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**JUNE 2012** 



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## June 2012

The next MRCF Meeting will be on **TUESDAY**, 12 June 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.

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.

## **CLUB OFFICERS**

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Darren Hauptman (619) 948-1948 Mark Lukens (858) 945-8525

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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.

Name	Number
Richard Barndt	(858) 213-5740
Frank Gagliardi	(858) 271-4430
Curtis Kitteringham	(760) 746-5913
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Tom Mulder	(619) 804-8596
Tom Pham	(858) 761-3959
Ron Stark	(858) 530-0586
Talmadge Sanders	(858) 382-2003
Darren Hauptman	(619) 948-1948

Father's Day is coming up. Don't forget!

#### From the Left Seat:

I am extremely proud of all the members that have been coming out to the field on our monthly maintenance days. The field looks amazing. Everyone has been putting in some hard work and it shows. A big thank you to the members who put the MRCF initials on the conex box. I had a big grin on my face as I drove down the I-15 and could see it from the road. Great Job! At the May club meeting the membership voted to go forth with the runway repair. The schedule for the resurfacing is still being firmed up, so I will put out the field closure time via email message once we have it all scheduled. We still have it planned to be all completed and the new runway re painted before the Cub fun fly coming up on June 9th. Hope you all have your cub's ready. It looks like it will be a great event.

Just a few quick safety reminders. I have noticed allot of electric aircraft being armed under the canopy area. Remember all aircraft no matter what the power plant can only be armed/started on the start tables in the main pit area. The area under the canopy is for maintenance only. Also remember to fly from behind the fence. Thanks again guys. Fly safe and I will see you at the field.

Darren

#### From the Right Seat:

Summer is almost here and the excitement and enthusiasm levels seem to be building every week. By the time we have our next meeting we should have a fresh looking, and much smoother runway and pit area. Of course that's going to take some more effort from our crew to get everything in order for full OPS so if you can spare a few hours when the call goes out please pitch in and help out. Speaking of helping out, we had a huge group show up for our monthly maintenance day last month. They did a fabulous job of clearing brush from the road sides, cleaning up the runway and adding our very own MRCF initials to the freeway side of the con box. The level of participation and enthusiasm is a great tribute to the pride and camaraderie that seems to be growing continuously.

We continue to see interest in our club from new military members. Darren and I met with another Navy enlisted man who was very interested in joining our club after years of flying locally but not knowing about MRCF. Getting the word out and recruiting new members is quite important to our club for a number of reasons; the biggest being that it shows that we are fulfilling our charter as a recreational organization for enlisted men and women. The more participation we get the better our standing is with MCAS Miramar.

A couple of quick thoughts around day to day operations; I'm happy to see more people asking for spotters when flying, especially when there are several planes in the air at the same time. Besides being able to identify traffic they are very useful to make sure that flight announcements (e.g., low pass) get communicated successfully to all pilots on the flight line. Also, it's great to see all of the guest flyers that our members bring out to enjoy our field and our club members. Be sure to sign them in and get them a guest badge so everyone knows they are a guest and can treat them accordingly. Just a quick reminder, all guest flyers must have a spotter present when they fly at our field. Another interesting incident happened last week when I was spotting for one of our new members. His canopy flew off in flight so after landing we trudged down through the brush looking for it and found it quite quickly. On the way back to the field I made some comment about the amount of WILD life in the area and five steps later I almost stepped on a baby rattle snake. Be cautious when out in the brush this time of the year as this is when the snakes are out in force.

Lastly, we have the Cub Fly-in the Saturday before our next club meeting (June 9th), and hence no opportunity to remind people that we will need some help running the event. If you have a few hours to spare, we always need help with the gate, food, flight station spotters, etc. I'll have a work roster at the event but any help would be greatly appreciated. Bring your Cub out if you own one, fly it if you can, or just sit back and relax and enjoy the flying. Hope you always have a good headwind, a motor that is still running, and plenty of fuel in your tank.

Mark Lukens

#### **Safety Coordinator:**

No comments for this month.

#### Field Marshal:

Please review the cell phone procedures attached after the minutes. It's a good idea for everyone to have a quick refresher on it.

Sandy

#### **Helicopter Chairman:**

No comments for this month.

#### **Membership Chairman:**

No comments for this month.

#### 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:

**New Members:** Don Drew

Prospective members: Maciek Kormicki, Kevin Wonderly

**Treasurer:** The Treasures report was given and approved. Thank you all that are following through with the guest procedures.

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

#### Field Marshal:

• We had a field clean up day last weekend. Thank you all that showed up and helped out. The field looks great for the first event. One more clean up is coming, we will focus on the west end of the field.

#### Safety:

• Pay attention to flying to close to the freeway. Again, if you see something going on, address it on the spot if you can.

#### **Old Business:**

- The NEX static display event at Naval Station San Diego has been postponed due to construction. It will happen this year, as the NEX is responsive to our request.
- The charging station is working again with new batteries. A short was fixed, and seems to be holding a good charge. Two large deep cycle marine batteries have been added.
- The base will no longer provide fire extinguishers. We need to work up a plan to be self-sufficient. The club discussed options for providing extinguishers and or making the members self-sufficient. Members should be carrying appropriate fire extinguishers to protect their model. The club will provide water for the brush. A motion was made for the safety officer to research pricing on a chemical extinguisher and servicing existing extinguishers.
- Runway. Options were discussed further for runway improvements. A motion was made to authorize the board to spend up to \$10k and get the runway done. It will most likely be scheduled during the week and ready to go for the weekend within the next month.

- Sandi noticed the cell phone was down. It was replaced the same day. If the phone ever goes
  down, cease operations and notify board members. Do not use your own phone to maintain
  communication.
- June 9<sup>th</sup> is our first event, the Cub Fly in. Sandi, Steve and Mark have been working with the base to coordinate a full scale Cub fly by. Sandi is working on the letter of the law to supply to the pilot. More to come.
- Rotors Over Miramar will be July 14-15.
- AMA Pattern contest is in August.
- Open Cockpit days will be happening June 23, July 21 and August 18 at the Leatherneck Museum MCAS Miramar. The club welcomes member support by bringing models.
- Tables: They are coming along, there are still some available for adoption. A suggestion was made for the Marine Corps Aviation Centennial theme for one of the smaller tables.
- Guest pilots, please have a spotter. If you are a sponsor of a pilot, please make sure you or someone else is spotting for your guest.
- Make sure you aren't flying from the open spots between the fences.

#### **New Business:**

- Membership renewal process: The renewal process is a difficult time of year. We need to know the ratios of Military to Civilian members. In the past the process has gone through to March as to what the numbers are. Per the by laws the renewal date is December 1. If you miss the date, you need to pay the runway improvement fee in addition to the membership fees. It is critical that people renew immediately to prevent the club from excusing civilian members. Some of the ideas are that if you pay by December 1, you pay the normal \$60. If you pay by the 15<sup>th</sup> it is \$20 more, etc. Options for the renewal process were discussed. Look for proposals before the next meeting, we will discuss in June.
- A proposal was made and approved for May 20<sup>th</sup> to hold T-28 racing from 1000-1200. The racing consists of box stock Park Zone T-28's and ultra lite mini sticks. See Frank for more details.

#### **Show and Tell:**

- Don Rice. Excite-designed for F-5D pylon racing. All carbon fiber, 20-30 hours of assembly. The
  hinge surfaces are actually the skin of the aircraft. The nose cone comes off to access servos, sort
  of like building a ship in a bottle. 500W/lb, 4s 2200 pack. 180'ish mph.
- Brian Werner-Scorpion electric ducted fan. Runs on 12S, 150 AMPS, 29k rpms, approx. 20 lbs of thrust.

• Jerry Newberger-NAS North Island first Naval Station in the US. Pictures of Navy Test of wright flyer 1911, not original but reprints made in 1928.

**Meeting Adjourned 2024** 

## CELL PHONE PROCEDURES AT FIELD

MRCF Cell Phone Procedures: Jan 01, 2012

The cellular phone installed in the frequency pin box is to establish communications between the flying field and the MCAS Operations Duty Officer (tower) and the Provost Marshall Officer (base police). The numbers are stored in the phones memory.

#### THE CELLULAR PHONE IS NOT FOR PERSONAL USE!!!

MCAS Miramar <u>must</u> know if we are in an operational status\* and they <u>must</u> be able to contact when we are operational. MCAS will call the flying field to temporarily suspend our operations in the event of a full scale aircraft emergency or any other situation that they deem necessary to suspend our operations. The following procedures have been developed to ensure compliance with MCAS directives and safety of operations.

#### **OPENING THE FIELD**

Opening and securing the pin box door activates a switch that energizes the amplifier.

- 1. Check power light is illuminated on amplifier and knobs are set at the levels indicated by the marked settings.
- **2.** Locate phone and energize by depressing the power button, ensure phone ringer and volume is set to high. The volume rocker switch is located on the upper left side of the phones main body.
- **3**. Call ODO and PMO, when the ODO or PMO answers identify yourself by name and that you are calling from <u>East Miramar RC Flying Field</u> and are opening the field for operation. MAKE SURE TO GET THE NAME OF THE PERSON YOU TALKED TO! so you can enter it in the logbook. If you did not catch their name ask them to spell it before you hang up. This applies to both the ODO and PMO.
- **4**. Ensure power cord is connected to phone and place in the microphone box located to the upper left side of the amplifier, you should hear clicks and a little static from the speaker above you. If you do not hear anything from the speaker **DO NOT FLY!** Call Sandy at 858 382 2003 if you need help.

#### Closing the field.

- 1. Press center of phone selector button; select contact list.
- **2**. Select ODO or PMO then select send, when the ODO or PMO answers identify yourself by name and that you are calling from <u>East Miramar RC Flying Field</u> and are closing the field. MAKE SURE TO GET THE NAME OF THE PERSON YOU TALKED TO! so you can enter it in the logbook. If you did not catch their name ask them to spell it before you hang up. This applies to both the ODO and PMO.
- **3**. de-energize phone by holding power switch until phone turns off. Ensure power cord is connected to phone and place in the microphone box located to the upper left side of the amplifier, close and lock the pin box.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911! Then call ODO and PMO to notify them of the nature of the emergency!!

#### Cellular phone rules.

The cell phone is not for personal use.

Picture taking with the cellular phone is prohibited unless you are documenting an emergency or mishap.

Outgoing calls are limited to the ODO and PMO MCAS Miramar and 911, any other outgoing calls will be billed at 1 dollar per minute to the member responsible for placing the call.

Call Field Marshall (Sandy) 858 382-2003 in case of any malfunction of equipment.



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