

Radio Control Flyers Unlimited

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NEXT MEETING-Saturday September 12th-9:00 AM at the RCFU flying site

President's Message—Shawn Lenci

Election of 2021 Club Officers

We have made it almost to the end of summer, although the high temperatures do not yet reflect that fact. I have a few messages I would like to convey to everyone as we head into fall. The first is the election of club officers for 2021 that will happen in November. If anyone is considering running for the office of President, Vice President, or Secretary/Treasurer or would like to be nominated for an office, please let us know by the October meeting so that they can be put on the ballot for voting at the November meeting.

Fire Safety

I think one thing that needs to be stressed over the next two months or so is fire safety. **Please, Please, Please**, follow the club rules and have a fire extinguisher with you in your vehicle when you are flying at the field. The issue of fire safety has presented itself to two of our neighboring clubs within the last 2 months. The Modesto Veteran's R/C Club had a turbine jet go down and it started a large grass fire at the Crow's Landing flying site. From what I heard the fire department was out there a couple of hours putting out the fire and making sure there were no flare ups. I have not heard if this has affected the club's use of the site but I am sure it has not helped the situation out there. A second fire was approximately 2 weeks ago at the Livermore Flying Electron site in Livermore off of Vasco Rd. An EDF jet crashed and started a lipo fire. Approximately 17 acres burned and a fire bomber had to be called in to make a drop before the fire reached the houses to the northeast and east of the field. I have not yet heard how this has affected their field use as of yet but again it is not a positive situation. We have 2 donated fire extinguishers in the storage shed. I will be getting a few shovels and some 5 gallon buckets of sand that we can keep in the pit area in case we need to put out a fire. Please use extreme caution so that we do not have an issue as well. **Thank you!**

New Memberships

Our club continues to grow. I am not exactly sure what is going on but we keep getting new members. You have all been getting the emails notifying you of all the new flyers that have been coming on board this past year. This is great news! We are up to 113 members so far for 2020. We were around 85 at the beginning of the year. I would like everyone to welcome the new members and help them get acclimated to flying safely at our site. It's good to see some growth in the hobby. Welcome everyone!

Runway Repair Project

Ron Lenci, Brad Clasen, and I took a trip to Sacramento on September 4th and picked up the club's new hot fill crack sealing machine and approximately 700 lbs of filler material from our supplier at Raynguard. We had been waiting a couple of months for the machine to come in from Canada where it is manufactured. The good news is that we were able to buy the V4 machine that was just released this summer for the same price as we were quoted for the V3 back in June even though there was a price increase on the new version. We also picked up a few hand tools as well to prep the cracks for sealing. We will be looking for volunteers to help clean and seal the cracks in the near future. I am hoping we can get this project going within the next couple of weeks after the temperature breaks a bit. We will have the machine on display at the meeting on Saturday so everyone can see what it looks like. This purchase was made possible by volunteer donations to the club for its purchase and was not out of the club treasury. If anyone would still like to donate we will be happy to take your donation and use it for future material purchases and for the propane that is needed to heat the material for sealing.

Gate Lock

It has been brought to my attention, and I've seen photos, of the gate not being properly secured on Eastman Road. There are 3 locks on the gate. One is ours, the second belongs to the county, and the third belongs to the fire marshal. When locking the gate please make sure the gate can be opened by any one of these three locks. That means that all three locks must be locked in series. Lock to lock to lock. If you aren't sure what that means ask someone who does and have them show you. If the county or fire marshal need to get in they should be able to open their lock only and be able to pass through the gate. If not, they will cut off our lock wasting time and a lock.

September Night Fly

I am planning a night fly for Saturday September 26th under our new lights under the canopy. I thought we could start around 5 PM and go to 10 PM or so. I will use our little Honda generator to power the lights and will bring the coffeemaker out there and am planning on getting some deserts as well. Maybe some pies and ice cream or something like that. I also will put some lights out to mark the runway. Let me know if you would like to participate so I know what to get for desert. Bring your Night Flyers out and have some fun or just come watch!

Float Fly Events

We had a great turnout for the last Saturday Float fly on August 29th. I believe there were about 20 pilots and another 10 or so visitors out to watch the action. Everyone had a good time and there were no major incidents with airplanes going in the water. I also want to thank our new members from the foothills who ran the Thursday Float Fly events at the field this summer. I understand everyone had a great time attending the events. We are extremely lucky to have one site that can host events on both land and water events and I look forward to these guys running the weekday events again in 2021.



August 29th Float Fly Pilots with Steve Clasen flying Knife Edge in the background

Hope to see you all at the meeting on Saturday the 12th

Shawn

Meeting minutes for August 8, 2020

Meeting was called to order by President Shawn Lenci at 9:04 AM.

There were 25 members present at the meeting and was held at the float flying site.

Treasures Report ending on August 8, 2020

Deposits:

Donations for the runway fund	180.00
New Memberships	<u>274.00</u>
Total Deposits	454.00

Debits:

Bob's Marine	75.51
TP Express	<u>215.00</u>
Total Debits:	290.51

Old Business:

1. Float flying on Thursdays will continue through the end of August.
2. The crack filling machine that is made in Canada expected to arrive next month.
3. The last Saturday Float Fly for 2020 will be held on August 29, 2020.
4. The lake is closed to float flying after September 1st.
5. Just a reminder that there is no Turbine Flying between May – October.
6. The issue of why drones were not allowed the field. It was explained why no drones and that there was a discussion at a previous meeting and there was a vote by the attending members not to allow drones.

New Business:

1. There was a suggestion on having a four-day flying event that include the flying field and float flying.
2. There needs to be a work crew scheduled to take care of the weeds and cleanup trash.
3. It was suggested that we have a raffle and show and tell.
4. Club locks are not always being locked properly. There are three locks and they need to be locked so that any lock can be unlocked to enter the field.
5. There may be a night fly in September

Motion to adjourned meeting by Mike Storm

Motion was seconded by Mike Stewart

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM

September Birthdays-Happy B-Day Everyone!

5	Paul Klahn
6	Paul Randall
6	Chris Craft
6	Paul Reynolds
7	Wayne Mc Cloud
15	Paul Jenkins
15	Courtland Cranston
18	Mathew Gearey
25	Eric Reynolds

For Sale Items

E-Flite A-10 "Thunderbolt II"-1150mm span-Twin 64mm EDF Jet-NIB-Make Offer

E-Flite Optera-1.2m span-NIB-Make Offer

E-Flite PT-17 Stearman-1.1m span-15 size electric biplane-NIB-Make Offer

DJI Spark-Never Flown-Complete Fly More Package-Best Offer

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RCFU 2020 CALENDAR

9/1/2020

	September
12	Meeting
26	RCFU Night Fly-Shawn Lenci
	October
10	Meeting
17	RCFU Giant Scale-Mike Storm/Ben Lanford
16-17	Visalia Aerotow
	November
14	Meeting
14	Turkey Shoot-Balloon Bust
	December
	No meeting

Radio Control Flyers Unlimited 2020 Fall Night Fly Saturday September 26, 2020

Ward Hendricks Field, 8400 Eastman Rd, Oakdale, CA



AMA is required to participate
No Charge to Fly-Coffee and Dessert Will Be Provided
Flying will begin at 5 PM until ????

Due to our field conditions we ask that all pilots please bring a fire extinguisher

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