



THE FLIGHT LINE

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General Meeting



Spring Fun Fly a Great Success

Part of the crowd, estimated to be over 60 people, that came to watch and participate in one of the Club's most exciting Spring Fun Fly events in a long time. Look for more photos inside and on our Web Site

APRIL 17, 2010 GENERAL MEETING

Next Meeting: May 15

On this beautiful spring day, at 10:05am, President Ray Gould called the April meeting to order with 17 members and many guests in attendance. Matt Stein gave the Treasury report with no outstanding bills being due. Membership Chairman Matthew Steelmon reported the Club is now up to 43 members, with several new applications being turned in. We would like

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to welcome all of these new members. Membership cards have been sent out via the Postal Service. If you have not received your card please get in touch with Matthew.

We have purchased ten new chairs for your safety and comfort. Also, we now have a new fire extinguisher and first aid kit. Safety Officer Don Graeff will be in charge of this equipment. Also for you electric flyers, we now have a LiPo battery disposal container.

The Clubs participation in the R/C Expo was a success. It was a good way to be exposed to the general public. We would like to thank those who manned the booth and to Theresa who was instrumental in securing donations from several of the Vendors for future events.

Our Spring Fun Fly was an outstanding success. We had 14 pilots register for the three events. Instead of having a winner of each event, we totaled points and the pilot with the most points, Jeff Miller, was awarded a beautiful trophy and the title "Top Dawg."

The Bar-B-Q was great. Our "Ladies Auxillary" did a fantastic job of cooking and serving. And once again, Maurice's Chili stole the show.

The raffle was a huge success thanks to a multitude of donations by our three fantastic sponsoring hobby shops; Hobby people of Murietta, HobbyTown USA of Temecula, and Dynamic Hobbies of Hemet. We love you guys.

The Board is concentrating on increasing membership and improving the field. Waste Management has been out looking at the field conditions and Ray has been in contact with the City of Menifee to keep us abreast of community events that we may be able to participate in for our membership drive.

Our Grant application with the AMA has been received and is under review. And the AMA "Introductory Pilot Program" is in full swing. This program allows newcomers to fly under a club instructor for 60 days without incurring the cost of equipment or membership fees, so now's the time to get family and friends involved with an all around fun hobby.

The "Warbirds over Menifee" is our next big event. Scheduled for Sunday, May 16th, this is a Fly-em and Show-em event. You must fly your plane to participate in the awards (there is no flying competition). We will have our Bar-B-Q lunch along with a raffle, so please try to attend. This event is open to the public and our neighboring clubs, so invite you family, friends, neighbors, pilots from other clubs, etc, and come out and make this a really fun day.

A Swap Meet has been scheduled for June 12th. This will be the first for our Club so get into your hangar and do some spring cleaning. More info to follow.

Bob Parcell, Owner of Dynamic Hobbies in Hemet was our guest speaker. He is promoting MVF at his store and spoke of some ideas for our membership. He gave out gift cards to all who attended.

The Raffle is back!!! After a long hiatus, the monthly meeting raffle is back. We had several great prizes, including a plane donated by Dynamic Hobbies. Lots of tickets were sold and we gained a big boost towards our Holiday Party door prize fund. Unfortunately, we

didn't get the names of the winners. We will get the names and photos of the winners next month.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40am. Next months meeting will be May 15th at 10:00 AM Remember, the Raffle is back so plan to attend. Bring a plane or two. The meeting is short and there will be lots of flying time . . . and perhaps a surprise or two.

Seen at the Field



Silvio Sandvoss and his new Hanger 9 Spitfire



Steve Bednarck has a new .46 size Gilmore.

Random Photos at the March 27 Spring Fun Fly
(Check the Web Site for More Pictures)



Photos by Maurice Jolliff and Matt Stein



All nine flight stations were in use all day. What a turn-out.



Silvio Sandvoss' PT-17 sets up to perform one of the maneuvers in the timed aerobatic event



Stephen Ferguson gets ready to launch the largest plane at the event. it's a great flyer



Dennis Shimko lines up his Dragon Lady for his turn in the Spot Landing event



The Raffle table was loaded with "Goodies"

SPOT LANDING EVENT



Don Greaff gets close



Matt Stein gets ready to chase some balloons with an assist by co-pilot Don Greaff



Silvio Sandvoss's approach looks good



Jeff Miller and co-pilot Kiley retrieve his plane

BLIND TAXI EVENT



Crissy Steelmon gets the balloons ready



Matt Steelmon gets directions from co-pilot Crissy Steelmon

Hanger Talk

Editor's Note:

We have run this article before, but with so many new members flying at the field, I thought it would be worthwhile to repeat this. It is important for our safety.

From Mid-Missouri Radio Control Association

Pilot Spotter's Responsibility

by Bob Ackerman

While at the field recently I was asked, "What does a pilot spotter do?" I quickly told him, "spot for the pilot." I thought about my response for a few minutes and I realized that was not a good answer.

Do you know what the responsibility of the pilot spotter is? I asked a few pilots and I got the same answer from most, "spot for the pilot." So, what does that mean? The pilot spotter, or just spotter, is a safety person for the pilot. The pilot and spotter should be a team working together for the safety of the pilot, the spotter, the aircraft, and all parties at or near the field.

Whereas the pilot has the responsibility of flying his/her aircraft in a safe manner, the spotter has many other responsibilities, which include:

- Relay messages from the flightline and safety personnel to the pilot about landing aircraft, aircraft emergencies, or dead-stick landings by other aircraft on the field, and other information important to the pilot flying the aircraft. The pilot may be concentrating on the aircraft in flight and may not hear or pay attention to background messages on the field.
- Relay messages from the pilot to the flightline and/or safety personnel about the pilot's landing, emergency, or dead-stick landings, and other information that needs to be passed from the pilot to others.
- Be the eyes of the pilot away from the aircraft. Watch the flightline and inform your pilot of aircraft taxiing in front of the pilot, people on the runway line, obstacles on the ground if the pilot walks around while flying, or other safety issues that your pilot should be aware of.
- Watch the other aircraft in flight and inform your pilot of aircraft that may cross the flight path of his or her aircraft. Changes in pattern direction or aircraft in different flight types (aerobatic vs. pattern flight) crossing your pilot's flight path should be reported.
- Keep the pilot advised of the type of aircraft that are being started for flight. Some pilots may be flying the pattern and if a 3-D aerobatic aircraft is getting ready to fly, the pilot may decide to fly at a different altitude or land the aircraft.
- Minimize the distractions to the pilot in flight. The spotter is the eyes and ears for the pilot. Anything that could distract the attention of the pilot should be explained so that the pilot can keep his/her eyes on the aircraft and not look at the distraction.
- A pilot spotter may also assist the pilot at contests, such as a pattern contest, by providing information to the pilot about the next maneuver at key points of the flight.

This is not a complete list of responsibilities that the spotter has. Some pilots will have specific instructions for their spotters as to what to do, what to watch for, and what to explain. Each pilot and spotter should discuss these responsibilities before each flight.

The ultimate purpose of a pilot spotter is to increase safety for all. So be a good spotter and help keep our field, and our pilots, safe. ➔

GOOD NEWS FROM DYNAMIC HOBBIES!

We have some new and exciting things coming up. For those of you who are into electric airplanes, we have low-cost LIPO batteries, ESC's, and motors coming in which will help your wallets. Recently, we have signed up with NitroPlanes, a manufacturer which offers nice and inexpensive ARFs. We also got in large ARFs that won't break the bank, like the following:

Cessna 310 with an 88" wingspan for \$299.99

B-25 with a 75" wingspan for \$279.99

Mustang P-51 with a 68" wingspan for \$232.99

P-38 with a 98" wingspan for \$299.99

As you enter the shop, you will see we have posted in the lobby our weekly specials. We have also set up a Rewards Program which will entitle you to some incentives on certain purchases.

We also invite you to be on our e-mail list for specials and updates on new products. If you are interested, please send your e-mail address to: dynamichobbies@yahoo.com

Thank you all very much for your continuous support.

Bob Parcell

MENIFEE VALLEY FLYERS 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 27th, Annual Spring Fun Fly

Sunday, May 16th, Warbirds over Menifee

Saturday, June 12, First Annual Swap Meet

Saturday, July 24th, Poker Fly #1

Saturday, September 11th, Poker Fly #2

Saturday, October 23rd, Fall Fly-In

