

THE BEACON



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Plane of the Month: Steven's
Aero miniature Pietenpol Air
Camper



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February 2015

The next MRCF Meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY**, 18 February 2015

Location: American Legion Hall 7815 Armour St.

Corner of Armour and Convoy St.

General Meeting at 7:00 PM

American Legion Hall at 7815 Armour Street.

**Hwy 163 TO BALBOA AVENUE, WEST TO CONVOY STREET, LEFT ON CONVOY TO
ARMOUR ST., TURN LEFT ONTO ARMOUR AND RIGHT INTO AMERICAN LEGION.**

ADDITIONAL PARKING IS ACROSS THE STREET AT CARQUEST.

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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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**January's already past! Please keep an eye out when it's warm
nature's critters out at the field!**

Mon, 2 Feb 2015

BASE ACCESS FOR CLUB MEMBERS UPDATE!

After trying unsuccessfully for several months to get in to see the MCAS Miramar Security Officer, Frank and I finally got invited to see Mr. Flynt today. Just to put this visit in perspective, Mr. Flynt is the final authority for Security onboard MCAS Miramar. PMO, Operational Security (visitor control, contractor support, arriving and departing non-military aircraft), Physical Security (both Military and Contract) and the base Homeland Security detachment, all answer to Mr. Flynt. Mr. Flynt reports directly to Colonel Farnam, Commanding Officer, MCAS Miramar, and ensures the CO is apprised of all MCAS Miramar security issues.

As I'm sure most of you have guessed, the topic of discussion was Access to East Miramar. We discussed Civilian access to recreational facilities on San Diego and Ventura Military bases. Mr. Flynt is fully aware that Civilians have essentially unfettered access to many on base facilities such as golf courses, bowling alleys, rifle and pistol ranges, RV storage lots, etc, and he fully supports the Navy/Marine Corps policy of Civilian use of base recreational facilities.

After laying out our process of vetting potential MRCF Civilian members (must be recommended by a current Military member for membership and potential Civilian members have come to the field as a guest for several years while awaiting an open slot) We asked Mr. Flynt specifically if a manned access point versus our locked, but unmanned gate made any difference to security posture or access for Civilian facilities users. Mr. Flynt said that the virtually open policy for East Miramar with unrestricted access for Educational, Environmental and State and Local users (water, power) along with our vetting process, our consistent open communications and willingness to work with Base organizations and agencies, and our nearly 30 year history of unblemished security issues gave him full confidence in our Civilian membership. (The RV lot is another prime example of unmanned, locked gate access. Many RV's stored in the on base lot are co-owned by Military and Civilians, and Civilian co-owners must be given the combination to the RV Storage lot to access their property based solely on their proof of financial interest in the RV stored on the lot).

Much to our surprise, Mr. Flynt brought up that he was aware of our effort to implement RapidGate and that that effort was a dead issue. Mr. Flynt stated that based on the security posture for East Miramar, our implementing RapidGate would be an unnecessary burden on the RapidGate processing team, an unnecessary burden on his Security people and an unnecessary burden on our members.

Just to ensure there's not any misunderstanding, the head of security for MCAS Miramar has specifically stated he has no issue with unrestricted access to our flying site for our vetted Civilian members, he understands and has no issue with the clubs internal vetting process and that access to the R/C flying site via the unmanned controlled access gate by the Reserve Center was of zero concern to him.

Finally, we brought the issue of the "changing of the lock" to Mr. Flynt's attention, explaining to him that the annual changing of the lock was the main method we have for ensuring only our vetted members had access, and how important timely lock swap out was to our access control policy. Mr. Flynt called one of his deputies into the office and directed him to ensure the lock was changed immediately.

So what does this mean to you?

First and foremost, if you are a 2015 paid member of MRCF, be it Active Military, Retired Military, Government or Civilian, as of today you have unescorted access to the MRCF flying site, you can open and close the field and fly at MRCF with the full understanding by MCAS Miramar Security that you will be there and have authorized access to the MRCF Flying Site. All members in good standing have equal access to club facilities and a Military member does not need to be "on site" for Civilian members to access the flying field or fly.

Second, the combination has changed - If you have not been given the new combination, call one of the Board of Directors and after your 2015 Membership is verified, you will be given the new combination.

Finally, the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) are now in need of update and once the SOP is updated and promulgated all club members need to make a special effort to read and adhere to the SOP. Our reputation, along with our site security consciousness, has been a decisive factor in our continued access to East Miramar and we all need to know, understand, and follow our SOP to ensure we continue to have the support of MCAS Miramar Security

The Prez' Sez'

Time to start thinking about what you want to happen at the field this year. Curtis is working on the event schedule and the calendar is rapidly filling up. Question came up last meeting about why we close the field to members for events that we support, so I'd like to give everyone my thoughts on events. I love going to events, I like meeting new people and making new friends and I enjoy seeing the things other people fly, whether I go to their field, or they come to ours. Additionally, we are one of the few clubs I know of that have figured out how to successfully mix pretty much all types of aircraft in on place. We've got jet flyers, we've got helo flyers, we've got giant scale flyers and we've got sport flyers. Lots of clubs have tried to integrate diverse aircraft and flying styles, and few succeed and you all deserve the credit for that. But that also comes with some responsibility to support the "other" guys in their interests and allow them to have the field for their style of events. Everyone deserves to be "King for a day" and you never know, you may pick up an interest while at an event that could lead to a whole new field of modeling for you.

Finally, and least important in my opinion, events enrich the treasury allowing us to do things like providing breakfast and lunch for members when we do things like Member Appreciation. Come to the events, support the events and you may even want to try flying in the events.

See you at the field,

Jerry Neuberger

All hands on deck!...

Words from the Vice President

Well we have one month down and by the time you read this news letter month two will be well on its way to being history. This is to bring attention to the fact that time flies by very fast and all of us should be rolling up our sleeves to get those model projects of years completed finally. I know for me I have 5 models in different stages of build to still in the box. I keep hoping the balsa elves will make an appearance and finish all my models one night. It has not happened so I guess I need to follow my own heads up and start working on them.

I am doing something this year that I have not done for more years than I have fingers. I am actually making a point to fly one of my models when I go to the clubs. From what I have seen at the clubs I am not the only one putting flying first this year. We had a good turn out for our first field work day, Tommy put together a good crew and we got a lot done for our first effort. Should have a start of the event calendar to post on the web soon.

This February meeting we will be going over the Bylaw changes you may want to attend. More at the February meeting.

See you then,

Curtis Kitteringham

Call for articles!

If you have any article that you would like to share with the club, please send it to (insert name and email of person(s) to review here). Here are some examples of things we are looking for.

- Building tips / techniques
 - Custom build equipment / models
 - Custom / special application equipment for servicing / testing components
 - New gadgets / electronics
 - Articles on club events (Synopsis, Summaries of a club event, etc.)
 - Any topics that promote the hobby or club.
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**Miramar Radio Control Flyers
Minutes of the Meeting**

94th Aero Squadron

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by Jerry Neuberger with the Pledge of Allegiance

Treasurer: Brad Kuller - Treasurer report not available – deferred to next month

Secretary: Mark Lukens - December minutes read and approved by membership

Safety: Brain Werner - No issues on safety. FAA may recruit local law enforcement to enforce new UAV regulations

Field Marshal: Tom Pham - next field maintenance day 1/24 @ 9AM – 1 hour

Old Business:

Security: Jerry Neuberger continues to work field access and security issues with MCCS and PMO.

Porta-Potti: Brad Kuller to get quote for purchase of a porta-potty for the field.

Model of the month: 2015 model of the month program approved by the membership

Field Phone: Tom Mulder to research new phone

New Business:

Records Mgmt: Jerry to acquire a file cabinet to store document in Con Box. Membership approved up to \$150 to acquire file cabinet for document storage in con box. Lukens to scan old docs into digital format.

Bylaws changes: Jerry Neuberger reviewed a number of proposed bylaw changes by members. The proposed changes will be posted online and at the field for review by members. The proposed changes will be discussed and voted upon at the next meeting.

AMA TAG program: \$1,000 per event to fund youth program. Curtis Kitteringham to complete application for District 10.

Member Issues: Long time life member Leroy Brooks is not feeling well and would love to hear from club members.

Leatherneck Museum Youth program: Lukens/Kitteringham to explore sponsoring similar event to MCAS families.

Vice President:

Member Recognition: Toys for Tots, member fund raising, trainer time for military members, etc.



Upcoming events:

- 4/?? -
MCAS/Leatherneck
Kids from Miramar
- 6/13 - Cubs Over
Miramar
- 7/11-12 - Rotors Over
Miramar
- 7/18 - Flight of Fancy
- 9/7 - Labor Day Brunch
- 10/3-4 – Miramar Air
Show



Show and Tell:

Model of the month:
Don Rice showed his
Steven's Aero miniature
Pietenpol Air Camper
kit built airplane. He
used a Park Zone flight
pack.

Don Rice also showed
his "work in progress"
V-173 Flying Pancake.

Ron Peterka looking for
interested builder to
work on B-24 for SD
Aerospace Museum.



Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM