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News from the President



As we approach the end of 2012, I wanted to offer my sincere thanks for everyone's involvement at the SCCMAS over the past year. We have had another banner year in the SCCMAS's history, ending 2012 with 390 members and shattering our attendance record at the airshow in July with over 5000+ spectators. We could not have done this without you and look forward to 2013 being a great year.

As I write this, I have just returned from our annual banquet. In the last issue, I mentioned that we have changed our meeting schedule up a bit in order to better serve the membership and improve attendance. The banquet (which was started to celebrate 20 and 25 years of the SCCMAS) is now an annual event. 80 people showed up to enjoy a great dinner and the fellowship of others. We gave away many door prizes, handed out prizes to those who helped at events this year, and even had a DX7s radio for the raffle. It was great to see so many smiling faces there and I already look forward to next year's event.

Be sure to get your renewals in if you have not done so already. They are due on Dec 31st. You will be considered unable to fly if you are not current beginning Jan 1st. And thank you to those of you who have turned in your surveys with the renewals. Each year, we read each survey and do our best to see where the SCCMAS can be guided to better serve you based on the responses. When the surveys come in, there are often many questions relating to why certain things are they way they are or why we cannot do certain things. This often brings up subjects like who makes the decisions?, etc. I wanted to take a quick moment to explain that here. The SCCMAS is a non-profit corporation formed to maintain the SCCMAS facility. In working with the Santa Clara County Parks Dept, we have developed the facility based on dues from our membership and little expense by the county. We operate the facility solely on the dues and income from any events/fundraisers that we have. The SCCMAS is run by an all volunteer, self-perpetuating governing board and volunteers who perform numerous tasks. The five governing board members pay full dues. These five individuals make all the decisions on behalf of the SCCMAS in order to keep with our mission statement. I do realize that this is different than many other R/C organizations you may be used to, but after 26 years at the same facility, the field itself is a testament to the organization and its volunteers. While we cannot always please everyone, the we believe that we are guiding it in the direction that best suits our membership.

Thanks again for all your support and see you in 2013. Until next issue,

Michael

From the Editor



We decided to wrap up the year with a small final issue. Please remember to send in your renewal applications and associated documents. I would like to wish everyone happy holidays and a great new year.

Happy Landings,

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June 1st and 2nd, 2013

Spirit of St. Louis RC Flying Field

Distributors around the country are meeting in your backyard to show the Midwest their stuff! Many autogyros, plans, and other items for sale and opportunities to learn to fly them and see them in the air! If you know someone that has one or would like to join the fun, please send them our way! **ALL ARE WELCOMED TO FLY!**

- **June 1st 11-12pm Flying Demos (only autogyros)**
- **Open flying and sales 9am to Dusk!**
- **Must be a current AMA member to fly.**
- **Raffle of an Autogyro Kit at 2pm**
- **Free Parking, Restroom on Site, Concession Food**



For more information contact:
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R/C Swap Meet

**Presented by the Santa Clara County Model Aircraft Skypark
Morgan Hill, Ca.
A Facility of the Santa Clara County Parks & Recreation Dept.**

Saturday - April 13th

8:00am – 1:00pm

Come join us at the Tomcats field for our Spring Swap Meet. Buy or sell your R/C related items.

No Pre-registration needed. 10'x10' spaces, table space is limited, and available on a first come, first serve basis. Bring your own table and chair just in case.

SCCMAS field is open for flying, all 72Mhz and 5xMhz Ham band transmitters must be impounded or have the battery/module removed to prevent accidents.

Mark your calendar for the Summer Swap Meet on 08/03/13

10'x10' Space Rental \$10.00
(No Booth Sharing or "Partners")

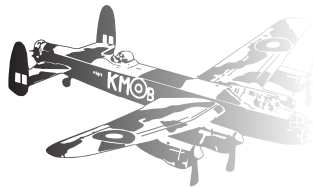
**On site Coffee and donuts in the morning
followed by a BBQ.**

Maps and additional information available at www.sccmas.org

Treasurer's Report



Jim Patrick



SCCMAS Profit & Loss

October through November 2012

Oct - Nov 12

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Membership dues	230.00
Vending machine	300.00

Total Income 530.00

Expense

Computer supplies	95.33
Equipment Rental	75.00
Food	95.93
Garbage service	393.72
Postage and Delivery	475.00
Sanitation service	1,210.76
Supplies	358.96
Telephone	198.14

Utilities

Gas and Electric 489.52

Total Utilities 489.52

Total Expense 3,392.36

Net Ordinary Income -2,862.36

Other Income/Expense

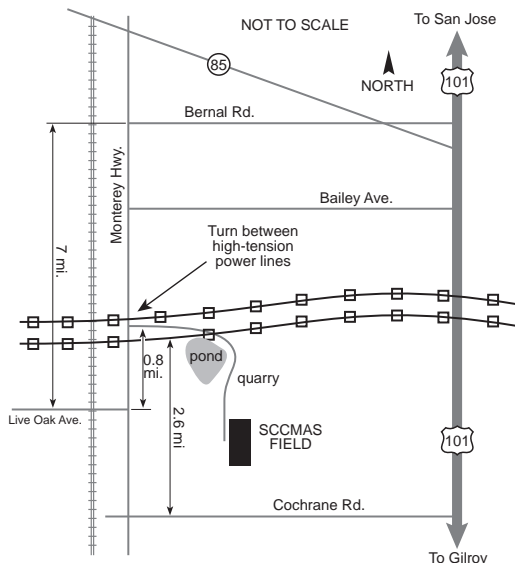
Other Income

SCCMAS Banquet 1,535.00

Total Other Income 1,535.00

Net Other Income 1,535.00

Net Income -1,327.36



Raffle Winners

Kevin Walsh
Tim Stahke
Matt Campi
Chris Iuvara
Russ Matesso
Steve Smith
Mike Iuvara
Jack Sunzeri
Jessica Norred
Murl Culp
Dave Neves
Kip Turley

Radio
dremel
charger
impact wrench
wrench
tubing cutter
hinges
hinges
hinges
balsa stripper
seating tape
horns





With the New Year just around the corner, it's time to briefly reflect on 2012. Looking back, the 2012 events were some of the best attended in the last five years. The largest of which, were the three swap meets. The popularity of the swap meet has increased, attracting buyers and sellers from as far away as Los Angeles and Redding. Most attendees tell us that we host one of the best swap meets in the area, and ask when the next one is scheduled. Both the Heli Jamboree and the T-34 races were also popular, attracting pilots from all over California. Of course the Annual Airshow in July topped the charts. We certainly set a new high. I want to thank those members that have stepped up this year, donating their time and energy to make the events a success.

The timing of some events at the SCCMAS crossed with last few newsletters. And the same holds true for this newsletter. The annual Toys-For-Tots on Sunday December 2nd will cross. Rain or shine, every year the SCCMAS receives overwhelming support from its members at the Toys-For-Tots Breakfast/Fly-In, as we help less fortunate children in the community during the holiday season. This is one of many times during the year that the

SCCMAS gives back to the community, and it is recognized.

A reminder that January 1st 2013 is around the corner. Make sure you have renewed your AMA membership and have sent in your SCCMAS renewal for 2013. It is required that all members flying at the SCCMAS facility starting January 1st 2013 MUST have a 2013 AMA card. There are no exceptions to this rule! If you have sent in your AMA card renewal and have not received your AMA card by January 1st 2013, you can go to the AMA website to verify your AMA membership status. If the AMA status is a "waiting for payment to clear" type of message, then you are not a current 2013 AMA member and cannot fly at the SCCMAS facility until your AMA status has changed to a valid AMA membership status for 2013.

A preliminary 2013 event calendar is complete, pending a few potential date adjustments. The schedule will be finalized by January and published on both the SCCMAS website and the NCRCS website. A few changes that remain from last years' schedule, the Heli Jamboree in May, Warbird Fly-In at the end of June and the annual Fun-Fly in September. Two T-34/Unlimited Warbird racing events are part of the schedule. Kevin Norred has already started coordinating the 2013 race dates with other clubs around the area.

Preliminary 2013 Event calendar

April 13	Spring R/C Swap Meet
May 11	T-34 / Unlimited Warbird Race
May 18	South County Wings of History Open House
May 17-19	Helicopter Jamboree
June 15	SCCMAS Field Maintenance Day
June 22	Warbird Fly-In
TBD	SCCMAS at Reid Hillview Airport
July 6 - 7	Annual Airshow
August 3	Summer R/C Swap Meet
September 14	Fun Fly
October 5	T-34 / Unlimited Warbird Race Finals
October 12	The Coyote Creek Cycle Classic
November 2	Fall R/C Swap Meet
December 1	Toy-For-Tots

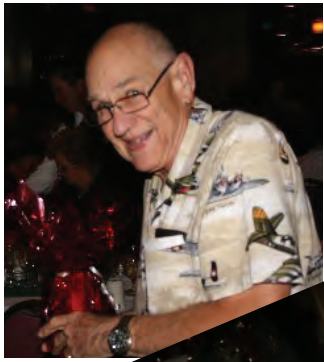
Over the last several years the SCCMAS has participated in many public events, exposing the public to the R/C hobby and the SCCMAS. As in the past at these public events, we have an overwhelming amount of club members volunteering. I would like to thank all of the members who volunteered in 2012 making these public events a success. Because of this, the SCCMAS has been asked to participate at several Airport Fly-Ins around the Santa Clara valley in 2013. Including the San Martin Wings of History Fly-In on May 18th, the Reid Hillview Airport day in June (date TBD) and the Hollister Airshow in August (date TBD). If you are interested in helping and working with the public at any of the above events, contact Steve Smith at contests@sccmas.org.

A quick recap since the last newsletter. This year we moved the Fly-Fly to September 22nd hoping to attract a larger attendance. And it worked. The group had a lot of fun trying their hand at different piloting drills. Some pilots found out that strings, balloons and gravity sometimes work against a plane in flight. Even Tim Jones demonstrated the proper technique required to remove wings from his own airplane while flying it. On October 5th, the races returned. This was the final race of the season. Pilots raced both T-34 Bronze and Gold classes and the unlimited warbird class for the top five trophy points of the year, for each of the classes. On Saturday November 3rd, the SCCMAS hosted the fall R/C swap meet. When I arrived at 6:00 am darkness, the early bargain hunters were already wandering the parking lot with flashlights in hand as cars arrived. By mid-morning the pit area was packed with bargain hunters and sellers. If you missed this one, the next R/C swap meet will be in April 2013.

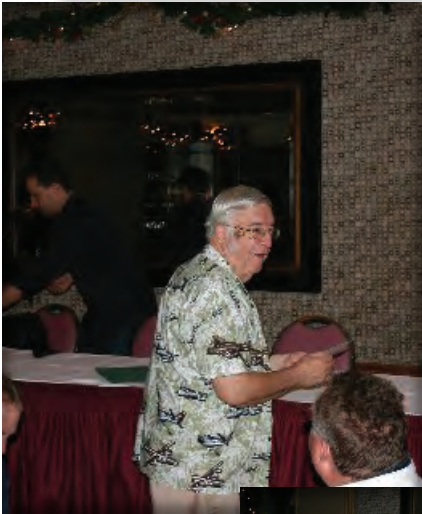
See you at the field,

Steve Smith











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