

Channel Islands Condors December, 2013

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Next meeting: Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00 PM



Here are the toys that were collected for Toys for Tots this year.

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Meeting Location
7:00 p.m.
Camarillo Parks and Recreation
Senior Center
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Camarillo, Ca. 93010
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From the President's Soap Box:

Dear Condors,

As December 2013 draws to a close, the Holidays are here, and with the New Year right around the corner, it's time for friends and families to be together to share in all the holiday festivities and fun.

It's also a good time for the Condors to reflect on the past year's challenges, our goals, and our accomplishments, as we prepare to welcome in our newly elected 2014 Board of Directors team.

This is my last newsletter article as Condors' 2013 President, and it has been an honor for me to serve the Channel Islands Condors in that capacity. I truly thank the Condors' membership for their trust and support during my term in office. As all Condors are aware, it was a very challenging year to say the least!

With that said, I wish to personally thank the **excellent team** of Condors' Board Officers I was fortunate enough to serve with in 2013. Each and every one of them went way out of their way to ensure that the numerous and difficult challenges that the Channel Islands Condors/NPO faced in 2013 were diligently addressed and resolved in a professional, fair, and

Because of everyone's dedication, long hours, and hard work, our beloved airfield was reopened in October 2013. Additionally, we successfully held the 10th Annual Red Shoes IMAC competition in July of 2013 at a time when the rest of University Park was still declared a "Disaster Area" after the Camarillo Springs fire ravaged the area. We held our annual Toys for Tots toy drive in 2012 & 2013 to help bring smiles to children in our community. The Channel Islands Condors/NPO was completely reorganized as a corporation and our corporate finances and assets were reviewed, examined, verified and documented in 2013. A very comprehensive and labor intensive State level Fire Mitigation Plan was developed and ultimately approved for the Condors' flight operations to resume. Through negotiations, FUA processes and procedures were developed between the State University and the Condors/NPO. Also, a new Condors' membership accounting process was implemented and new Member ID's were developed, and a pilot orientation & training program was put into place, and that's just to name a few of the past year's Condors' accomplishments.

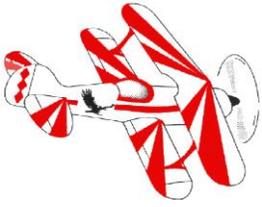
My point here is that none of this would have ever been possible without all the dedication, determination and the uncountable number of man hours from your Board Officers and from many Condors' members as well. Proof positive that when an organization like the Condors' works together as a team, anything is possible! Well Done Everyone! It's great to see the Condors flying again at our beloved airfield!

While I'm sure 2014 will have some challenges for the Condors, I believe that the Condors' will continue to be successful in the pursuit of its future goals. All it takes is team work and staying positive!

Please join me in welcoming and supporting our new Condors' 2014 Board Officers!

*Happy Landings to all,
Mark*





Channel Islands Condors

Membership Meeting, December 4th, 2013

Mark Penikas called the meeting to order at 7:01pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: Sheila

Minutes:

Robert Fish raised a motion that the October and November minutes be accepted as published in the newsletter. Mike Prager seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in accepting the minutes.

Activities:

We did have another incident filed with the University police. A member spotted people launching model rockets. Fortunately the rocket users were not Condors

A reminder – we now have an Electric-only start time of 8am. Gas or nitro may not fly or run engines until 9:30am

Financial:

Steve presented the month's accounts and the proposed budget for 2014

Steve's forecast is based on an estimate of 150 renewals plus 10 new members. The forecast does not include any costs for events – the intent would be to ensure that any event held would be cash positive

Steve worked with Verizon and the outstanding bill was resolved with no liability to the club.

Several members have asked whether we can get the water back on to water the field? The water is a University responsibility and they will deal with it. We are talking with the university to see what they might do. Such questions have to be run through the entire signoff list.

Steve brought up a question that had come up before – What about the separate account for runway funds? Currently the funds are together; the new board can consider setting aside funds.

The map was presented to show the fly zone boundaries and to illustrate where Camarillo Street is. If you are over the bridge you're too far. Note also that the fly zone cuts in a bit where the Creek is. There are students in creek area every day even on non-school days.

General guidelines were re-stated about our flight area and necessary pattern.

We had hoped for more fly days for December but didn't have our 30 days compliance in place so this could not be approved by the park committee. The University did give us the early start for electrics. The University does review all FUA's with the committee and they go down a check-off list. They apologized for not having the 30 day compliance notice in place when the paperwork was circulated.

Mark will be meeting with the University to go over the January schedule.

We had an incident on Tues 26th after our last fly day; one fire extinguisher and radio were left out, and one bathroom that should have been permanently locked was left open. Currently just the University serviced handicapped bathroom is in use. We would open our bathroom if the university one wasn't serviceable, and would need to advise the university immediately. Additionally the flags were left out. Please take careful review to be sure none of our equipment is left out. It was suggested that maybe we should add a checklist on the door.

The extinguisher taken all the way out to the heli pad is the most likely to get overlooked. Robert will add a guideline that the extinguisher destined for the foamy area be taken to the pits and then taken out to the foamy area for the period needed and then returned to the pits again. Note also that we must have our fire extinguishers properly set out at all times – at the two end pilots stations, the pits and (with the minor revision above) in the pits for the foamy area, or in the foamy area when that area is in use.

There was a question about being able to get Handicapped signs re-posted. They had been there, but the university reported that they had been stolen. It was also asked whether we might get an extension to the area of the grass zone / foamy area; helis used to fly further South from the grass area and the restriction right now limits what can be flown in that area.

Mark will raise these issues with the University at the next meeting.

The University painted over the graffiti on our shed for us and also cleaned it off from our Plexiglas cabinet. When we get the new larger version of the fly zone map it will be installed in the cabinet.

Harry asked about Helis and Planes sharing. This is a new rule for us and how it has to be through the end of the year; it is known to work smoothly at other local clubs too. We can have two helis flying at a time. Quadcopters / multi-rotor craft can fly from the pad or fly as a heli from the runway.

Harry also asked about the sunshade, where we have one panel completely out. Robert has quotes for replacements.

Officer Election Nominations

President:	Chris Brashears
Vice President:	Chris Spangenberg
Secretary:	Margaret Barrett
Safety:	Robert Wagner
Operations:	Robert Vizzo (incumbent)
Treasurer:	John Brant
Membership:	Al Hoff (incumbent)

Note that the membership tasks have been separated from the treasurer role and the membership chairman role has been converted to a board officer position. Mark also clarified that the secretary role includes record keeping, corporate records and document management.

Dan Cordell raised a motion which was voted in and closed the nominations period so that we could proceed with the elections.

All board openings had only one candidate for office. Very few ballots were received in the mail or by email; these plus the unanimous show of hands vote at the meeting were sufficient and the election was completed in compliance with the requirements of the By Laws.

A motion to accept the slate of nominations was unanimous.

We need to manage our procedures and processes that we didn't have in place before and to communicate with our members. We do need a relocation committee; this is required by the university as part of the transition plan.

Let's all follow the rules and keep the university up to date through the board. There are some university students showing an interest in flying too. We should review whether we could set up a day to do introductory flights. We will need to use the AMA Intro Pilot Program to allow non-AMA pilots to fly.

Thanks to Ken for the newsletters throughout the year. The lack of an October newsletter was the Board's fault – we were busy trying to get the first flights into the air !

There were general thanks from the membership to the whole BoD team. The situation is better than it was at this time last year.

Sean noted that we do get significant dust clouds at field if vehicles are moving faster than 10mph; please be considerate and slow down. Members have seen University pick up trucks coming in too fast also; Mark will mention this to Raudel.

Fly Day Specials:

The fly day on the 14th will be Warbirds and Toys for Tots collection.

The fly day on Sat 28th will also be a field clean-up workday, starting at 8:00am

Please be sure to welcome any guests that we get at the field

Membership:

Membership renewal: requires AMA card and \$ and that you have had orientation. Al has a record of orientations completed. Those who have completed the orientation can mail in their membership renewal.

Show and Tell

Harry showed his Sig Four Star 40 ARF – his earlier plane fell off a bench at the field and broke the tail.

Chris Spangenberg has an article in high flight about damage to his Typhoon.

Close:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Treasurer Report

Channel Islands Condors	
Bank Account Activity	
NOVEMBER 2013	
Receipts	
Memberships	\$ 235.00
Interest	-
IMAC	-
Total Receipts	\$ 235.00
Disbursements	
AMA	-
Badges	-
Bank / PayPal fees	17.12
CSUCI Parking	-
Field Rent	400.00
Field Costs	122.43
Field Maintenance	-
Fire Mitigation Plan	-
IMAC Event	-
Internet	-
Legal - General	-
Membership	39.24
Postage/PO Box Rental	-
Meeting Room Rent	-
Telephone	-
Subtotal	578.79
Forensic Costs	
Accounting	-
Legal	-
Total Forensic	-
Total Disbursements	\$ 578.79
Disbursements in excess of receipts	\$ (343.79)

Editor's Notes.

It has been quite a year. The past Board worked their tails off to get the Club up and flying again Many thanks to Mark and Richard who put words to deeds and got things done as well as all the others that helped. Now that we are back to flying at the field again I am hoping to get some more pictures as well as funny stories or anything else like builder tips motor / engine tips. Just send them in.

To all my friends I have has a Great time this year even thought we were not flying. I am looking forward to the next year.

Ken Osborne

