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The next MRCF Meeting will be on **TUESDAY**, 14 February 2012

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.

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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.

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Remember to buy a lot of flowers before going to the meeting this month. Happy Valentine's to all the wives of the members!

From the Left Seat:

We are now a month into our 2012 flying season. Our club event calendar is filling up and it is shaping up to be a busy year for MRCF. The Board of Directors vision for this year is to have several community service events that give back to the community and give back to the active duty military and the Base who we support. There are plenty of opportunities for our club members to help get involved and be a part of the best R/C Club in San Diego on a much larger level than just a place to go fly our R/C models.

Our Membership renewals are now complete and I am happy to say that our Military to Civilian ratio is at our required 2 to 1 ratio. With that said I will be outlining a new procedure for civilian membership at the February club meeting. This new process is meant to be fair to all those looking to join the club while also giving us the opportunity to ensure perspective civilian members understand the importance of our club and the uniqueness of operating a club on a Military installation. I encourage any perspective civilians to come to the next club meeting and our membership chairman will help you get enrolled in the process.

We had a large turnout at the January meeting so I encourage anyone who has not been to a meeting in a while to come on out. Have a voice in the club and see what the club has planned for 2012. I look forward to seeing you there.

Fly safe and see you at the field.

-Darren Hauptman

From the Right Seat:

I often reflect on what flying was like before I joined the MRCF club. The things that make the overall experience so good today are the things that are easy to take for granted now. Besides having an awesome field, we have a great group of people that are truly committed to the sport, the club and the community. I enjoy coming out to the field regardless of whether I have a plane to fly that day. Sometimes I end up spending the whole morning just helping someone get a motor running, setup a new plane, pulling weeds or painting tables. Like any avocation, the more you invest the more you can get out of it. As I look around, I see countless ways that we can improve the club and the experience for our members. But I also see the opportunity to enrich the lives of our local military community, the active duty personnel serving our country and their families. I embrace Darren's vision for positively impacting the recovery of our wounded soldiers who are looking for ways to refocus their lives and find new interests. If our organization can help do any of these things then I'm in all the way.

Club membership, especially for the civilians, is a privilege that warrants our constant care and feeding. Part of the vision our board has for the club is to expand our service to the local military and its members that make our great organization possible. All this takes from each of us is the time and commitment to define, plan and execute on some of these great ideas. We can't do everything, but if each member picked just one event or activity to support, and helped to make it happen this year, we could leave a highly visible and positive mark within the military community in San Diego. Please take a few hours each month to attend our club meetings, help us define the scope one of these impactful community service

activities, and pitch in to make it a reality in 2012.

Watch out for those cross winds and bushes,
Mark Lukens

Safety Coordinator:

This year's board will be enforcing the safety rules according to our existing By Laws.

The process for enforcing the safety rules will be as follows:

1. First warning is a Verbal Warning issued to the pilot.
2. Second warning is Verbal Warning to the pilot and a Report of the two warnings to the board, who will follow up with a letter to the pilot.

Disciplinary action from the board can include suspension of club privileges for one month, or expulsion from the club for one year.

Some of the safety issues that are problem areas are as follows:

Aerobatics can only be done north of the runway.

Reverse flying can only be done in the center of the traffic pattern, not over the runway.

At no time should a pilot intentionally fly toward the pits.

Low flying passes and reverse passes can only be done with permission of the other pilots on the line, and with no student pilots flying.

Take the time to review all the flying rules and safety rules. You will find them on our website in the By-Laws, Field Rules and AMA rules.

Additional thoughts:

1. Pilots flying gas planes should bring their own fire extinguishers.
2. If flying electric, don't connect battery under the canopy.
3. Low flybys should be north of centerline.
4. When charging Li-Po batteries at the charging station bring and use a protective container (i.e. Li-Po safe bag).

Donny

Field Marshal:

No comments for this month.

Helicopter Chairman:

No comments for this month.

Membership Chairman:

No comments for this month.

January 10, 2012

Miramar Radio Control Flyers
Minutes of the Meeting

Held at the
American Legion

President called the meeting to order at 1900 hrs.

Pledge Of Allegiance

Guests/Introductions:

New Members: Mark Buckner

Prospective members: Bruce Simpson, Gary Harper, Nick

Old business:

The Military member of the year award was finally given to Derek Post.

Runway improvement plan:

Tom Rainwater: Highest bid is looking for business, same ballpark figure. The field grant has been pulled due to Jerry submitting it and being a voting entity. Deadline for resubmittal is in April. An asphalt runway will cost \$25k, the slurry coat is about \$7k. Since the ground is not opening up, asphalt or new slurry will not crack/open either. The runway base is currently 3 inches of DG, that has been compacted and slurry coated. All prep work must be done by club membership.

1" Asphalt has been pursued, and will not be pursued any further. It's too expensive. Slurry seal will be pursued in the spring due to rain during the April time frame. A motion was made for Tom and Paul to work on a quote for prep/repair and a new slurry coat. They will also look in to resubmitting the AMA grant.

Treasurer: The Treasures report was given. The checkbook has been audited and approved.

Secretary: The Secretary's report was given and approved. From now on the minutes of the meeting will be emailed/posted on the web only.

Field Marshal: Coyotes have been eating the tables. Will add to the maintenance plan.

Safety:

It's time to start getting serious about safety rules. If repeated violations occur, you will get a nice warning the first time, a second warning will warrant a board meeting with your name on it. The third time, you may be suspended depending on the offense. Everyone needs to review safety rules, and police each other. Don't be offended when someone mentions an issue. Take it on board and make an adjustment. Use spotters whenever possible, jets, props and heli's are recommended to have a spotter to alleviate many issues that we have. Communication can be as simple as a hand gesture or a nod, it doesn't have to be complicated. We are all safety officers. Please address safety issues first by talking to offender as the issue happens.

Other suggestions are that electric and gas pilots have their own chemical fire extinguishers. We did have a fire, use of water on an electrical fire is not recommended. A plan is in the works to get Co2 fire extinguishers. Turbine and gasser pilots should be bringing their own fire extinguishers, do not rely on the clubs. Lipo fires need to be buried. Powder fire extinguishers ruin electronics, Co2 or halitron is preferred. Sandi will contact base about getting different fire extinguishers.

New Business:

Club communication:

In the past email has been used with different distribution lists. It is proposed that the club website be the central communication hub. Once you have an account, emails will be sent out through website. The newsletter will be posted to the website. The new website is up, feel free to provide feedback. Get on Face Book!! Looking into buying apparel through the club website. Right now you can look at the event calendar. You can preregister and pay landing fees for events through the website.

Membership:

We are working on updating membership chronology to determine civilian member availability. We are waiting to see where the waiting list is to determine when we can accept civilian proposal packages. Many military members have not renewed. Members will be contacted regarding renewal. Deployed members will stay on inactive list.

Club Events:

New events will have a coordinator assigned to run the event and report to the board, they will be in charge of organizing and recruiting help to run the events.

- Heli event: Is on the calendar for July 14,15. San Diego heli fun fly at Palomar is no more. We should capitalize on it to bring a large heli event to us. This event usually sees 50-60 pilots. We may rename rotors over Miramar to SD fun fly in May 2012. Sanction is in for 14-15 May. Veterans Day fly in: Put event at Nov 10.
- Toys for Tots: Propose Dec 8.
- Miramar Airshow: Second weekend in October.
- Open Cockpit: Curtis will head those up. Had 3 in 2011.
- IMAC/Pattern: Still want to do-Approximately Aug 14 for pattern. Waiting on Tim Attaway for confirmation, looking at June and will confirm with base about Air wing Ops.
- Cub-Fly in day: We think it would be fun to have a cub day. Mark will pursue.
- Race dates: 19th of Feb-Motion made and approved.
- Membership appreciation BBQ: Tentatively 15 Sept in the afternoon/evening to have night flying. Plan on potluck.
- Huckfest: 3D airplane event. Was sponsored by scorpion/DW foamies. Are looking for an event venue, possibly at Miramar.
- Proposed wounded warrior event dates are in the works. Similar to camps, serve lunch and teach them how to fly, more to follow.
- 32nd street exchange static display. Will be good promo for club and will net new members.

Motion to purchase 12 new chairs for events. Passed. Frank will purchased said chairs.

Proposal for field repairs: Pick 3rd or so sat of every month work on small projects. Have regularly scheduled events to minimize time spent, rather than have 8 hours of the field shut down. 4th weekend of the month will be a maintenance/fly day. Look to website for details.

Motion to approve up to \$500 to repair items at the field, including tables.

Guest Policy: Structure will be added to the policy, add logbook to have guest and sponsor sign and have badges to welcome and track guests. If you have a guest, you should be spotting for the guest. Guests must absolutely have AMA membership.

Be aware of people entering gate behind you. Please double check with them upon entry as to who they are. If you don't know them, investigate, and make sure they are not the one to close the gate. New locks will be added to \$500 improvement.

Show and tell:

George's Katana: Night rig, uses DW Foamie's lighting.

Leroy: Tri Squire that was converted to tail dragger. Has a Magnum .25, used to be a free flight aircraft, weighs 2.5 pounds and is on 3 channels.

2048 Meeting adjourned.

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