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**MAY 2014**

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# May 2014

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The next MRCF Meeting will be on **TUESDAY**, 13 May 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 OFFICERS

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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
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**It's starting to warm up out there. Be aware of rattlesnakes  
at the flying field. Have fun and be safe!**

## Messages from the Board

From the Left Seat...

Greetings,

### Facilities Update

Thanks to a large volunteer turn out on Saturday, March 29, and with Tom Pham's excellent organizing and supervision of the effort, the flight line start tables were repainted in short order. Refurbishing and painting the start tables under the east shade structure next month will complete the major facilities work effort currently planned for this year. Thanks again to all those volunteers who donated time, tools and effort.

### Operations

There were two operations related incidents of note during the month, one related to transmitter / receiver management and the other involved flight box visual limitations.

**Transmitter-Receiver Protocol** - Members are cautioned to always follow the standard protocol for turning on and off the transmitter and receiver to prevent un-commanded engine, motor or control response occurring with the aircraft. Transmitter on first, off last.

**Visual Flight Box** - MRCF enjoys access to a large, unobstructed airspace box for flight activity; one potential problem this presents to pilots is distance perception. Lacking prominent visual markers, and flying without a spotter, pilots may not realize how far away the aircraft is until too late to maintain control. A lost airplane was recovered this month located over 1,600' from the flight line. The incident was attributed by the pilot to a loss of visual perception of the aircraft's orientation. As a point of reference, the Interstate 15 security fence is approximately 1,300' from flight station #1.



## Administration

The membership voted to have the Business Meeting venue moved to American Legion Post 460. Members are kindly requested to refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages during the Business Meeting.

Cheers,  
Fred

## From the Right Seat...

As I write this I am at 30,000 ft flying back to San Diego after spending five days in the Tampa, Florida area working. It's been sometime since my last trip to Florida. The other trip was to Sarasota and I get to come back again to Florida lucky me.

That's why May is looking good for the Miramar Club; we are finally into our event calendar. Starting with the Membership Day, May 17<sup>th</sup> this is for the members to kick back and watch the fun or join in. The club will be serving up free lunch/drinks and coffee by a smiling hand picket crew. Jerry is going to run a simple fun fly contest to be announced that day; he will need contestants and of course help.

Then moving right along we have our first Open Cockpit Day for 2014 at the Flying Leathernecks Museum. The date for this is May 31<sup>st</sup> so bring your model/models to display and enjoy the time spent at the museum, donuts will be served. We have been told the walk in attendance is greater at the museum when we are there so come out to support the base museum and all the events for the month of May.

As always Thank You for your support of the club,

Curtis Kitteringahm

From the Membership Chairman...

Civilian club members are reminded that they need to contribute at club events in order to renew MRCF membership in 2015. The "2014 Civilian Membership Participation Form" is available at the field in the pin box, at club meetings, and on the club website home page, Home // Club Information // Membership Policy, or directly at the following link:

<http://miramarrcflyers.com/membership/contributionworksheet.pdf>

Brian

## 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.

Note: Articles containing inappropriate language, graphics, subject matter, etc., will be returned to the author.

8 April 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: Mark Lukens, MRCF Secretary

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

Safety Officer:

Do not forget to setup failsafe on receivers to a zero throttle setting. Otherwise if your transmitter get turned off while the receiver is still on the throttle may advance to some unexpected setting.

VP: Two events in May

May 17 – membership appreciation event

Motion to allocate \$150 for awards for membership appreciation second and approved

May 31 – Open Cockpit – bring magazines, models, etc.

Field Marshall: no input

Secretary: March minutes read and approved.

Old business:

Meeting venue bylaws change proposal from February was read and discussed.

Motion to adopt changes was passed by hand count

2014 Club Shirts – Mark Lukens asked for member input on sizes, colors, types of shirts

New Business:

Motion made to have a “Model of the Month” competition at each meeting was approved.

Monthly winners will be eligible for model of the year. Board to finalize the program.

Motion to move the meeting venue back to the American Legion Post on Armour Street was approved.

Frank Gagliardi is going to host a turbine committee meeting. He asked all club instructors to attend if possible. Frank will send out meeting invites and details.

Jerry Neuberger asked that recognition be given in the official record to past presidents of the Miramar RC Flyers that were active duty during their tenure as president. The known list of past presidents is:

- BM1 Joe Stecklachek
- LT Jerry Neuberger
- AZCS Billy Mitchell
- LCDR Jerry Neuberger

- AWSC Darren Hauptman

If you know of other active duty past presidents that merit this recognition please let the secretary know and the minutes will be updated accordingly.

Plan to reinstate the meeting raffle for donated and recycled RC related items was discussed. Curtis is going to organize the raffle each month. Please bring unwanted RC-related items to the meeting to include in the raffle.

A question about the lack of content in the April newsletter was raised. Fred shared that the board has already discussed this and has plans to address this issue and make individual contributions easier to do.

The membership discussed our website content and administration process. Dennis Midkiff volunteered to lead a committee to determine the best approach for designing and maintaining our website.

The membership discussed how we can encourage more member participation and include more colorful content (e.g., illustrations, pictures) in the newsletter. Nat said he can incorporate any appropriate member contributions into the newsletter.

Frank overviewed IMAA Giant Scale event at Castle airport near Merced, CA on May 24-25 – he has room for one extra person for the event.

#### Upcoming 2014 MRCF Events:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>May 13</b>	<b>MRCF Club Meeting</b>
May 17	Membership Appreciation BBQ
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
Jun 15	Flying Leatherneck Museum Open Cockpit Day
<b>Jul 8</b>	<b>MRCF Club Meeting</b>
Jul ??	Air and Space Museum's Flights of Fancy
Jul 12-13	Rotors over Miramar Fun Fly
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

Motion to adjourn, approved.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM**