



# 06/03/2015 Condors Newsletter

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

**Flash!**  
**Next Meeting:**  
**Camarillo Senior Center**  
**Wed, 07/01/2015 7:00 PM**

**Speaker: TBD**

**..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](mailto:amhoff93010@verizon.net)

Al Hoff, Editor

## Meeting Minutes, 06/03/2015:

The meeting was called to order at 7:09PM. John (didn't get the last name) led the 26 members present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you John. Roger Conrad moved to approve the May minutes. The motion was seconded and approval was unanimous.

## Guest Speakers:

There were no guest speakers this evening only club business and show and tell.

## Treasurers Report:

2 checks were written \$350 to our Attorney and \$900 to the University for the next 3 month flying contract. However the check was not cashed and was returned to our account due to the University not signing the 3 month flying extension.

## Safety:

Mel Tufto Participated in the "Castle Large Scale Fly-in" over the Memorial Day Weekend and discussed a major incident involving a 100cc plus P51 which appeared to have battery failure in the receiver. The event was halted and all pilots were

brought to a safety meeting and asked to check batteries on the flight line before each flight. While the P51 pilot was an experienced pilot in brings up the importance of ensuring your plane is ready to fly before taking off.

## New Business:

Margaret Barrett has resigned as she is unable to continue to support the office of Secretary. We all wish her the best and appreciate all she has done for the club.

## Toland Park Update:

Anthony was contacted by the County regarding our proposal for the Toland Park development of our new airfield location. The County contacted the surrounding property owners and all were non-supportive of having a RC airfield at this location. The concerns are the already existing Santa Paula Aerobatics box and the noise generated from that full scale activity. While the County did not say they would not help pursue the location they did not suggest against moving forward with this location due to potential future problems.

The County's discussion with our Board was favorable and they offered their support in contacting any land owners with parcels that could potentially be available for our airfield interest. Robert requested all members to please forward to either him or Anthony any properties that could potentially be a viable location for our airfield.

Chris Spangenberg had previously relayed a potential location to Anthony of a property that is currently a water shed Property operated by the water district. Anthony has put in a request to the County for looking at the possibility of using that location but has not heard back as of yet.

### **University Update:**

The University approved at our request however at the last minute the Memorial Weekend for flying Robert signed the contract for that weekend and the \$100 fee for the contract. So the field was opened and used for flying Saturday and Sunday. The contract opened discussions again with the University and Robert took that opportunity to discuss the future flying contract and requested that it be open ended until the University could decide on the future plans of the park area. The idea is that we would have the permission to fly under our previous contract agreement until such time that the University needed to move forward with their project or we find another location to move to.

Robert and Anthony wrote a very nice letter to the University on behalf of the Condor members thanking them for allowing us to fly over the Memorial Day Weekend. Caroline Doll from the University did respond to that letter and thanked us for the kind words and appreciation. The response letter was a nice letter and seemed to open the discussion door for contract extension. As a club we need to think seriously of how we will proceed should the contract talks move forward and a contract is signed.

Below is a summary of club options that were discussed and will be finalized and proposed to club members in the coming weeks for a July meeting vote;

- In an effort to save funds needed for development of a new field as a club do we want to pursue a flying contract with the University or let it go?

- Some negatives are what do we do with our shed equipment etc. If we stored it that would cost money.
- Positive is that we would be saving needed airfield development money for a future home.
- Do we move forward with any contract presented to us by the University and use our funds to pay for that contract?
  - That depletes needed funds shrinking our ability to move forward with a new location.
  - Positive is that we would be flying at our favorite field.
- Do we assess a member fee for any University contract extensions?
  - negatives how do we police additional paid fees and manage that process fairly
  - positive we would be saving valuable funds needed for airfield development and also be flying.

The membership present at this meeting overwhelmingly expressed an interest in assessing some sort of fee rather than depleting the clubs bank account. At the memberships discussion and interests, the Board will draft up options for assessment fees for fly days should that occur.

### **Flying Circus Membership:**

Robert Vizzo covered The Flying Circus Membership. Currently they have a cap of 125 members which is full at this time. The Circus members will be discussing at their next meeting regarding some sort of flying days support for Condor members. Robert will keep us informed on that.

### **Events:**

Ken Milbrett announced that The Simi Valley Flyers will be hosting a fun fly in honor of their 50th year of operations, June 20th at their field. For more info go to their website.

## Show and Tell:



**Mike Milbrett** shared his 84" Wing Ugly Stick scratch built which he has been working on 4 years. Powered by a DLE 35, all high tech servos with 2 piece wing to be covered in Solartex, he is expecting this plane to be a great flyer. Looks awesome Mike.



**Chris Spangenberg** shared his test jig for shaping and molding leading edge ply for wing configurations. This was very interesting to me so I found myself not taking notes trying to listen to his presentation. A prototype jig was built to resemble a wing section he is currently working on. Then his ply was soaked in a water and ammonia solution overnight then placed and rolled over the jig then pinned in place to dry up. The result was revealed at the meeting and the molding ply looked and fit the wing perfectly. Great Job Chris.



**Daryl Bergstrom** Shared his home built DLE 20cc muffler and demonstrated the sound difference between the stock muffler and his creation. Pretty interesting and a cool looking piece of metal. This motor muffler combination will be going on his 63" wing span Sopwith Tri Plane. Can't wait to hear it fly. Awesome Daryl.



**John Minasian** shared his home built 5 cylinder glow engine. When John retired he purchased a bunch of shop equipment, lathes etc. He acquired the plans for this engine and built it all from scratch from billet aluminum. John what a pleasure to see your creation.



**Robert Wagner** shared his Ryan Stearman and FW 190. Both beautiful planes.

The Ryan is powered by a DLE 55 with HiTech servos. This plane will be Roberts back up for his entry in the Dale masters in Houston. His main entry is the IKE which we have all seen fly at the field.

The FW 190 was picked up from John Minasian and scaled after a model in a Museum. The kit is some 10 years old and the pneumatic air retracts have a 1998 date stamped on them. The 190 was airbrushed by Robert and is beautiful. We all wish Robert the best in his scale competition in Houston.

Lastly Mel Tufto shared pictures and videos of the Castle Large Scale Fly-in over the memorial day weekend. Mel had a great time met a lot of nice folks burned through 2 gallons of fuel a gallon of smoke and acquired 4 spots for next years event. Can't wait for next year.

Links to some videos from Castle 2015

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0j2jXQVlz0>  
Warbird races

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZYxHizFd4Q>  
Grimm Reaper P51 Full Size

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NF7i3yIUrc>  
Miss Ashley P51 150 mph

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PeIZ\\_WWEcog](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PeIZ_WWEcog)  
Team Horizon jets



Meeting was adjourned 8:40PM.

**If you have interesting pictures, send them to Al Hoff, [amhoff93101@verizon.net](mailto:amhoff93101@verizon.net) We will publish them as space permits.**