the flight line to the left away from the freeway, and also strictly adhering to a 400 foot height ceiling. Their runway and pit area were recently repaved and striped, and they are back in business in style! Congratulations fellow fliers!

The SFDRCM club is promoting a device to be placed in their planes to record the height flown by the plane. It plugs directly into your plane's receiver. You can find out



your altitude after a flight by counting light flashes from the unit or by using a small hand

held reader to view the data. This might be interesting for some of our members to try out on their planes to see how high we are flying at our field. More on this at [www.wingedshadow.com](http://www.wingedshadow.com).

As to our club, Contest Coordinator Lee Von Der Hey is going out of town for an extended period for work. It was looking like the three pylon races we had scheduled for this year would be out the window. At this month's board meeting we had two gentlemen from a Lake Casitas area RC club agree to take on the duties of these races, along with the help of our club. It was too late to still pull off this month's planned race, but the other two races scheduled for May 16-17 and October 3-4 are a go.

This month at the March 24 meeting is the Annual Auction of our RC Stuff. Don't forget to bring not only your stuff to auction off, but also bring lots of money to buy other people's stuff! 10% of the proceeds go to the club's runway fund.

I picked up this web link on the SFDRAM's web site. It's a link to an online flight simulator that will help you stay sharp in-between flights at the field. I encourage everyone to give it a try! <http://snipurl.com/flysim>

See you at the meeting,

## Mark Melvin

SGVRCL President

Airspeed, altitude, and brains. Two are always needed to successfully complete the flight!

Put another candle on the cake of these..  
**BIRTHDAY PILOTS**

Louis Santoni	March 01
Henry Arance	March 10
Lonnie Locher	March 12
John Lane	March 17
Bonnie Dannaman	March 17
Joe Ballasch	March 22
Bob Chase	March 23

## NEW MEMBERS

The SGVRCL welcomes these new members to the club!

**LEE HATCH  
DAVID GAVIN  
DAN TAORDARSON**

Just to let everyone know, the field will be closed on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, for some kind of movie studio filming. This applies to gas and alcohol engines only. Electric motors will be okay for flying due to lack of noise..

Jerry Swaim  
SGVRCL Field Marshall





**Ken's Pen**

Variety. Boy do we have variety! In 1962 when our Field was organized there were two basic types or categories of RC models. 15 to 60 size High Wing Glow or a few Gliders with attached 1/2A power pods. Today you can look around and see an almost infinite number of RC aircraft types. This morning I flew a 4 pound Electric Delta Wing assembled by member Tai Laio. My best guess is that it hit 120 MPH. Really smoking! Being electric the flight was for two whole, wild minutes. Gee!

Thirty minutes later I flew a .5 ounce carbon and plastic Vapor—at 3 MPH. For 10 minutes. And almost took a

nap at the same time. Actually it's really a neat, very active little bird. Go back and read the weight again. Yes, .5 ounce—as in 1/2 ounce. Complete. RC proportional controlled. A real vapor! It's a buy, charge and fly right out of the box. Geeze! In '62 it would have been a real awesome wonder. Today? Ho hum!

At the same time at other end of the field there was an Electric Heli. It was doing what heli's do. What ever that is! At the flight line a little later was a new, but also very common these days, gas powered 50 CC 18 pound Extra type ARF going straight up. 50 CC? Isn't there a small Honda Motorcycle powered with a 50CC motor? Hmmm. Meanwhile by the container was a 1/2 pound all flat foam



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electric almost looking like an aircraft—almost! It was doing its thing, just like the Heli. Whatever they do! In the pits were several “normal” RC models. Notice the quote marks. Just what the heck is “normal” these days??

In '62 it was big motored .61 glow powered birds for the top pilots and a .40 for the more normal show offs. At the small end of the common models, where I flew, it was a .09! Hi! There were no Electrics, no Foam, no ARF's, and no Heli's. And everybody was happy. These early types of RC models were what the field was designed for.

Do we have a problem fitting all the newer novelty stuff into the same area today? That's for

sure! That's why our field is set up as it is today. All the variety that you see everyday—has to fly some place. Any 'ol place where the type can be made to work since we really don't have a lot of options.

As the years went by and more novel stuff shows up, the conflicts mount. The latest seems to be the pretty, fast but small, foam, electric duct fan jet fighters. It's very difficult to find a good spot for them. Basically, if it has wheels it should use the runway. If it's very slow, the north grass area. If it's fast but no wheels, the south grass area but near the runway away from the heli's..

What will tomorrow's everyday model be like? We see them already. But will

get more as manufacturers seek new types for us to try. Extremely light, laser cut construction with carbon fiber. The plastic film covering first used in the late 60's, will still be the “King” finish. Much improved of course. Applied with commercial experience, not by every Tom Dick and Harry on weekends

after work looking like “Wrinkle Coat.” Foam of many kinds will rule the entry level stuff and the wild shapes that only an expensive foam mold can make. All on worry free, we hope(!), 2.4 using the radio miracle of “Spread Spectrum.” Weight used to be a problem but not today. Current construction materials and power and electronics have brought the weights down so low that even light winds can get your attention and less weight might even be detrimental!

So tomorrow is here and our flight area is still in 1962. No biggie, all we have to do is remember safety is the name of the game. If we want the day after tomorrow to show up, keep safety in mind. Stress it when asked, “Where do I fly this thing?” Whatever it is!

73 (Best Regards)

*Ken Meade*

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**S G V R C L**  
**ANNUAL**  
**RC AUCTION**

March 24 Club Meeting  
El Monte Airport

**Bring your RC stuff to sell, and bring \$\$\$\$ to buy other people's stuff!**

**MARCH 9  
FLOAT FLY**

This AM with daylight savings time in gear, we had 15 pilots. It was cold and even sprinkled a little bit. Kenny had an easy morning—there was only one flyer at the land field so he came over to watch the old guys play with their airplanes and splash about. Paul #1 brought out his new SeaMaster which he flew himself and did a fine job. He also brought out his Forman griddle and cooked lunch—Earl brought all the condiments. Bob missed his favorite TV program to make to potato salad. Thanks you guys.

Also we need to pay our dues to continue float flying this year, so don't forget to continue your membership. We have renamed the "Parakeet" to Oragomy, it flies neat, thanks Jay. Our new solo pi-

lot, Norman, took off and landed himself at the lake, that's a big achievement. Also Steve Lopez brought his new boat to run, it put on a pretty good show! This was a great float fly.

The next float fly is April 13, a warm up for Lake Casitas on the 18 and 19 of April. See you here or there.

We love the park,

*Paul Moren*

**Board Meeting Minutes**

To save space in the newsletter a copy of the minutes of the previous month's board meeting can be read online at..

[sgvrcl.org/boardmeeting.pdf](http://sgvrcl.org/boardmeeting.pdf)

The Russian Ekranoplan, also known as the Caspian Sea Monster.



*Ekranoplan is a Russian word which means 'screen craft' or 'skimmer'. It is not a plane nor is it a ship, moreover its a mixture of both. The craft moves along on a dynamic cushion of air that is generated by its forward movement.*

Pictures: <http://www.vincelewis.net/ekranoplan.html>

Video: <http://snipurl.com/seamonster>

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Club Coffee Mug \$6.50

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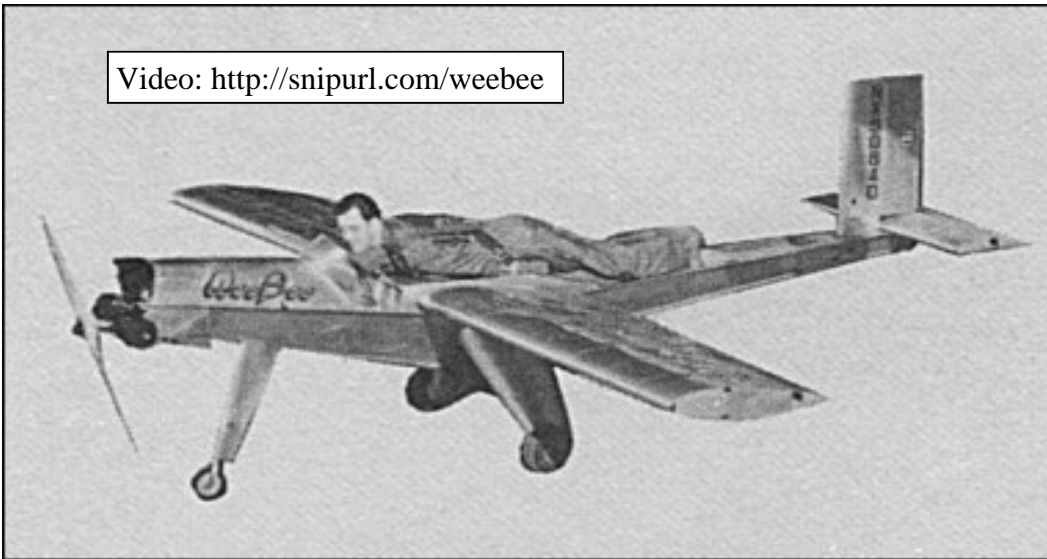
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### AIRBUS 380 COCKPIT VIEW

For Internet users check out this great 360° panoramic view of an "All Glass" Airbus 380 cockpit. With your computer mouse you will be able to look left and right, up and down, in any direction. Neat! Use the following link..

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