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News and Notes



President's *Accidents Will Happen!* Message

Some of you may know that I was recently in a bad car accident. But before I give you the gory details, I have to give thanks to Holy Cross Hospital in Mission Hills for taking great care of me. Especially the E.R. nurse who made the emergency room stay more comforting. Also Kaiser Hospital in

Anaheim for my extended care there.

What started out as a nice family vacation in Mammoth ended in tragedy. On our way home we were involved in a four car accident on interstate 5 and the 14 freeway. As traffic came to an abrupt stop, so did we, however the driver behind us did not. She plowed into us going around 50 mph pushing us into the cars in front, a total of 4 cars.

The next thing I heard was a scream, "We're on fire! Get out!" Now mind you we are in the middle of the freeway with everybody whizzing by. Bad idea to get out! Now I am trying to calm them down yelling back "It's only the air bags, calm down. Stay in the truck!"

After removing the air bag out of my face, I started the truck and moved us out of the traffic and off to the emergency lane. Once parked on the side, I tried to get out of the truck, only to find that my legs did not work. I sat on the door edge and could not move the pain was so intense.

Raydeen called 911; however it seemed to take forever for the emergency crew to come. I got first a neck brace, a backboard, and an ambulance ride with the lights and sirens going. Did you know you have to pay extra for the lights and sirens?

Now I'm in the emergency room and in extreme pain. Can you say, "Morphine please?" After everybody was done sticking, prodding and poking me the results came in. I had a concussion, 2 fractured vertebrae and a torn disk, which has caused some paralysis in my legs. Oh, did I mention how much pain I was in? "More Morphine please".

My Hospital stay at Holy Cross lasted 3 days and once I was stable enough to travel I was transported by ambulance to Kaiser Hospital (my insurance carrier) in Anaheim. "More Morphine please"

After a review of all the tests, they decided my treatment plan is to

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allow the vertebra and disk to heal on their own for about 3 months. I came home a week later with a walker and a brace. I would like to thank all of you for your phone calls and visits while I was in the hospital. And your continued calls since I have come home.

One thing about being home and not being able to drive for 4 weeks or do much of anything: I started pulling out and repairing some of my crashed airplanes. I even repaired one of them and gave it to my Dad. He is a new pilot himself and had just crashed his trainer the week before. Good luck with this one Dad.

Now that our truck has been totaled and is off to the salvage yard, I have no way to transport larger sized planes to the field. So it looks like I will be back to flying smaller planes that will fit in my car. I should be back to driving myself around the first week in October.

NMPRA Pylon Race - October 2nd and 3rd

Is everybody ready for the NMPRA pylon race coming up October 2nd and 3rd? We are in need of workers for this event. Interested? There is a signup sheet at the flying field or when you attend the September 28th meeting you can also express your desire to volunteer there. There will be a raffle just for workers. For everyday you work, you will receive a raffle ticket. I am not going to tell you what is in the raffle, but the prizes are nice. Real nice!

Field Work Day

Our field repair day was September 11th. We had a great turn out, approximately 16 people including some volunteers that were not club members. Tabletops with galvanized steel sure look nice. They went on very smoothly too. We were able to give the pit area a face-lift with a fresh coat of paint.

It took a total of 10 volunteers to freshen up the wall with bright orange and red paint. Now there should be no reason for those planes lunch. Once again a big thanks to all that helped.

On the recovery wagon,

Paul Timpano



**Ken's
Pen**

We Need Ideas!

On Sept the 5th a few weeks ago, the Pasadena Star News ran a neat 4-column wide story article in their News Section on page 3. The story headlined in nice size script "Model Planes take flight" above the wide shot of a model and owner in color! The text heading described how the Santa

Fe Dam Club was holding an "Open House". Neat newspaper coverage for a neat idea!

For several years now at our field we are experiencing a lack of beginners. In years past we had 2 to 5 Instructors working with students on week ends. These days I watch for likely looking Lookie Lou's at the fence for victims with my lasso all ready to grab 'em. Even resorting to that method we are only getting feeble results. So all the wanna-be instructors sit around slinging the bull instead of teaching! Not a pretty sight seeing us panting like hungry wolfs. AMA is well aware of the situation even coming up with the "TAG" (Together And Grow) program several years ago, giving away training systems. That's why we have 2 ready to go trainers, radios and all, in the container, both compliments of AMA. We also have two more of our own. 3 of the 4 hang on the container wall dying a slow death, collecting dust. The 4th is ready to go and demo right now if need be. It rarely is, even when we stretch the guide lines we've established for them.

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Ken's Pen - *continued from page 2* If you are wondering, yes we will fire up a trainer with a buddy box for just about any reason. No sport flying allowed, just training. In some cases we will teach right up to the point of landing with club furnished equipment. Cost to the beginner? Zero. Over the years we've noticed beginner landings are really tough on models, so let 'em bend the landing gear and tear out the firewall on their own model later on.

Remember we teach with "Full Function Aircraft". Not foam crud! Not novelty stuff! Just because the foamies are "cute" doesn't mean they will do the job! There isn't any foam electric toy like airplane that can do what a Full Function RC Model can do!!

So if you have a youngster or a "wish-I-was-youngster" anywhere in your family or friends that might have a slightly interested look on his face when you mention your RC'ing activity, keep us in mind. AMA is not a problem. Kids under 19 can join for \$1 whole dollar. Look at the application in the magazine if you don't believe me. AMA is trying to help really hard. But the \$6 week end gate fee is a real anti curious pain. A main reason for us wannabe teachers growing calluses on our tail ends. Read on.

Now there's a whole ton of reasons for the lack of new beginners at the field. Prominent Club Member Don Schrello has been working on that subject for some time on behalf of AMA Do you have a thought on the subject? Give Don a buzz. Please. Or bend my ear and I'll pass your thoughts along.

Now back to The Santa Fe Dam guys "Open House", a good, good idea. At Whittier the gate fee on week ends as mentioned, is absolutely anti interested kid or adult. No prospect is going to have an AMA card to use as a pass. The prospect would have to be really gung ho to pay 6 bucks just to take a look. A few do pay by the way. Very few! They seldom know about the entry pass we enjoy. The 6 bucks can be nothing but highly discouraging to most. Especially Dad's with drooling kid in tow. Would they make a second visit? I wonder how often the \$6 makes people turn around right there at the front gate thinking

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June Float Fly

San Gabriel Valley Radio Control League is so fortunate to have Legg Lake to float fly on once a month. We open the gate at the boat dock at 8:00 AM. Parking inside the fence is for "**Handicapped**" only.

We generally fly for about 4 hours. The park requires that pilots be SGVRCL Club and AMA members. FWe retrieve wayward float planes using a row boat. Flying rules require that we try to fly counter clockwise so we always turn away from shore. All the pertinent rules are covered by an instruction sign at the lake.

After each float fly, we have lunch around noon; the guys bring and share whatever they want to eat. This last time we had hot dogs, thanks Felix Cervantes, potato salad thanks to Bob L., chips from Paul #2, stove and drinks from Paul #3, and last but not least, Phil brought chili.

Airplanes range from small electric to large gas. This last float fly we had 18 pilots and some really good flying and landing, although, Carl Bailey had bad luck when his Beaver wing snapped and his airplane splashed into the lake. Rudy went to get it and it shorted out, making a lot of smoke, so unfortunately it had to be "dipped" to save the airplane, However, Carl wasn't mad.

Welcome to new float flyer, Sam Garcia. See you guys next time, Monday, OCTOBER 11. 2010.

"We Love the Park!"

Paul J. Moren

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this is Bull Shiz to never come back? How are we going to hook 'em if they don't get past the darn front gate?

You all know how hard it is to escape this hobby once you're hooked! So we just got to try get them past the gate. Week days? No problem. Week Ends? Ugh. The Santa Fe Dam guys have the same problem obviously - with a neat solution. Maybe we can work it out with the park for a hot prospect pass of some kind, perhaps a clip out ad in the newspaper with a cover article? Schools? How about printed one or two time use passes posted for the taking at hobby shops? They could include a tear off stub or stubs that the park would keep for their bookkeeping? How about some ideas out there! Write 'em up informally so we can make up a proposal to the park. An email or note would be fine. Help!

73 (Best Regards) WA6IVD

Ken

New Members

Sam Garcia Jr.
Bill Wheeler

Note Worthy

Put another candle on the cakes of these

Birthday Pilots

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Field Work Day - Sept. 11, 2010

Saturday Sept. 11, dawn bright and very nice weather. Many Club and some non-club members turned out to help (check out the group picture). Our club President Paul Timpano had his board members all set up to get the work organized, and the tools to get it done.

Gary Glasband our contest Coordinator was in charge of painting. He had lots of paint brushes and paint and a plan. The painters redid the wall signs and top stripe. All the benches were painted. The bulletin board and frequency control station were painted. If it was standing still it got painted.

Jerry Swaim our Field Marshal had new red flags for the top of the wall and installed them. Fleix Cervantes our Merchandiser took on the job of replacing the benches that were bad and broken. With help from Kim the helicopters guy don't have to set on broken benches.

Larry Chapman our Refreshment Chairman took on fixing the work tables in the pits. He had galvanized metal top made for all the tables that fit like a glove. With some help from George and me we got them on and they look good, and should last a long time.

Larry also built a big bird table that was attached to the container. Thanks to John, Michael and Ron it got primed and painted. Those of us who fly big birds thank you.

All the pictures were take by Ken Meade. He took about 80 pictures, only a few are part of this article. Many thanks to all the club members who gave up their Saturday to help.

Jim Riccio



Group picture of all our workers



The Prez painting, bad back an all!



Whittier Narrows Fall Pylon Race

Host: San Gabriel Valley Radio Control League (AMA #154)

When: October 2nd and 3rd , (1/2 day practice, Friday, October 1st).

Please be courteous to sport flyers on Friday and share the field.

Where: Whittier Narrows Regional Park.

Exit north on Rosemead Blvd off the 60 Fwy, Turn left into the park approx ¼ mile from the Fwy.

You must show your AMA card at the gate or be charged an entrance fee.

Classes: 424, (APRA) and 428. Flown on 2.5 mile course.

Format: Two one day races, with 422, 424 and 428 flown each day.

MAXIMUM OF 3 PER FREQUENCY/GROUP (IN EACH CLASS).

Entry Fee: \$25.00 per class per day.

You must show proof of AMA at sign up on Saturday and Sunday, NO EXCEPTIONS !

Pre-registration is required. Email Dave Gavin: dgavin9448@aol.com with your info.

Late registration and inspection will close at 8:30 am Saturday and Sunday.

Pilots meeting at 8:30 am, First race begins at 9:00 am.

PLEASE REGISTER SATURDAY AND SUNDAY BEFORE PRACTICE !

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Felix making new benches



Larry putting on the new table tops



Jerry installing new flags on wall



George sanding table in prep for new tops



Jay looking for the on switch



Gary and Jerry painting the stripe



Michael and Ron painting the new big bird bench



Larry repainting the rifle range sign

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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

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. 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



August 2010

September 2010

October 2010

August 9

Float Fly - Legg Lake

September 11

Field Work Day
Whittier Narrows Field

October 2 and 3

NMPRA Races
Whittier Narrows Field

August 10

SGVRCL Board Meeting

September 13

Float Fly - Legg Lake

October 11

Float Fly - Legg Lake

August 14 & 15

Electric Jamboree
Whittier Narrows

September 14

SGVRCL Board Meeting

October 12

SGVRCL Board Meeting

August 24

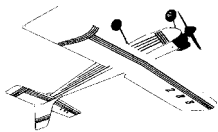
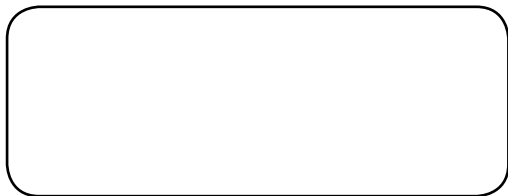
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September 28

SGVRCL Club Meeting

October 26

SGVRCL Club Meeting



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