

# ***THE BEACON***

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# June 2014

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The next MRCF Meeting will be on **TUESDAY**, 10 June 2014

**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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**We've done a wonderful start to this year's activities! Let's keep the momentum going and have a great finish to this year!**

# Open Cockpit Day at the Flying Leatherneck Museum

We had a wonderful turnout at the Flying Leatherneck Museum for its Open Cockpit Day. Many members showed up with all types of aircraft for such a beautiful morning at the museum. The membership brought 30+ models out for display and we talked with many of the patrons of the museum for an exciting day. Thanks to everyone that attended and for Frank and Tom for their pictures from that day.



# *IS THERE A SCALE CONTEST IN YOUR FUTURE?*

by

Ron Peterka



Scalemasters Championship 2008 Sarasota FL First Place

It was around fifteen years ago (2001) that a fellow Mirimar Flyers club member, Curtis Kitteringham, triggered my interest in scale model competition. We had taken my newly completed Stinson SR-9 to a fly-in at Phoenix AZ. A couple of local flyers suggested the model could be competition quality and it might be fun. I was, and still am, in no way a contest qualified pilot, but the competition rules had recently been opened up to include a Team Class where decent builders like myself could team up with competent pilots and enjoy competing. Curtis agreed to pilot if I wanted to try competition.

Skip forward to 2013 and Curtis and I are still competing in the U. S. Scalemasters National scale competition. After a rocky start where we both had a steep learning curve, we have qualified to compete in the Scalemasters National Championships for the past 12 years, and placed in the top ten of our Team Class all but one of those years. In 2008 we won first place Nationally.

Along the way we traveled all over the U.S. because the Championships are held near the East Coast one year, and near the West Coast the next. Along the way we both gained new friends and learned first hand how our fellow competitors would go to aid us if and when we had problems at a contest. Don't get me wrong. They wanted to win just as much as we did, but they wanted to win by beating us in competition, not by our being forced out by a correctible problem. They shared skills and tips freely, both about flying and building.

Once again ,as we have tried to do in the past, Curtis and I want to try and entice, or invite, others to join us in this thoroughly enjoyable offshoot of RC model competition. Both the AMA and the U.S.Scalemasters have competition classes in Team Scale. Frank Tiano has a Nationally recognized scale contest for Team Scale held in Florida on an invitational basis to recognized scale modelers. The Scalemasters holds around 25 regular qualifying contests all over the U.S..

There are individual classes for pilots who prefer to fly ARF aircraft, or want to get some contest flying experience before spending a lot of time and money on a contest model.

There are no 'best' scale models! There are models that suit your individual taste and flying scales. Piper Cubs are fierce competitors because of the simplicity and ease of flying. Turbines may be your 'thing', or WWI, or WWII.

Feel free to talk to Curtis, or myself, if you want to know more about this fascinating arm of RC modeling and flying. Join us.

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## **The Prez' Sez'**

Chain of Command

Definition:

The order in which authority and power in an organization is wielded and delegated from top management to every employee at every level of the organization. Instructions flow downward along the chain of command and accountability flows upward.

According to its proponent Henri Fayol (1841-1925), the more clear cut the chain of command, the more effective the decision making process and greater the efficiency. Military forces are an example of straight chain of command that extends in an unbroken line from top to bottom.

This club currently has one official spokesman. The President. He can delegate authority to speak on his behalf, BUT the responsibility is still his.....No matter the outcome...Good or Bad!....

By the time you read this message, the Board of Directors will have met and discussed some of the more pressing issues facing the MRCF. I can assure you that any decisions made will ALWAYS be in the best interest of the membership and not my personal agenda.

We need to bring back the comradere' that was present at meeting nights by introducing programs that entertain and inform. So I ask you to please try to attend and contribute in any way you can.

Communication is the lifeblood of any organization.....You will be seeing more of it in the future.....Have fun.....Fly safe!

Semper Fi

Frank

## **All hands on deck!...**

### **Words from the Vice President**

I hope everyone is as busy as I am at this time, with what is going on in the hobby world local and across this great country. For the Miramar Club we have started earning our way with the first open cockpit display, we had a very good turn out for this.

Now we are moving into the Cub Day with the Member Appreciation Day mixed in at the same time this is June 14th. We will be serving lunch ( meatball sandwiches ) with coffee,water and sodas. Lunch will be free to all members.

Then June 15th the Father Day Swap meet at Discount Hobby. We also have a display and promotion of our RC club at the MCRD base June 21st info at this month's meeting. We will soon be getting ready for the July events, I know that the membership is looking forward to and will be stepping up to help at all of the upcoming events.

Our Miramar Air Show is going to happen this year so I would like as many members as possible to come forward for this. It's three days long and if you can show for one or two of the days that would go a long way in helping us. We do a number of events for the base as a partner and the Miramar Air Show is our big ticket item.

This month is the start of what the hobby and promotion of our club is all about, I know we can count on the membership to step up for what is needed. Come to this month's meeting to get information on the upcoming events, let's get them on your calendar to attend.

As always I Thank You for all of your support.

Curtis K.

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## 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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**13 May 2014**

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

**Held at the  
American Legion**

**MAKE SURE PMO AND THE TOWER ARE CALLED FROM THE CLUBS PHONE TO CLOSE  
AND OPEN THE FIELD AND THAT THE BOOK IS FILLED OUT  
DO NOT FLY UNLESS THE BASE IS REACHED**

Taken by: Nat Guerrero, MRCF Editor

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm following the Pledge of Allegiance

Guests present: Andrew Midkiff

**Secretary:** The April meeting minutes were read. The minutes are approved as read.

**Treasurer:** A brief review of the April expenditures and income was made. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

**Safety Officer:**

Noted Red Flag weather was coming up. Jerry Neuberger reminded the members that no turbines are allowed to fly on Red Flag days.

**VP:**

Two events in May

May 17 – membership appreciation event. Jerry N. let the membership know there will be 3 events scheduled for the day with prizes. The events are open to all members.

Upcoming events were noted in June for the Cub Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> and the Open cockpit at the Leatherneck Museum on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Please bring magazines, models, etc. to show at the event.

**Field Marshall:** no input

**Old Business:**

April's old business did not have any action items for the meeting. Any action items outstanding will be addressed at a future meeting upon any updates from the respective committee chair or lead.

Installation access by civilian guest members was discussed in light of the President's note previously sent to the membership. No action was taken at this time

**Show and tell**

Jerry Neuberger brought in some books and material for a bit of Model Aviation Nostalgia. Many of the books presented were signed by the author and many notable pioneers in model aviation.

**MEETING BREAK**

**New Business:**

Frank Gagliardi voiced concerns about the past actions of the Club President. The actions of the President to not include the Board of Directors and the club membership before discussing issues with the base have started to raise concerns with the club.

Because of these concerns, he asked Fred Miller to step down.

Fred agreed to step down as president.

Curtis Kitteringham took over as chair for the remainder the business meeting.

Jerry Neuberger put forward a motion to allow for the removal of a Board member by the membership, for any reason.

*Proposed Amendment to Article 4.*

*Section 6. The membership may remove a sitting officer at any time, for any reason. Removal of an officer will be handled like any normal business matter requiring a motion, a second and a majority vote from the members at a normally scheduled club meeting.*

After the proposed amendment of Section 6 to Article 4 of the bylaws was captured and reread, the motion was seconded. The membership approved the use of Article 7, Section 4b of the bylaws, stating a change to the Constitution and Bylaws may be introduced and voted on at the same meeting provided the members determine the change *is minor or essential*, to justify the immediate passage of the amendment. The motion to amend Article 4, Section 6 to the bylaws was then approved by a vote of the membership present at the meeting.

**Announcements:**

Frank Gagliardi and Don Madison have an Estate Sale #57. The modeler was from Palmdale. The museum at Gillespie field has approximately 275 plans available. The last Saturday in May is when the estate sale will occur. There are 52 scale kits available at this sale. These are kits, not ARFS, ready to cover, just so everyone is clear what is available. The kits vary in size and complexity. But all kits are Scale kits.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.**

Upcoming 2014 MRCF Events:

| <b>Date</b>   | <b>Activity</b>   |
|---------------|---|
| May 31        | Flying Leatherneck Museum Open Cockpit Day                  |
| Jun 7         | Ultra Stick Race Day  |
| <b>Jun 10</b> | <b>MRCF Club Meeting</b>                                    |
| Jun 14        | 3rd Annual Cub Fly In Fun Fly / Membership Appreciation BBQ |
| Jun 22        | MRCF's Car Show on the Bay 1100-1500                        |
| Jun 28        | Flying Leatherneck Museum Open Cockpit Day                  |
| <b>Jul 8</b>  | <b>MRCF Club Meeting</b>                                    |
| Jul 12-13     | Rotors over Miramar Fun Fly                                 |
| Jul 19        | Air and Space Museum's Flights of Fancy                     |
| July 26       | Flying Leatherneck Museum Open Cockpit Day                  |
| Aug 9-10      | AMA Pattern Contest   |
| <b>Aug 12</b> | <b>MRCF Club Meeting</b>                                    |
| Aug 23        | Flying Leatherneck Museum Open Cockpit Day                  |
| Aug ???       | IMAC Pattern Contest  |
| Sep 01        | 3rd Annual MRCF Labor Day potluck brunch                    |
| Sep 06        | Flying Leatherneck Museum Open Cockpit Day                  |
| <b>Sep 8</b>  | <b>MRCF Club Meeting</b>                                    |
| Sep 20        | Pylon Races   |
| Oct 3-5       | Miramar Air Show  |
| <b>Oct 14</b> | <b>MRCF Club Meeting</b>                                    |
| Nov 08        | Veteran's Day – Lunch & fly in                              |
| <b>Nov 11</b> | <b>MRCF Club Meeting</b>                                    |
| Dec 06        | Toys for Tots Fun Fly                                       |
| Dec 09        | MRCF Banquet  |