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# April 2012

The next MRCF Meeting will be on **TUESDAY**, 10 April 2012

**Location: American Legion Hall 7815 Armour St.**

**Corner of Armour and Convoy St.**

Board Meeting at 6:30 PM – Gen. Meeting at 7:00 PM

**American Legion Hall at 7815 Armour Street.**

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ARMOUR ST., TURN LEFT ONTO ARMOUR AND RIGHT INTO AMERICAN LEGION.**

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## CLUB FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS

Any club member who wishes to have some assistance should call one of our designated instructors. There is no duty instructor at the field, so you must prearrange a time with someone on this list.

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**See about the upcoming events in the meeting  
minutes. Have a Happy Easter!**

## **From the Left Seat:**

It has been a very busy month for me with the Navy. As I sit here, I am in El Centro with my squadron on a weapons and tactics detachment getting our next two detachments ready to deploy. I look forward to April so I can finally get back to the club and also get a little flying in.

It looks like the winter rain is finally behind us and we didn't even have to shut down the east parking lot. The field is looking good, but I still encourage those who haven't been out for any of the monthly maintenance days to come on out and give us a hand. We still have some improvements to get done prior to our summer event schedule.

The next event will be a static display at the 32nd street Navy Exchange on May 5th, so get you planes dusted off and let's get ready to share our love of Model Aviation with them. There are lots of military on that base that do not know about our club. It should be a good opportunity to gain some new military membership.

Well I am packing my bags and leaving El Centro tomorrow so I look forward to seeing you all at the field again. Fly safe.

Darren Hauptman

## **From the Right Seat:**

The year is going by quickly and we are almost ready for our 2012 MRCF club events to start. In May we have our first community awareness event at the Navy Exchange on May 5<sup>th</sup>. AMA approved our sanction for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cub Fly-In on June 9th. This should be a great fun event that will attract a lot of So. Cal. flyers to our field for a fun day of slow flying and lazy touch and goes. If you don't own a Cub, get one; everyone should own a Cub. The following month we will host our 3<sup>rd</sup> Rotors Over Miramar Fun Fly on the weekend of July 14-15. These are all great events for prospective members to get involved in. They represent the best way for us to recruit new military members which allows us to add more civilian members.

It's encouraging for me to see all of the interest in joining our club from civilians. The diversity of our military and civilian membership and their aircraft interests makes it exciting to come out and fly every weekend. We get to see new and different aircraft and learn about the techniques and challenges associated with them. It's also great to see the camaraderie and support that our existing members are giving to these new prospective members; welcoming them to the field every weekend and helping them through the new member application process. Besides having one of the nicest flying facilities in San Diego I'd like to believe that we also have one of the friendliest and most welcoming clubs too.

The other thing we can do to help out club's image is to participate in events that other clubs host. This helps us draw members from other clubs to our events and it gives us the opportunity to get to know the broader flying community in Southern California. It would be wonderful if everyone in our club could make it to at least one of our events this year in addition to attending at least one event hosted by another club this year. There are a host of fun-flies, scale fly-in's, and contests throughout San Diego and neighboring counties. I hope to see each of you at one of them this year.

Mark Lukens

## **Safety Coordinator:**

No comments for this month.

## **Field Marshal:**

No comments for this month.

## **Helicopter Chairman:**

No comments for this month.

## **Membership Chairman:**

No comments for this month.

**March 13, 2012**

## **Miramar Radio Control Flyers Minutes of the Meeting**

**Held at the  
American Legion**

**President called the meeting to order at 1900 hrs.**

Pledge Of Allegiance

Guests/Introductions: Gary Roles, Bob Barry.

**New Members:** None

**Prospective members:** Bruce Simpson, Levell Shephard,

Brian and Mark Buckner, Todd Bockner, Don Rice

**Treasurer:** The Treasures report was given and approved.

**Secretary:** The Secretary's report was given and approved.

**Field Marshal:** The tables are coming along. The new paint schemes are looking good. Watch out for baby rattlers, and ticks, they are out there. Snakes shouldn't be run over, we are on a wildlife reserve.

**Safety:** Fire extinguishers, we still have none, Frank will look in to the situation. The situation on

Thursday's remains the same, no flying 9-12.

**Old Business:**

- Table paint schemes: Two starting tables have been starting, anyone who wants to join in can let us know. We have 4 starting tables left and 3 tables under the east canopy.
- The new guest system seems to be working, guests are being kept track of, money is matching, and guests are having spotters to keep traffic problems at bay.
- A few civilian apps are in, they are working on sign offs.
- The runway maintenance day was planned for June. We need to gather info on sealing and smoothing. Frank will work with Tom and Eric on the final plans for runway improvement.
- Event reminders: The Navy Exchange static display will be Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>, at Naval Station San Diego. This will help with exposure potential Navy members.
- The sanction is in for the Cub fly in, which will be on June 9.
- The Pattern Contest is in August, exact dates to follow.

#### **New Business:**

- The field maintenance day is March 24<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 A.M, tentatively. Sandi will put out a flyer for weeding and pruners.
- To clarify, maintenance days will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.
- Don thanked the club for making him a life member.
- The WeedWackers are having a scale fly in 19 May, from 8-12, AMA is required. Scale or semi scale is fine.
- Scale masters will be held on April 21st in Hemet, and two float fly's are scheduled for April 28 and 29 in Hemet.
- Franks crew flew the B-29 in the desert a few weekends ago. The plane was flown by Don Rice, it flew beautifully. The videos are on the web.
- People with yellow dots can buddy box with another yellow dot.

#### **Show and Tell**

- Mark has a WWII Pearl Harbor photo found in Japan.
- Series of photos strung together created in Microsoft ICE. The photos were from Franks B-29 flight.
- Frank brought a Great Planes Pitts Special for sale, will consider offers.
- Do not arm electric speed controls under the canopies unless the motor is disconnected.

**1936 meeting adjourned.**

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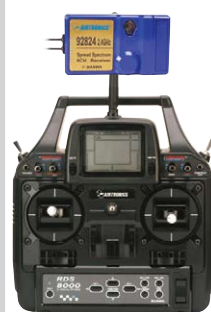
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