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Next Meeting Saturday, November 14th 9 AM At The Flying Site

President's Message-Shawn Lenci

Elections-We will be holding elections for the 2021 officers at the November meeting. I have put out the word several times for anybody who wants to run for office to let us know so they can be put on the ballot. So far the nominees for the elected positions are:

President-Shawn Lenci

Vice President -Mike Storm

Secretary/Treasurer-Ron Lenci

Be sure to attend the November meeting and "get the vote out" to vote for next year's officers.

Giant Scale-We had a good turnout for the Giant Scale Fly In on October 17th. We had 25 paid entries and I saw several club members and guests who did not fly participate by showing up to watch the action. So far everyone I have talked to said they enjoyed the event immensely and look forward to coming back again next year. I was really surprised by the turnout considering we only announced it two weeks in advance and it being only a one day event. The pit area was filled with people and airplanes. Looking forward holding the event again in 2021.

Balloon Bust-RCFU will be hosting the "Duck Hunt" Balloon bust immediately following the November meeting. Pilot's meeting at 9:45 AM. Flying to start at 10:00 AM. Pilots will have 3 minutes to make as many upwind passes at 6 balloons in an attempted to break all 6 with their airplane. Fixed wing aircraft only. See the flyer in the back of the newsletter.

Runway Seal Coating-We are working on a plan to try to put a new seal coat on the runway next year. We still have a day or two left of crack filling to do this fall. The discussion on seal coating ranges from cost and financing to labor and the method of application. A few of us have been having some discussions and will be presenting a plan for 2021 soon. We still have some time to finalize how to go about this new endeavor.

2021 Event Calendar-I have been working on an RCFU event calendar for 2021. We have planned several Float Fly's, a Warbird gathering, Jet Rally, Giant Scale and few Night Fly events. I have also spoke with Mark Huntley about he IMAC contest it is already on the schedule for May 1,2, and 3.

Membership renewals—Hopefully by now all you have received your 2021 RCFU membership renewal forms from our Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Lenci. I hope you all see the tremendous value in being a member of our club and decide to renew for 2021. For the price of 2 cups of coffee a month you have seven day a week access to one of the nicest flying sites in Northern California. We are striving to make you club experience the best it can be. Promoting model aviation and working towards improving the flying site, creating events where modelers can gather with other modelers, share ideas, stories, and enjoy all that model aircraft have to offer. We are always looking for ways to improve the experience and welcome ideas that will increase the level of enjoyment for all members. If you haven't renewed yet please make it a priority as the dues collected determine the direction and level of amenities the club can provide in 2021.

Hope to see you all at the meeting on the 14th and see you all enjoying the balloon bust event.

Shawn

2020 Event Calendar

November

14 Meeting-Elections- 9AM

14 Duck Hunt-Balloon Bust Competition

December

Nothing Scheduled



Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Shawn Lenci at 9:07 AM

There were 16 members present.

Treasurer's report from 8/10/2020 – 10/10/2020

Deposits:

6 new Members 566.67

Total Income: **566.67**

Expenses:

Office Supplies 328.91

Boat Maintenance 561.42

Portable Toilet 430.00

Runway Maintenance 2,763.90

Sanction 25.00

Total Expenses: **4,109.73**

Old Business:

1. The Rynoworx Pro 10 Gallon crack filling machine and supplies have been purchased and we are ready to start filling the cracks in the runway. The plan is to start filling the cracks in a couple of weeks. We are thankful to those who donated towards the purchase of the equipment of the equipment and supplies. The donations covered all the expenses of the equipment and supplies. No money was used out of the club funds.
2. Just a reminder, when finished flying for the day please cleanup your area including any oily residue on the tables so that next member can setup to fly on a clean surface.

New Business:

1. Duck season starts on October 24th and ends on January 31st. RCFU members are not to enter through the gate before 10 AM.
2. There was a nomination for club officers at the meeting. The current officers were nominated and the motion as was seconded. Shawn Lenci President, Mike Storm Vice President, and Ron Lenci Secretary-Treasurer . There were no other nominations for the elected positions.
3. Shovels and buckets were purchased for fire protection. The shovels are in the storage building and the buckets have been set out along the flight line. The buckets have ACE written on them.
4. The wash station at the has not been working and it has been costing the club \$65.00 a month. We are going to have the wash station removed and will replace it with an automatic sanitizing dispenser.

5. The Night Fly was a success and there was suggestion that a light be installed in the Porta Potty.
6. President Shawn Lenci revealed a proposed budget plan for 2021.
7. We talked about trying to get a grant from AMA to help fund our runway maintenance. Ronda Lenci will help write the proposal to the AMA.
8. October 17th AMA sanctioned event Giant Scale Fun fly scheduled. Landing fee \$15.00 Lunch 15.00.
9. November 14th after the meeting there will be a balloon bust contest.
10. Discussed the new format of the newsletter.
11. Raymond Ghio brought out a paint stripping machine to see what the members thought about its use. After some discussion it was decided to hold off on purchasing the stripping machine and paint.
12. It was discussed on how we can raise more revenue for the club treasury to help with the maintenance of the runway.
13. Shawn talked to the Chuck Boday, the park manager, about the mowing the park grasses next year. Shawn was told by Chuck that the county is currently working on a three contract to have the park mowed next Spring. More to come.
14. The Turlock Club was having a Toy's for Tots event on October 17th

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM

Ron Lenci Secretary-Treasurer

November Birthdays

- 2 Tom Vessie**
- 4 Rick Culver**
- 6 Edward Seagraves**
- 9 Manuel Azevedo**
- 13 Naryan Reddy**
- 14 Barry Friedman**
- 14 Dave Russell**
- 19 Steven Howie**
- 24 Gary Streder**
- 25 Otto Wyse**
- 26 Jeff Warner**
- 27 Jerry Unruh**
- 28 Rick Thrower**
- 29 Shawn Lenci**

RCFU Giant Scale Event October 17, 2020

Photos courtesy of Dave Russell– Official RCFU Photographer



Jack Cooke and his Balsa USA Fly Baby



Steve Clasen and Allen Cain with Allen's Great Planes Citabria- DLE 30 for power



Dave Sullivan and P-47 from Sacramento, CA



Mike Hopping and Mike Storm with Stormy's J-3 Cub-100cc engine—Loud and Fast!



Jack Cooke's PT-19. Lots of scale detail



Chuck Hughes Sterling PT-17 Stearman Technipower 7 cylinder radial w/onboard glow



PT-17 Stearman "Kaydet" by Al Hemphill



Dave Foreman and his Hyperion "Pitts" Sampson



Spitfires getting ready for one of the many "strafing runs" they made during the day. They flew low, loud, and fast!



Dave Foreman's Pitts Sampson Biplane



Al Hemphill from the Turlock R/C Club with his Stearman

Photos courtesy of Jack Cooke



Early morning flight line



Flight line looking West



Giant Scales waiting for action!



Spitfire-Unknown owner



Joe Delateur's fleet of beautiful airplanes



Joe's beautiful Rockwell International "R.A. Bob Hoover" P-51D Mustang. Unfortunately, it was lost in a take off accident on Saturday afternoon.



The aircraft known as "Blue Balls"

Registration and refreshment area!



More Jack Cooke Photos

What our members are flying!



Freewing P-51D



Flightline F-8F Bearcat



Flightline F-7F Tigercat



Multiplex Pilatus Porter



Freewing MIG 21 80mm EDF



Freewing Lockheed T-33A 80mm EDF

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2020 “Duck Hunt” Balloon Bust

Saturday November 14, 2020

Ward Hendricks Field, 8400 Eastman Rd, Oakdale, CA



Balloon Bust Competition

Pilot has 3 minutes to make as many passes as possible in an to attempt to bust all 6 balloons. Balloons are on a 4' sticks. 1 point per broken stick, 3 points per balloon, 6 points for “special balloon” FIXED WING AIRCRAFT ONLY!

Average score of 2 rounds to determine the winner

Prizes 1st through 5th place

\$10 Entry Fee

Pilot's meeting at 9:45 AM-Flying to begin at 10 AM

Coffee and Donuts provided

Please bring AMA card

Pilots please bring a fire extinguisher!

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