



04/01/2015 Condors Newsletter

Including: General Meeting Minutes,
Show and Tell and Items of Interest

Flash!
Next Meeting:
Camarillo Senior Center
Wed, 05/06/2015 7:00 PM

**No Speaker this meeting,
Need to cover club
business**

..Show and Tell

Future Events:

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Introduction:

Welcome to the Condors Newsletter. Readers are invited to send articles, photos for inclusion in the next issue. Send them to amhoff93010@verizon.net

Al Hoff, Editor

Meeting Minutes, 04/01/2015:

The meeting was opened at 7:06pm. Dave Schroeder led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 23 members in attendance.

There was one guest, Mark Vajcovec. Mark had attended a previous meeting and signed up as a member.

Dan moved that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved as written. Don seconded. The motion carried with no dissent.

The Treasurer reported that March expenses included meeting room rent paid through June, \$300; new keys and parking permit holders, \$53.45; trash \$432. We received \$130. from new members.

An audit of the financial records will be held this month by Bruce Olander and Art Gunderson. They will report the results next meeting.

Meeting hall update. Robert Wagner will get more information re the ITT offer of a free meeting space and will report at the next meeting. The ITT building is close to the freeway and easy to find. If

acceptable we will hold our meetings there beginning in July.

The Boy Scouts are having a Jamboree the weekend of Apr 17th & 18th. They have asked the club for demonstrations of quadcopters and helicopters. These will be given by Bruce Olander and one of the helicopter pilots, none of whom were in attendance. Robert Wagner will bring airplane models for a static display. The time for the displays is Apr 17th around noon.

There will be a convention of the Model Engine Collectors Association at the Ontario Convention Center Sept. 11th & 12th. More information will be on their website. At this time we took a short break.

Then followed an extended discussion about updating the by-laws. Thanks to Mel and Al for all the work they have done. Anthony and Robert will meet with the Ventura County Parks and Recreation committee on April 14th. They will give the presentation that the members saw last month and are hoping that there will be a site suitable for us opening up.

Under Article 3, Membership.

Section 1:

Cat#5, Active Military Member does not include a person in the reserves.

Cat#6, Social, an example of a social member would be the father (non-flying) of a Regular or Youth member. The Secretary will check that our insurance would cover such a member.

Show and Tell:



Ben Luccheese had a model of a 1936 Quaker that he picked up at the side of the road about 10yrs ago. He left it untouched for a time but recently put in the hours needed to get it ready to fly. The power plant is an OS 952 from 1975. The plane has a wingspan of 82” when assembled. He found the blueprints necessary for repair at the website “outerzone.uk.com”. This website has blueprints for quite a few models for planes from the early 1900s.



Mel Tufto had an SBACH300. He purchased the model at the AMA show in January. It is powered by a 58DLA motor that generates 6.5hp. He made some modifications as the choke was originally automatic. He changed it so that the choke is manually controlled. The model weights 18lbs when ready to fly. He also purchased a micro-fastener kit, originally priced at \$400 for \$250 as the vendor had only one left as he was packing up to leave. Good Bargain!!

Section 4:

RE a member who discontinues membership after 3mo. The membership fees are refundable at a prorated amount. A member questioned whether the runway fee would also be refundable, a matter that the Board of Directors will debate at their next meeting.

Section 6:

Should Youth members be required to pay the runway fee? It was suggested that they should be exempt hoping that it would encourage them to continue in the sport.

Article 4, Obligations and Disciplines:

Section 2:

A member questioned whether our rules would meet FAA rules. The AMA ensures that their Safety Code (Section 2, a,) is aligned with any rules that apply to RC flying.

Section 4:

Since the board calls for a vote to expel a member, how is the issue handled if the member to be expelled is a board member? Also, to liability, should the membership be excluded from the vote to exclude or should the board have the option to bring the issue before the general membership?

Section 6: Should we consider offering a pass for a day or weekend for fliers passing through the area, such as those on vacation.

At this point the discussion of the bylaws was stopped with the understanding that we would continue with Articles 5 through 9 at the next monthly meeting.



Rich Tejada showed us an D-KMITT motorized glider model from 1994. It is a 1/5 scale kit with a 10ft wingspan. He originally powered it with an OS48 that he purchased in 2008. He has converted it to electric power. The flying weight with batteries now is 10lbs. The battery is a Spectrum 60amp 1100watt lipo . On the maiden flight the canopy fell off so he purchased a CAP232 canopy and fitted it – looks and flies great.



Tony Martino showed us a completed wing component for a Goldfinch 1380. The parts are CNC cut on birch plywood. He purchased it from UK Solar Tex. He discussed the various glues available for model construction and said that he used Aerobond express from Horizon as it has a slow enough dry time to penetrate the plywood and should keep the joints pliable for the life of the model. Another member mentioned that if you take 30min epoxy and thin it then you will achieve similar results. He spoke about the covering he would use. Since the wing is so complex he is leaning toward a clear covering to show the work he has done.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.



Randy Bronson brought the molds for the outboard panel wings for the Starship he is building. The panels for both sides are finished and is currently working on the engine nacel and tip cells. Hoping to see the completed plane at a future meeting.

If you have interesting pictures, send them to Al Hoff, amhoff93101@verizon.net We will publish them as space permits.

Ray Cannon, XB-70 Pictures:

Ray Cannon was kind enough to send pictures of his North American Rockwell XB-70. Below is the note he included with the pictures:

This is my North American Rockwell XB-70. These stills were taken by Mike Gasch, a frequent visitor to the Apollo 11 field. Jeff Nemit did the superb pilotage. I don't fly anymore due to eyesight problems.

Recently we had a gear up emergency landing due to power failure. There was considerable damage, which is now being repaired as well as a change in the power system, namely four 70mm Free Wing edf's, 2100kv, 6s, 75A, about 5 lb static thrust/ea.

The plane has a long history, beginning in 2002. It began with four mini fans, then a British made turbine. It didn't fly very well, seemingly underpowered and out of trim, then followed by about ten years in storage in my basement. Jeff Nemit encouraged me to give it another shot, so that's where we are now. They say "with age comes wisdom." I've got plenty of age, but as to wisdom, it remains to be seen.

Ray Cannon





Ray, a cool looking plane, thanks for sharing the pictures with us.

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