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# February 2011

The next MRCF Meeting will be on **TUESDAY**, 8 February 2011

**Location: American Legion Hall 7815 Armour St.**

**Corner of Armour and Convoy St.**

**Board Meeting at 6:30 PM – Gen. Meeting at 7:00 PM**

**American Legion Hall at 7815 Armour Street.**

**Hwy 163 TO BALBOA AVENUE, WEST TO CONVOY STREET, LEFT ON CONVOY TO  
ARMOUR ST., TURN LEFT ONTO ARMOUR AND RIGHT INTO AMERICAN LEGION.  
ADDITIONAL PARKING IS ACROSS THE STREET AT CARQUEST.**

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## CLUB OFFICERS

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## CLUB FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS

Any club member who wishes to have some assistance should call one of our designated instructors. There is no duty instructor at the field, so you must prearrange a time with someone on this list.

Name	Number
Richard Barndt	(858) 213-5740
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**NAS North Island is kicking off the 100 years of  
Naval Aviation. See posting in newsletter.**

## **From the Left Seat:**

Been a busy month for me with several high level meetings, a week in Norfolk and a week in Philadelphia which included 17" of snow and my first time ever damaging a rental car. Please note in the newsletter about the 100TH Anniversary Parade of Flight and North Island Open House at NAS North Island. I'll see you all at the meeting.

See you at the field

Jerry

## **From the Right Seat:**

We are now one month into the year, will this year just flyby and be gone before you know it. I hope not we have a big year planed out, with the 100 Years of Naval Aviation next month. For those of you that would like to be part of this contact Darren Hauptman.

We also have a full event calendar for the club. This year should be the year that many of our club members that do not get out to other club events should do so. By going to some of the local club events, can only help us to bring the number of people up for our Veterans Day and The Toys for Tot's events.

Check the web for information on our events and give Darren some feed back about the web if you would. The field is looking good after all the rain, making next month's work party a cake walk. If you have anything that you would like to see at the club, get with me and let me know new ideas are always good.

See you at the club field and meetings!

Thank You for your help

Curtis

## **Safety Coordinators:**

Hello everyone, I would like to introduce myself to you. I'm Don Van Gundy and I have asked to be part of the board this year as the Safety Coordinator for you. Being new to the board I will probably make some mistakes here along the way but will try my best to help everyone. I will be out to the field most weekends and you can contact me with any concerns by email. One of my goals is to go thru the field equipment and ensure that every thing is running and working correctly for the club members. I have pulled the chain saw from the shed. The blade was damage and the chain needed to be replaced. I will keep the saw and bring it back out when it is needed for field maintenance.

I have new safety signs to post from the AMA and will have them mounted onto some thin metal so they will hold up to the weather. I will get them mounted at the field ASAP.

Now the fun part, flying. I have witnessed some fingers that had gotten into a prop last month. Wouldn't want to mention any names here, Roy, but I hope your knuckle is feeling better. This is probably more common than we think. With the props getting bigger, along with the motors, we not only need to watch our fingers but the hand itself. I got lucky once when a G-62 smacked the back of my hand, didn't break it but did hurt some.

On to the turbine flyers. Don't know a whole lot about the operation of one but plan to be flying one here in a couple of months. We are required to complete a lot of training and wavers to operate one so the pilots that are flying them have put a lot into the effort to enjoy this part of the hobby. I will be working with Jerry and some of the club members to be brought up to speed. One thing for now, make sure we have the water cans out and fire extinguishers available during operation of the turbines. We should also train the younger members of the club on the operation of this equipment. Don't know if they tech the basic operation of this equipment in school.

Want to give a quick thanks to the helicopter flyers. It's a tough mix with all the different types of models being flown at the field and to have you guys flow in with the fixed wing models is not an easy task. Your doing a great job on keeping everybody inform during your flights.

Well till next month, we'll see you at the field...

Don Van Gundy

### **Field Marshal:**

No comments for this month.

### **Helicopter Chairman:**

No comments for this month.

### **Membership Chairman:**

No comments for this month.

## **Treasurer's Introduction**

I'd like to introduce myself to the club members. I've been a club member for three years. You'll see me at the field every Saturday and Sunday flying a large Japanese Zero. I like to fly my War Bird but the most excitement for me is flying my Heli a T-Rex 50. I enjoy sailing, fishing, cycling, hiking and camping. I've lived in Poway for the last 32 years and love the hobby. I look forward to meeting you at the field or the club meetings.

Treasurer,

George Sager

## **Naval Aviation celebrates 100 years!**

The 100TH Anniversary Parade of Flight and North Island Open House will be held on Saturday, 12 February 2011, with gates opening at 0800 hrs and parade of Flight beginning at 1300 hrs. Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI) welcomes all to participate in the centennial of naval aviation's kickoff event. Watch Navy, Marine and Coast Guard aircraft from Pre-WWI to the present Blue Angels F/A-18

jets, as they parade over San Diego Bay. Enjoy this spectacular aerial review from the NASNI show center, which offers the best vantage point. On the ground, guests are encouraged to view 75+ historic static aircraft, antique car displays, Metal Mulisha motorcycle jump demonstrations and live entertainment. Tour the Navy's USS John C. Stennis Aircraft Carrier and an Amphibious Assault Ship, Second only to a carrier in size and aircraft capacity. This celebration of Naval Aviation kickoff event is open to the public – Admission and parking are free for additional details visit <http://mwrtoday.com/cona/>

**January 11 2011**

**Miramar Radio Control Flyers  
Minutes of the Meeting**

**Held at the American  
Legion Hall**

**President called the meeting to order at 1903 hrs.**

The pledge of allegiance was recited by the membership.

The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted by the membership. The membership made a motion to accept the report. Motion was made and seconded. The report was accepted by the membership.

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Guest at the meeting – Jim Lebanon.

Safety – DonVan Gundy – He will be inventorying items in the field storage shed and trailer to insure they are in good working condition. The chain saw was in bad shape and will be repaired.

Greg Carter related a serious model engines accident at the Silent Electric Flyers field where a very sharp electric propeller caused a serious hand injury.

Field Report – Sandy Sanderson – No comments this month.

Membership – Tom Mulder – No comments this month.

It was reported that Webmaster Darren has made many changes to our website and invited members to review it.

The gate combination will be changed on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> for 2011.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Guest Bill Wallace visited our meeting to thank the club for hosting his pattern contest which was a great success. They plan another pattern contest in 2011.

The portable telephone mount at the field is partially broken off and members were cautioned to be careful until it can be repaired. Update: Speaker has been repaired to cell phone holder.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Don Guhiliur reported that the defibrillator unit at the field is approaching 2 years old and the batteries must be purchased and replaced in the near future – we will follow up on replacement. Motion was made and approved for funds to purchase the new batteries.

Barry Mattingly has prepared some rule changes for turbine aircraft at the field. Interested members were given copies of the revisions for review before action approval in February.

February 12 Saturday is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Naval Aviation and it will be celebrated at NAS North Island. Plans include 75 static aircraft with a large fly-over San Diego Bay beginning at 1PM. Gates will open at 8AM.

Field Safety Officers Don Robinson and Don Van Gundy for 2011 as a result of the election.

Members were cautioned to stay on gravel surfaces at the field due to the wet and muddy areas where vehicles can get stuck. Yellow caution tape has blocked off the suspect areas of concern.

Jerry related events at the AMA show in Los Angeles. The FAA made a presentation to attendees and stated that any frequency changes will not impact our model flying. Modelers have an excellent safety record as far as the FAA is concerned, since they investigate all accidents based on a set monetary amount of liabilities.

## **SHOW AND TELL**

Ron Peterka brought a large collection of old airplane pictures to the meeting. He obtained them from the Ramona Museum. They will be donated to the San Diego Aerospace Museum library.

## **EVENT SCHEDULE**

TO ALL MEMBERS: Darren has set up a calendar on the website to schedule the events. Please go to [www.miramarrflyers.com](http://www.miramarrflyers.com) and click on the EVENTS tab at the top of the page. If you have any suggestions, please contact Darren at [Darren@miramarrflyers.com](mailto:Darren@miramarrflyers.com).

February 12 – NAS North Island – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Naval Aviation

February 19 – Field work and clean up day

June 11 – First Open Cockpit Day – Flying Leatherneck Museum

June 25 and 26 – IMAC contest at field

July 9 and 10 – Rotors over Miramar Helicopter Fly In at field

July 23 – Second Open Cockpit Day – Flying Leatherneck Museum

July 30 – Aerospace Museum sponsored Flight of Fancy Fly In at field

Sept - Third Open Cockpit Day – Flying Leatherneck Museum

Sept 26<sup>th</sup> to Oct 2 – Miramar Air Show (dates include week prior being shut down for practice of participants)

October 8 – Club Members Day at the field

November 12th - Veterans Day Flyin

December 3th - Toy for Tots flyin

December 13th - Christmas Dinner

**Meeting adjourned at 2022 hrs.**