

# Shop Talk



February 2017

## SCCMAS club meeting at Wings of History 2-4-2017 (Club secretary Mike Leggett)

The meeting opened started at 5:16 PM and there was pizza and drinks for the 48 that showed up.

1. Don explained his dwindling role in the club and that he turned in his resignation. He introduced Steve who the board elected President earlier in the afternoon.
2. The road into the field will likely be closed for several months.
3. The spring swap meet will need to be held in a different location. Maybe Sabrato High school. Steve will look into it.
4. The air show will be postponed or bypassed this year. Maybe we will just have a simple fly in and invite the public.
5. Jim Patrick reminded all that it does no good to send in a temporary receipt from the AMA that you are registered. He needs to see your card or at least wait the 7 days until the AMA paper work clears.
6. Don asked if those present were getting the club emails. Most were. The email list is being updated. If you have a big red X on your card you still are not signed off. There will be no more printed newsletters as the price has risen to \$4 per copy.
7. Steve noted that Bervin has moved away to Oregon.
8. Eric will be the new event coordinator.
9. The Dumb Thumb went to Mike. (Don't bypass any safety measures).
10. The Bayside runway may be a little bumpy but we are welcome there. Some may want to join.
11. Wave masters has a dozen memberships available and their runway is 400 feet and most just use the back of their cars as the pits. It's a little muddy and there is no safety zone.

## Show & Tell

- Mike Radu started the Show and Tell with his 91" Corsair finished with real micro screws, a 3 bladed adjustable prop and lots of handmade detail in the cockpit. He also showed his 91" Zero with a DA 50. He talked about how many things he had to find and buy online for the pilot alone. You really have to dig to find what you need.
- Roger brought his Pitts bought at the Bayside auction. He had trouble with the 26 cc engine but it's running fine now turning a 16x8 prop.

- Babe showed his Italian C202 with a YS115. The race plane weighs 8 pounds and is finished with Masters 6:1 mix. He built his own digital incident meter with a digital level from Harbor Freight for \$34.
- Lloyd Oliver brought a fuselage of a plane he acquired and asked if anyone could identify it. No one knew for sure.
- Tom brought his big Dymond ARF Tiger Moth he got for \$40 at the swap meet. He is running a 12 cell 160 electric.
- Mike (me) showed one of the nacelles from the B26 made from foam sheet and fiber glassed.

## Raffle

The first ticket in the raffle went to Mike Radu who took the electric B25 and will bring donuts to the next meeting. Ahmad Jarvis got a plane stand and a soldering iron Terry got an Xacto set and accelerator. Tom got a deflection meter and the kid cart that someone donated. Ehab got an Xacto saw and miter box. Vance took the mixing cups Mike got some 15 min epoxy. Rod got some bushings Matt got some CA glue. Roger got something Steve got some CA also.

The meeting ended at 7:08 PM



State of the road to the field  
(Image by Walter Colby)



Meeting attendees



Mike Radu talking about his masterpieces





Jack dreaming about his next scale project



Babe showing his incidence meter mod



Electric TigerMoth



Mike's latest Project



Mystry Plane



Raffle prizes



Roger's Biplane



## Where to fly these days?

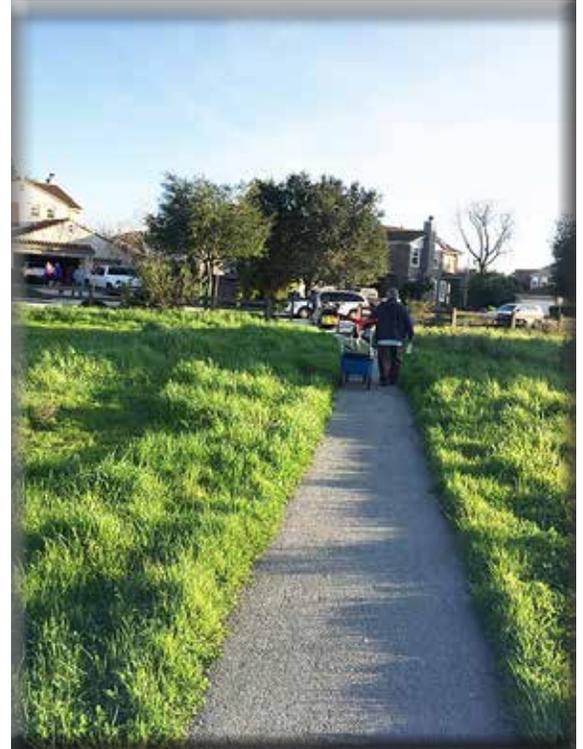
Since the road failure, we have been looking for alternative fields and ways of going to our existing field. Yesterday (Feb 18th) Ruby and I decided to go to the field and do the walk from the ranger station since we could both use the workout. Ruby had a plane with him and the forecast was no rain so we expected to be able to get a few flights. As it turned out, the rain was coming down pretty hard when we arrived (12:30) and we opted for the walk. It is approximately 2.4 miles each way, starting from the ranger station, and it is a really pleasant walk. By the time we got to the half way mark, the rain had stopped and once we got closer we saw a couple of dozen people on the flight line. Turned out that the San Jose State students who do the flight project each year had done the same walk and were testing their latest creation.

Other club members have also done this (in better weather) and essentially are combining hobby and exercise at the same time. Some of us have also gone to the other clubs, near and far, to see how we can enjoy the hobby while we wait to see how the road situation gets resolved. People have gone as far as the Oakdale club. Personally, having visited the Bayside field which is almost exactly the same distance from my house as Tomcats field, I have decided to join them as a temporary solution to the current situation. Very nice and friendly people, membership is \$40 for a year and the field is easy to get to. Facilities are limited but it will get you flying. You probably don't want to take large aircraft (1/4 scale or bigger) due to the runway length as well as some airspace limitations but it will get you flying.

Once the weather goes beyond the cold and wet we are witnessing, I plan to just do the walk to our field as much as possible. You do need some form of a cart to carry your stuff and need to ensure you bring everything back out (including trash). All the facilities are locked so think of it as a short camping trip with no facilities and plan accordingly.

Happy landings,

**Bahman**



Starting at the Ranger station





Dantley and Rafi



Nate with his new Beaver in Oakdale



Ehab loves the details in the cockpit of his new plane



Sia maiden his new jet at Oakdale



This folding wagon from Costco seems to be a good solution