

# INTERFERENCE

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## News and Notes



### President's Message

*Life is so short, we all need to  
enjoy each and every day  
to its fullest.*

It is with great sadness that I must announce the passing of our dear friend and fellow Club Member Earl Haymond. I have only known Earl for a few years and in that time I've enjoyed seeing him at the field or at the float fly's, especially when he would bring his home made chili for all of us to enjoy. I've had the opportunity to visit him at his home. He was happy to show and share his knowledge in engineering with me when he took the time to help me make a muffler extension for one of my engines. He of course would not let me go home without sharing with me his Airplane Room. I can only dream of having a room like that filled with Planes. He will truly be missed by many.

For all of you that missed the club Action, "You missed it"!! Wow what a gold mine. I came home with more stuff than I took. And I took a bunch. For those of you that missed out and want a piece of the gold mine, a silent Auction is being held at the Whittier Narrows Air Field on the 23rd of this month. You will find a flyer in the news letter this month. All of the items available have been donated by the family, and the estate of Jim Hardesty. All moneys raised will go into our Field fund for improvements.

There is an event coming up at the end of the month. The Castle Fly-In This will be my first trip and I'm getting anxious to go. I plan on taking with me my new Kyosho 72" spitfire with an O.S. 120. I flew it for the first time the other day at the field. "It's a SCREAMER". If I finish in time I will fly for the first time a Nitro Modle 71" P-47 Thunderbolt with a super tiger 90. I can't wait. Are we there yet?

Till next time,

*Paul Timpano*

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## Ken's Pen

### *How much is the cost costing?*

Well you have probably heard right that at the end of the year will be paying a little more to fly RC at Whittier. We won't know for sure how much until the Park's proposal will be presented to the County Board of Supervisors. I'm sure our Pres Paul or Jerry Swaim will be mentioning here also and it's some months off still so I won't go into details. Sadly it has to mean it will be a little more difficult for a number of us to participate in the hobby as we have known it. Especially with jobs being tough, additional costs to enter or maintain the hobby are not what we need right now. At the same time technology and world wide manufacturing marches on too, with it's own changes taking place. Along with it is the cost and what it' costing.

Until recently the method for entry level flying RC meant you had to buy a kit with ton's of "stuff" to build it along with the basic tools. You even needed adequate space and lot's of time. \$600 and up invested was typical. In today's dollars who knows how much that is? I know I paid \$300 in 1975 for a very basic 4 Ch. Heath Radio kit. Notice the word "kit". But that's another modeling history story. Hi! Today after inflation for that 1975 dollar I could probably buy -- ready to fly with no space or tools needed -- how many models? Three? Four? Depending on the size and type of course but were talking about entry level stuff here. Whether the model is a "successful" entry level type these days is another question. You have seen the ad's. Won't price be the major consideration of a new person? \$150 for a complete RC Model is darn attractive to a beginner.

Or would a person select a 40/46 size fuel power ARF trainer, motor, radio and operational support system and spend around \$500 or \$600 of today's dollars - including membership in AMA?

I'm sure most would pick out a box package ready to charge and fly for the \$150. Forget the membership stuff. He can fly this slow poke beginner thing at the base ball diamond in the park down the street. Remember he's new at this. He doesn't understand that he is not selecting really a full function aircraft. It's compromised by looking like it flies sort of controlled, but certainly not fully! It's bought with the hopes that he won't have to throw the transmitter away after putting the model into a tree 40 feet up the first flight. But he doesn't think that could happen. Now's when buying three or four of them would come in handy! Of course you and I all know he won't. I wish him luck.

The Wright Brothers had it right. You have to learn to fly in the little steps, picking up tons of knowledge along the way. Tons! Especially if you really want to control an aircraft fully.

Will computers help keeping them out of the tree? Could be!

Sadly, the "proposed" park week end entry tax, (yes it's a tax no matter what they call it) will highly discourage the neophyte, or just plain interested, in showing up at Whittier. Maybe discourage isn't the right word. I think it will close the door - if it isn't pretty much shut already because they will have to pay the entry tax. Beginners or just interested and curious showing up at the field are a real rarity today. Pay \$6 to go watch models fly? You got to be kidding!

In the 80's we would have 3 to 6 students on any Sat or Sun. Lots of them kids.

So I think our future is outlined for us already because of technology and a little park entry tax on weekends won't matter too much in the long run. Right? Or is the cost costing too much?

I heard your answer. That doesn't bode good for our future as we know modeling. As I asked at the top of this page, what's the park tax going to cost? Not much. It's just another nail you know where. Otherwise it's ad  
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**How Much**

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vances in technology and model aviation that will be changing our hobby. A few other's will still be there doing it the old fashioned way, learning slowly and fully learning properly what they want to know. Most of them will avoid the week end tax by coming during the week. Most have to work a long time to earn that privilege!

Do you realize that it's been at least two years or more since I've had a teen age kid on a buddy box at the field? Not a one!! I think it's disastrous! So what is the true cost of taxes and technology?

73 (Best Regards) WA6IVD

*Ken*

*April Float Fly*

Monday morning, I am trying to be happy, but my friend Earl passed away last week, He helped get Legg Lake Float Flying going and always cooked lunch for all of us when he felt good enough. We will all miss him, so remember, "Don't turn the mustard bottle right side up" at lunch.

The weather was a little windy, we had 12 pilots, and 2 new guest pilots. We had a few splashes and a perfect tree top landing, good luck for Paul #2.

Lunch was great, hot dogs, chili, tacos, cake for Earl, plenty to drink. Sorry, I don't have much to say this time.

We love the park.

Next Float Fly, June 14, 2010, see you all there.

*Paul J. Moren*

**Note Worthy**

Put another candle on the cakes of these

*Birthday Pilots*

Will Simpson	7
Don Schrello	8
John Krohn	9
Louis Renteria	11
Kim Seligmann	20
Lonnie Morrison	23
Norman Louie	24
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Ruperto Ramos II	31





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## *Sometimes It Does Take a Rocket Scientist!*

Scientists at NASA built a gun specifically to launch standard 4 pound dead chickens at the windshields of airliners, military jets and the space shuttle, all traveling at maximum velocity. The idea is to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields.

British engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high speed trains. Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the British engineers. When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield, smashed it to smithereens, blasted through the control console, snapped the engineer's back-rest in two, and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin, like an arrow shot from a bow.

The horrified Brits sent NASA the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the US scientists for suggestions.

You're gonna love this . . .

NASA responded with a one-line memo. – "Defrost the chicken."

*Submitted by Ken Meade*

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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.

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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!

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# Schedule of Club Events



## April 2010

## May 2010

## July 2010

**April 12**

Float Fly - Legg Lake

**May 10**

Float Fly - Legg Lake

**July 10**

Club Fun Fly  
Whittier Narrows

**April 13**

SGVRCL Board Meeting

**May 11**

SGVRCL Board Meeting

**July 12**

Float Fly - Legg Lake

**April 27**

SGVRCL Club Meeting  
and CLUB AUCTION

**May 14, 15, 16**

NMPRA Race  
Whittier Narrows

**July 13**

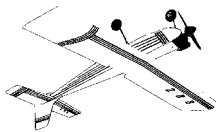
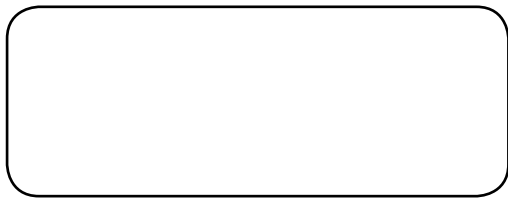
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**May 25**

SGVRCL Club Meeting

**July 27**

SGVRCL Club Meeting



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