

# INTERFERENCE

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## News and Notes



### President's Message

## Wow!

That's all I can say about the trip to Castle Airport for the IMAA West Coast Festival on May 27th thru the 30th. Larry Chapman invited me to stay with him in his Fabulous Fifth Wheel Trailer. Have you seen it? It is nicer than my own house.

We started our long weekend with a few minor repairs to Larry's truck. By the time we finally got on the road, we arrived at the Castle Airport around 8:00 pm. Unfortunately the gate was already locked up for the night. We ended up parking across the street for the night. The line to get in was already building when we awoke around 6:00 am. So we wasted no time getting up and getting to the back of the line. Our breakfast consisted of a quick cup of coffee and a granola bar while waiting in line. We might of sleep like Kings but breakfast was definitely not fit for a King.

When the gates opened all party's that had registered as a group got to enter first. This was bad for us because now it did not matter we were number 10 in line, we had to wait until all preregistered groups were in and parked. You bet next year we will do the same. We asked for parking spaces in the front row, little did we know that getting front row spaces would give us the best seats in the house. Right on the flight line.

The weather did not cooperate a whole lot. It was windy and cold and even some rain. The sun finally decided to peak its head out and made things warm up for Saturday and Sunday. We had a total of nine of the Club Members show up with a total of 15 planes.

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New Members  
Richard Pacente

### Corrections

*Please make two correction to the phone numbers in your club roster.*

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562-896-5511

**Wow!** (continued from page 1)

So far no flying for me due to the bad weather and now it is a beautiful sunny Sat. I brought with me the largest plane I own. My 74 " spitfire. I put my plane in line and went to spot for Larry. When I returned I find my plane pulled out of line and sitting on the side line. I went to find out with the officials what was going on. They explained they had some people complaining about the size of my plane and how it was too small. (My life story) They kicked me out. I was unable to fly during the event. Restricting me to fly after hours only. Funny how they were happy to register me, take my money, and kick me out all in the same weekend. Priceless!

As I walked around throughout the week, I was amazed at the details given to the Planes. Especially the War Birds. WOW! Realizing the thousands of dollars that were invested in them and the time it took to build was truly overwhelming.

Unfortunately there are always crashes at flying events, but seeing the devastation when one of the BIG planes goes down is unbelievable. Even motors and crank shafts are not salvageable. One of the most spectacular sites was seeing the hundreds of planes displayed on the flight line on Saturday afternoon.

Saturday night we went for desert at Marie Calendars. Now that is another story in itself, all I can say is we went through 3 waitresses so you can imagine the rest.

There was so much going on all four days even with the unpredictable weather, you could not help but have fun I can hardly wait till next year's trip.

Our friend and fellow Club Member Earl Haymond was laid to rest on June 8th, 2010. A few of our Club Members and I attended a service to honor him at Rose Hills. The service provided us all with the chance to say goodbye. Bob Larimore provided his little Champ Cub plane, while Larry flew it back and forth during the service. I am sure Earl enjoyed it too. We all closed the ceremony by shoveling the dirt back into his grave site. I was so touched by the beauty of it all. We enjoyed some fellowship at Earls homeafter words.

We will miss you Earl.

*Paul Timpano*

**SGVRCL Castle Event Attendees**





## Ken's Pen

## *June? Already!*

Geeze! 2010 is half gone! And I'm still kicking! Hurray! Last month the subject was not pretty. Where's the hobby going? Attrition in our hobby has been noted by AMA. Don Scherrlo mention he had been asked to join a think tank run by AMA to look at the problem. So Don and I rehashed last months subject because it looked into it. Namely- Where are the kids?

Today a perfect example of newbie into the hobby entree showed up at the field. Although a 25 year old isn't exactly a kid. He had come to the field looking for instruction - even paying the \$6 week end entry tax which showed his enthusiasm for sure. Here's what he had purchased. A small Charge and Fly Foam Cub in the cardboard box. A complete system ready to go - and learn on. I think the box even has a handle on it to make it easy to carry out the store! He called it a trainer, probably because that's what he asked for at the hobby shop. Sensing a quick sell, the shop must have suggested the box. Good move! They sold a \$150 model and got the money now! Good business! In the past they would have been almost forced to suggested a 40 size power trainer ARF with a motor and radio for about \$350 total. Of course the salesman would have known full well that the customer still had to fork over a lot more than the 350 to get it into the air! The salesman must have thought - \$150 sale right now or maybe a sticker shock look on the guys face if I tell him \$350. And the possibility of no sale at all - if he gave him the straight scoop. Like the \$200 worth of little things needed to fly RC, you know, fuel, starter, props and on and on! And AMA of course. How could the salesman forget that?

So now the newbie shows up at the field carrying his precious bird in'a box, he wanted to fly and had paid the \$6 fee to prove he could taste it! We all know the feeling! I can still remember that far back! So how do you "teach" a person to fly one of those? Test trim it of course. But all you can do is stand beside him and after the crash make soothing baby talk comments!

Well here's my current plan after he gets his AMA. Assuming he does show up instead of going to a local ball field. I'll use the club 40 trainer with a buddy box. This is a tried and proven method. After a couple of mornings of showing the newbie it it's not easy, he should be able to survive trying the cub in a box easily. At the same time it will introduce him to what it's really all about. I'm sure he will realize that when he compares the two, a novelty "toy" cub to a full function powered RC model. Maybe it will work - will see. I would have done this the first time he showed up but we had a contest going on.

At Whittier next year we will ALL face the Week End and Holiday \$6 use entrance fee tax. Not good! Yes, there's an option. It will be an annual pass but we don't know the price yet. It's \$120 right now but we are hoping for a much more reasonable \$65 as suggested by the park. Lot's of us show up at Whittier every week end or upwards 100 \$6 days a year. So even the \$120 won't stop most of us, that's only \$1.20 a day - except - it has to be paid in a lump sum and that's big of amount at one time is annoying.

Those two week end days where a annual pass would work would be the most used days by kids. And they sure won't have the annual pass! AMA's membership "dues" are highly subsidized for young age groups. That's neat! But what good will it do? If kids are getting into the hobby via the latest "charge and fly" technical advances and flying a local park, they don't need AMA. Or go to Whittier @ \$6 a trip!! Like many others at the field, I just bought one of the latest, an Aeroncia Champ Foamy absolutely 100% complete charge and fly ready to go for under \$100. It's the first one of these little 22 inch cuties that actually flies very good and I'm sure would be a piece of cake for a youngster on a calm day.

The only thing missing is a how to repair it manual much less the skill of what the heck he's doing! But kids learn fast so I'm sure these things are showing up at local parks. It's just too dang bad we won't get a chance at 'em! AMA has it's "Park Flyer" program which would be perfect. Maybe our club ought to look into keeping

a real sharp eye out in any park near where we each live? Or we all buy a Cub or Champ in a box with a handle on it and take it to a Park and see what it attracts!

73 (Best Regards) WA6IVD

Ken

## Note Worthy

Put another candle on the cakes of these

### Birthday Pilots

Gary Stevens	1
Jerome Winn	1
Bill Rosie	9
Wayne Brown	13
Paul Gordon	16
Tony Del Grosso	18
Chester Parker	

## May Float Fly

The June 14th Float Fly was canceled.

On June 10th Jerry Swain, Paul Timpano, and Paul Moren (myself) attended a meeting at 3:00 p.m. with the new Park Director, Mr. Dale Hall and Martha Moreno at the park office regarding safety concerns.

Jerry has a new map for us to use to fly safely off of the lake. We will always turn away from shore and rotation will be counter clock wise. No flying around Island #1. The new map shows flying over island #2, we will not fly to the east end of south Legg Lake because we cannot see our airplanes that far away. We still have 800 ft. north from the model boat dock and 1,000 ft. east, which is plenty of room. All flying will be over the lake in that area.

I will put up a sign each float fly that will explain all of this. The flying policy is still members and invited guests only, the second Monday of each month. Mr. Hall will notify our Board members with an OK to fly on Monday, July 12th, so keep an ear open.

Remember, this lake flying is a privilege and we love *the Park*.

*Paul J. Moren*



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# **CLUB PICNIC & FUN-FLY**

**Saturday July 10, 2010  
Whittier Narrows, South El Monte CA.**

**Fun- Fly events start at 8:30 AM. and run to 11:30 AM.  
Open flying from 11:30 AM till the flying field closing at 2:30 PM.**

**Fun-Fly events are free and open to all AMA members.**

## **Fun-Fly**

**There will be Six (6) events for:  
Glow or Electric Aircraft and Helicopters.  
Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> places**

**Pick up fun-fly event outlines at the field container or the SGVRCL web site**

## **Picnic lunch**

**Free to all club members, their family and friends.**

**\$5.00 for non club member**

**Hot Dog, Hot links, potato salad, chili, soft drinks, chips, and all  
the fixings, starts at 12:00 noon.**

**Bring your family & friends to enjoy the great lunch and the flying.**

**Jim Riccio [trwjim@gmail.com](mailto:trwjim@gmail.com)**

**Web Site [www.sgvrcl.org](http://www.sgvrcl.org)**

## **2010 SGVRCL Fun-Fly General Information**

**The fun-fly will start at about 8:30 AM and will run till about 11:30 AM. At the end of the fun-fly events the field will be open to all aircraft till the park RC flying shut down at about 2:30 PM.**

**Most of the fun-fly events are open to all aircraft, (glow, electric and helicopter.)**

**There is no restriction on type or size of aircraft, or how many you may use, but you may use only one aircraft per event.**

**Pilots please set up your pits at the 100 ft. line on the grass. This will leave the parking lot for our families and friends**

**There will be six (6) fun-fly events:**

**Before each event please sign up and fill out a score sheet at the flight line table.**

- 1. Spot landing touch & goes, open to glow, electric, and helicopters.**
- 2. Taxi thru the maze: open to glow and electric aircraft.**
- 3. Pylon race with a twist: open to all aircraft glow, electric, and helicopter.**
- 4. Helicopter touch and go maze: open to helicopter only.**
- 5. Water bomb drop: open to all fix wing aircraft.**
- 6. Rescue mission: A test of skill for helicopters only.**

**There will be trophies for first and second place, in each event, and a trophy for the pilot who get the most points in three events.**

**The trophies will be awarded at the picnic lunch.**

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**NEW MEMBERS**

New members are welcome and encouraged to join the SGVRCL, Inc. Please contact club Membership Chairman Kim Seligmann. His contact information is in the list 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 our meetings. This new building, which has conditioning and heating, is a first class venue our club meetings.

The building is located smack dab in the center the airport off of Santa Anita Ave. Look for the building

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**Board Meeting Minutes**

in order to save space in the newsletter, a copy of the minutes of last month's board meeting has been put online at [sgvrcl.org/boardmeeting.pdf](http://sgvrcl.org/boardmeeting.pdf)

**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.

**Change Of Address**

If you need your newsletter sent to a new address the quickest and easiest way to let me know is through email. Send it to: [webmaster@sgvrcl.org](mailto:webmaster@sgvrcl.org). You can also call me on the phone (626-695-2919) or send a note to the club post office box:

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# Schedule of Club Events



## May 2010

## June 2010

## July 2010

**May 10**

Float Fly - Legg Lake

**June 5 & 6**

Pattern Contest  
Whittier Narrows

**July 10**

Club Fun Fly  
Whittier Narrows

**May 11**

SGVRCL Board Meeting

**June 8**

SGVRCL Board Meeting

**July 12**

Float Fly - Legg Lake

**May 14, 15, 16**

NMPRA Race  
Whittier Narrows

**June 14**

Float Fly - Legg Lake

**July 13**

SGVRCL Board Meeting

**May 25**

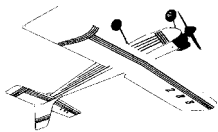
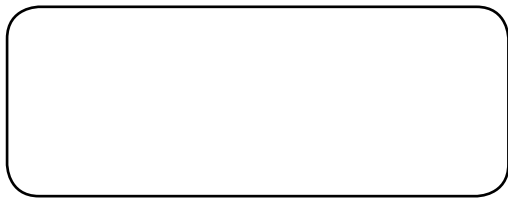
SGVRCL Club Meeting

**June 22**

SGVRCL Club Meeting

**July 27**

SGVRCL Club Meeting



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