

Servo Chatter



August 2013

AMA Club Charter #110



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Official Newsletter of the SCCMAS "Tomcats"
Field Location: 10250 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Next Meeting:
Saturday Sep 28th, 5 PM
At the field

News from the President



I don't know whether to say it's a relief that this year's airshow is complete or that we have a whole year to start planning for next year's show. The 2013 airshow was a great success. We had some obstacles to overcome, new staff to train, and overall had a great show. Attendance numbers were difficult to judge because the counters broke on Sat and we had a new parking crew. Based on our estimates, we had approximately 3000 people over the weekend.

Luke Peng and Paul Hasselbach both spearhead-

ed the Delta Dart booth, building over 110 delta darts each day! As I've mentioned on many occasions, the airshow is our annual outreach event to the public. It allows for us to share the radio controlled hobby with those in the community around us. Please always keep this in mind when you think of the SCCMAS facility. We exist to promote the R/C hobby. If we do not reach out to those around us, we would cease to exist.

I always hesitate thanking people individually here because I do not want to leave anyone out. However, I wanted to mention a few people who have put a lot of time in over the past few years, much of which goes unnoticed and off of the radar. The first is Tim Jones and his wife Wendy. Both have worked hard for many years to ensure our club cards are made and shipped out to you in a timely manner. Tim also keeps the soda machine stocked and is routinely making soda runs to the field.

Second is Brett Foreman, who managed our sprinkler system for the past few years. These individuals are an example of those that make up the SCCMAS's daily operations and it doesn't go unnoticed. All of the SCCMAS is comprised of volunteers. This includes the board members and the other volunteer positions that volunteer their time. And a big thank you goes out to all of you that help in any way at the SCCMAS. It is appreciated and does not go unnoticed!

I wanted to also discuss our facility and access to it. Please remember that the SCCMAS operates the facility and has all rights from the county to control access to members only. This means that guests can only fly one day per year without a valid SCCMAS membership (outside of events we host). Recall that membership dues go towards maintaining the SCCMAS facility. Allowing others continued unauthorized access only hurts us.

Also, please note that the combination for the gate should not be given out to anyone outside of the SCCMAS. In August, we are re-keying the snack shack, due to concerns about unauthorized keys being made. Keys are only authorized by the SCCMAS to those individuals who have a necessary need to access the shack. Keys are typically given to board members, maintenance personnel and other volunteers. If you have a legitimate need, contact me so we can discuss.

Mark your calendars! Our next meeting will be on Sat, Sept 28th @5pm at the SCCMAS facility. We'll be serving up something on the BBQ. Feel free to bring your favorite dish to share.

Until next issue,

Michael

From the Editor



Hello SCCMAS flyers. As you can see from Michael's article this year's airshow was another success and everyone who helped deserves a big thank you from the entire membership. Lots of activities around setting up, advertising, promoting and all the other actions to get the crowd in. The list of all the participants would take a page but you know who you are and we are all grateful for your efforts.

This issue is going to cover a lot of recent club or club member activities in a pictorial format giving you some feel for all the stuff that has been going on.

Every once in a while I come across a vendor or a supplier that I feel is a good company to deal with. A couple of examples are Callie Graphics (See page 5) and General Hobby.

I was working on the signs for the airshow. It turned out that the vendor we had some relationship with had gone out of business. When I checked with some local sign companies, the prices looked way too high and not something the club should spend. Don Coulter told me about his experience with Callie, owner of Callie graphics, so I reached out and was very pleasantly surprised. She did an outstanding job in a short period of time at a very reasonable price. I was so happy with the service that I have used her several time since the airshow to produce other graphics for my use. She has many package choices already available, can do designs for you or take your design and produce what you want all quickly and at very reasonable prices. Give her a shot next time you are looking for great graphics for your prize project.

I came across General Hobby when I was looking for a specific electric plane. Ended up in some discussion via email with their owner Richard. End result was a very positive experience. Richard has stated that he is prepared to offer some discount on planes to the members on ad-hoc basis. You can check their offerings on www.generalhobby.com and if you want to reach out to Richard email him at generalhobby@gmail.com. Make sure you mention SCCMAS. He has asked to be added to our newsletter distribution list and since the company is California based shipping ends up being reasonable as well.

Have fun, safe flying and happy landings

Bahman

On the Cover

Airshow Magic - Kunal Deshpande Photo

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* Governing board members.

** AMA Intro Pilots. These pilots can fly non AMA members once, certain restrictions apply.

*** Email is preferred to voice mail.



July 4th Parade, Morgan Hill

SCCMAS 2013 Event Calendar

August 3



Summer Swap Meet

August 24

Pattern Day

September 14

Fun Fly

October 12



Coyote Classic Bike Ride

October 19

T-34 & Unlimited Warbird Race Finals

November 2



Fall Swap Meet

December 1

Toys-for-Tots



Treasurer's Report

SCCMAS Profit & Loss, April through June 2013

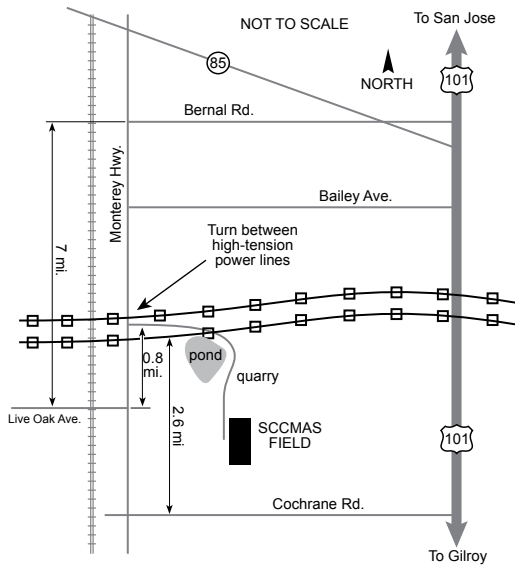


Jim Patrick



Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Contest entries		1,195.00
Food sales		513.00
Membership dues		2,524.17
Swap meets		400.00
Vending machine		500.00
Total Income		5,132.17
Expense		
Bay Alarm		135.00
Dues and Subscriptions		15.00
Equipment Rental		75.00
Food		975.79
Garbage service		590.58
Insurance		
Fire Insurance		1,020.80
Total Insurance		1,020.80
Licenses and Permits		153.00
Postage and Delivery		20.91
Repairs and Maintenance		
Building Repairs		241.25
Equipment Repairs		407.80
Total Repairs and Maintenance		649.05
Sanitation service		1,946.34
Supplies		1,379.38
Taxes		10.00
Telephone		303.90
Utilities		
Gas and Electric		746.14
Total Utilities		746.14
Total Expense		8,020.89
Net	Income	-2,888.72





SCCMAS (Tomcats) field is located in the county park and can be reached via Monterey highway

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The Annual R/C Fun-Fly

**Presented by the Santa Clara County Model Aircraft Skypark
Morgan Hill, Ca.**

A Facility of the Santa Clara County Parks & Recreation Dept.

Come out and try your hand at some of the wacky flying drills we have in store for you. Any AMA insured pilot can participate with any type of R/C aircraft; trainers, sport planes, aerobatic/3D planes, warbirds, tail draggers, gas, glow and electrics, All events will be chosen the morning of the Fun-Fly and scoring is setup so all skill levels have a chance to bring home one of five trophies.

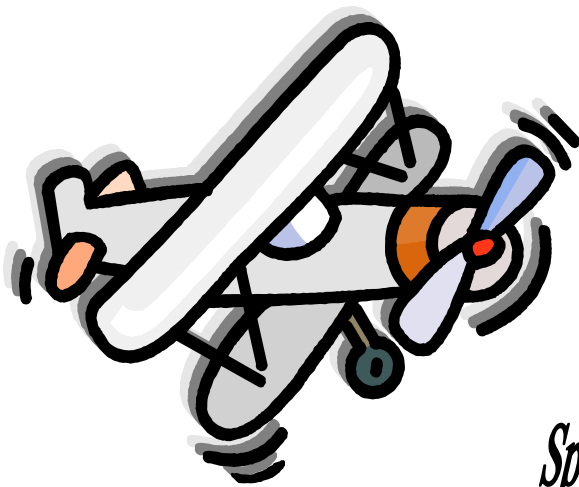
Saturday - September 14th

Registration: 8:00am – Flying starts at 9:00am

Entry Fee: \$10 per pilot

Information: contests@sccmas.org

Also see our website for directions www.sccmas.org



*Some events we've seen in the past,
and a few that may show this year!*

*Spot landing, Limbo, Timed events, Airplane Bowling
Mirror Taxi, Drag Strip, I Can't Fly 55, Balloon Bust
Dead-Stick Landing*

A day at the field
Contributed by various members







Airshow 2013





Triangle Series T-34/Warbird Race - Morgan Hill October 19th, 2013



Stock T-34 (Novice/Silver/Gold)

Stock T-34's
Stock OS or TT Pro .46

Unlimited Warbird

No break out times
See detailed rules for wing area/engines

.46 Modified Warbird

475 sq in minimum / max 0.46 engine

Detailed rules @ www.rcpylonracing.com

Spectators Free.

**See radio controlled warbirds racing...just like Reno.
Aircraft push speeds of up to 160mph.**

**All racers must have AMA insurance
Hard Hats REQUIRED for pilots & caller**

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- limited hook ups.**

**Have a plane but no caller, come on out and
we'll find someone to call for you. Lots of
helpful racers.**

For detailed rules and information go to
www.rcpylonracing.com
or e-mail questions to info@rcpylonracing.com

Other Triangle Series Races:
March 23rd, Fresno
May 11th, Morgan Hill
August 10th, Salinas (no Unlimited Warbird)



Hosted By :

**The Santa Clara County Model
Aircraft Skypark – “Tomcats”**

Go to www.sccmas.org for directions

Registration: 7:00AM – 8:30AM

Pilots Meeting: 9:00AM

Racing Begins: 9:30AM

Fuel provided for T-34

Entry Fee \$25 per class

Pattern at Tomcats

Date: 8/24/2013 Saturday

Place: SCCMAS flying site at Morgan Hill, CA

Classes: 401, 402, 403, 404, and 406

Landing fee: \$25 for all classes except the
Sportsman (\$20)

Pre-registration preferred

CD: Luke Peng

Tel: 650-575-9207

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**Field opens for practice on
Friday, 8/23/2013. AMA required**

Santa Clara County Model Aircraft Skypark
(see back for map and directions)

Castle IMMA 2013
Shahrm Shirazi Photos



Ken Safer built and flew this awesome Zero!

47 lbs, DLE 111, 108" span



Helicopter News



Tactic TTX650 radio review by Dave Neves

My first impression of the TACTIC TTX650 radio is that the transmitter feels comfortable to hold. The switches are well placed and the gimbals feel smooth. The adjustable stick tension is a definite plus, and the red anodized control sticks are a nice touch also. The six button menu interface is simple and intuitive. The programming capability covers most all the programming needs for both airplanes and helicopters. The ability to add expo the throttle and pitch curves allows for smooth transitions be-

tween the six available points on the curves. As an R/C instructor, I can appreciate the wireless buddy box system and the use of a standard long buddy box switch in place of a small momentary button or sliding switch. The Firm Ware interface will allow you to make future upgrades to meet your future needs. About the only drawback I can see with this radio is that it does not come with rechargeable batteries and a charger. However, since you only need to buy four batteries, and the charging jack is already incorporated into the transmitter, upgrading to Ni Cad's or Ni MH batteries will be a relatively inexpensive upgrade. All in all, I would say that the TACTIC TTX650 radio provides you with a radio that's hard to beat in it's price range.

Dave Neves



Field Safety Chairman



Hey RC Gang- Well another successful and SAFE air show is in the books and I'm happy to report that we had no safety incidents and only one plane had to be stuffed. Lynsel Miller did the needful and when his Giant Scale Spitfire engine stopped running, he stuffed the plane and kept our safe air show record intact.

I'd also like to thank Pat Rose for heading up our tech inspection process and all the pilots who self inspected, and ultimately flew safe aircraft. The results speak for themselves and it's a great testimony to our club that when we open our doors to thousands of spectators at the annual air show they enjoy a safe and fun filled experience.

During my weekday and weekend flying opportunities, I've been pleased to hear the clear and loud communication on the flight line. I commend you pilots for your solid communication; this is an important primary aspect of our Safety First program and with our

large volume of RC traffic it has yielded great results with few mid-air situations per flight numbers. That said always remember to take the "high road" if a situation does occur. We have a "no fault" policy which should always be kept in mind. If you have an issue with another flyer, please find me or one of the club officers to discuss it later. We do want to know about incidents, but let's all strive to keep things friendly at all times.

How 'bout that Three-Sea Bees Jenny with the DLE 20 gasser up front

As always please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing you at our next club meeting coming up in August. As always, I'll get to hand out the coveted SCCMAS safety first awards. I'm sure you don't want to miss that See you on the flight line.

Safe flying

Tim

A day at the field

Contributed by Joshua Pheneger



Helicopter Jamboree @ the Field





Club Meeting

members present: 55

1st meeting: Joe Jordan

Raffle:

Radio	Steve Smith
Airplane kit	Nate Cougoule
Screwdrivers	Murl Culp
Dremel Bits	Roger Pellor
Ruler	Cliff Burden
Tubing Bender	Kyle Alegrete
Calipers	Walter Colby
Diner Cert	Kyle Alegrete
Diner Cert	Jim West
Glue	Mike Luvara
Glue	Mike Legett
Glue	Steve Smith
Glue	Walter Colby
Glue	Kyle Alegrete
Stand	Bahman Dara
Kicker	Frank Narvaez
Striping tape	Bervin Britt
Striping tape	Mike Legett
Striping tape	Cliff Burdin







Kunal Deshpande Photo



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