



The Flightline



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President's Message

Well I would like to thank all who came to the Picnic.. It had to be the largest ever, Dick Bartkowski was the cook and did a great job keeping up. The church people were having fun and AL Basualdo was working the crowd and having fun. Jeff Frazier flew his new Jet; it not only looked and flew great, the sound was outstanding. I hope everyone who came had a great time. Special thanks to Rose and Jeff Frazer for picking up the food and Bill Tomasco for taking care of drinks.

Don't forget the indoor starts the first of NOV. See below for the dates.

At the meeting we need some show and tell, so if you have something bring it in. There are a lot of new radios and planes if someone want to talk about them.

See you at the meeting

Dick Seiwel, President

Agenda for October 8th Meeting At Middletown Library; Doors open 6:00, meeting at 6:30

1. Show and Tell
2. Membership Report
3. Finance Report
4. Indoor Plan

Minutes of the Propstoppers Model Airplane Club September 10, 2013 at the Middletown library

Call to order took place at 6:30 PM by Vice-President Jeff Frazier

Roll call by membership chair Ray Wopatek showed 16 members and one guest present

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as published

Treasurer's report was presented by Pete Oetinger

Old Business:

The club picnic on September 28 will be from 3:00 PM to dark. The church group will be there as spectators. Jeff Frazier agreed to bring the food and supplies.

New Business:

Mike Black negotiated the dates for indoor flying at the Tincum school. Most are the first Friday each winter month. Dates will be posted on the web site and newsletter.

Dick Seiwel will negotiate with Brookhaven for use of the gym on winter Saturdays. These will also be one per month for additional indoor flying time.

Dick has repaired the road at the Christian academy field behind the backstop. It should now be driveable.

The president led a discussion about safety. The club contributed many ideas for outdoor and indoor flying.

Adjournment took place at 7:45 PM

Dick Bartkowski, Secretary

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2013/14 Indoor Flying

Mike Black has once again secured the Tincum School gym for indoor flying. The dates are;

November 1, 2013	6:30 – 9:30 PM
December 6, 2013	6:30 – 9:30 PM
January 3, 2014	6:30 – 9:30 PM
February 7, 2014	6:30 – 9:30 PM
March 7, 2014	6:30 – 9:30 PM

Brookhaven; Saturday nights 6:30 Till 9:30 PM

Nov 16 2013
 Dec. 21 2013
 Jan 18 2014
 Feb 15 2014
 March 15 2014

Calendar of Events

Club Meetings

Monthly Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month.

Middletown Library

Doors open at 6:00, meeting at 6:30 pm.

Next Meeting; 8th October

Tuesday Breakfast Meeting

Tom Jones Restaurant on Edgemont Avenue in Brookhaven. 9 till 10 am. Just show up.

Flying after in the summer at CA or Elwyn Field

10 am. Weather permitting.

Regular Club Flying

At Christian Academy; Electric Only

Monday through Friday after school till dusk

Saturday 10 am till dusk

Sunday, after Church; 12 pm till dusk

At Elwyn Field; Gas or Electric

Monday through Saturday 8 am till dusk

Sunday 12 pm till dusk

Indoor Flying

Wait till the Fall!!

Special Club Flying

Saturday mornings 10 am

Wednesday Helicopter evening in summer

Thursday evenings in the summer

Tuesday mornings 10 am weather permitting after breakfast.

Check our Yahoo Group for announcements;

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/propstoppers/>

Beginners

Beginners using due caution and respecting club rules may fly GWS Slow Stick or similar models without instructors at Christian Academy Field.

The club also provides the AMA Introductory Pilot Program for beginners without AMA insurance.

The Best Picnic Ever?

The last picnic of the season was quite different from our recent practice. It was decided to make it an afternoon and evening affair, ending with a night flight session, a former club practice that has been absent in recent years. Also this one coincided with the Church Fair and President Dick Seiwel had been coordinating with them on how we might entertain their members.

Here are a few pictures of the event provided by VP Jeff Frazier.



Jeff with new jet; A Taft Hobbies 90mm EDF Viper. It runs on 6S 5300mah packs.

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Phil with new "Big Foot" from 3D Hobby Shop. It is capable of many 3d maneuvers, like prop hanging and others.



Jeff's night flyer. No report on how well it flew or what flying performance was attempted.

Dave

Fun in the Sun, 2013 Style

As most of you know, Dick Bartkowski and I will be flying at the SAM (Society of Antique Modelers..... yes we know, but we do qualify) Champs, this year on the El Dorado Dry Lakebed in Boulder City, Nevada, just south of Las Vegas. My daughter's house in South Pasadena is a fine home base for these adventures, it is close to LV and with the fine weather and some excellent flying fields it is also a great place to prepare for the Champs, particularly as I am way behind in the preparation!

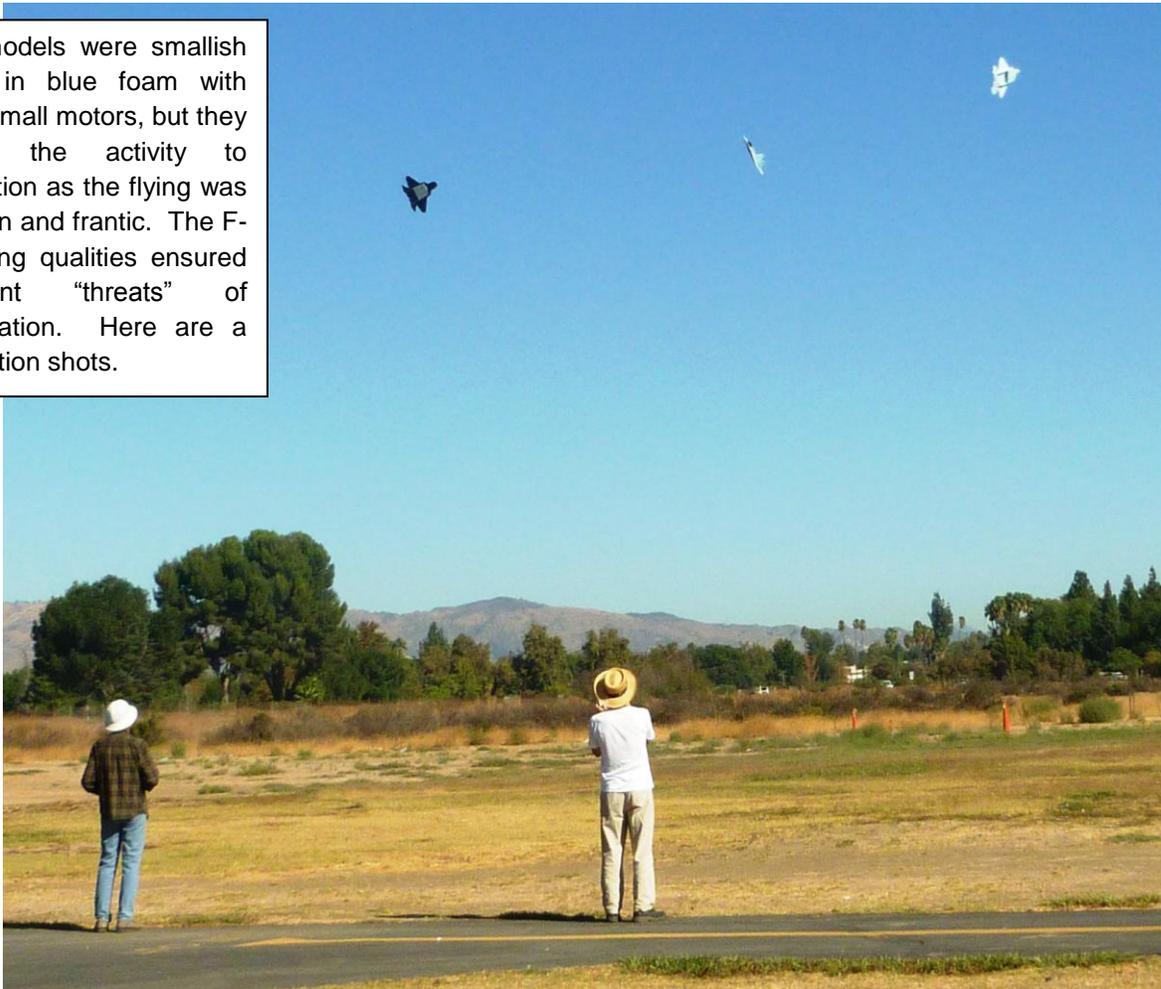
Now California has been the heart of the Old Timer model movement for all of its fifty year existence, and one consequence is many of these modelers have gone to that great thermal in the sky, leaving their models behind of course. So there is this vast population of old models which have been passed down to those who are still interested. Some become contest ships and others just fun fly old timers. My SoCal eating, drinking and flying buddy, Mike Myers, has quite a collection of such models, two of which he plans to fly at this year's Champs.

So when I checked in on my arrival last week Mike said he was preparing a Dolphin with a large four-stroke for one or more of the Champs events. Being a very large and old model he was apprehensive about its flying quantities so had arranged for one of the top local flyers to fly it on its (new) maiden flight from Apollo Field in the Sepulveda Basin. This was the field at which the Widener students flew in the SAE Aero Design Competition back in April.

Apollo Field has always been a hot bed of innovation and even though it was early on a Monday morning there were several interesting models and flyers. Perhaps the most exciting group were the three guys flying full contact combat with F-22 foamies.



The models were smallish sized in blue foam with quite small motors, but they suited the activity to perfection as the flying was close-in and frantic. The F-22 flying qualities ensured constant “threats” of annihilation. Here are a few action shots.









Death in the desert! Hey, we could do this. Anyone interested?

But I digress as we were at Apollo Field to fly the Dolphin, and after a good deal of advice and modification suggested by our local hero, Tony Naccarato, the games began.







Well, it flew but was quite a handful as the CG was a little aft, the engine had upthrust, there was insufficient down trim and it had a severe tendency to tip stall. This resulted in a severe Dutch roll coupled with an inability to trim the climb. All in all, quite a handful, but Tony put it down on the strip shaking like a leaf. He admitted it was quite a while since he had such a handful. Still, it gave us a good deal to discuss over an excellent Green Flash IPA at a local South African watering hole, and Mike has a long “to do” list before the next flight.

Finally, from Boulder City Nevada, Dick has arrived but our model box has not. Plan B, whatever that is, but we shall have fun in the sun.

Dave Harding

