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The next MRCF Meeting will be on **TUESDAY**, 12 October 2010

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

NEW LOCATION: American Legion Hall at 7815 Armour Street.

**Hwy 163 TO BALBOA AVENUE, WEST TO CONVOY STREET, LEFT ON CONVOY TO
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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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**Thanks to the members that helped out at the
Miramar Air Show! Your help was greatly
appreciated!**

From the Left Seat:

Included with this month's newsletter is the changes recommended for the clubs bylaws. Please review and come to the meeting prepared to vote on the bylaws changes. At the Oct meeting we will be reviewing the clubs Safety addendum and recommended changes will be voted on at the Nov meeting.

Ron Stark has provided excellent service to you as the clubs Treasurer for a lot of years. Ron has said that this will be his last year as Treasurer and although he has some big shoes to fill (pun intended, Ron), he is most deserving of a break, but that means the club needs a new Treasurer for next year. I would like to take nominations for Treasurer at the Oct meeting so that the nominee(s) can start getting with Ron to learn the clubs accounting system so we will have a smooth transition in Jan. If you're interested, or know of anyone who might be interested, we'll accept nominations at the meeting.

The IMAC guys have officially asked if MRCF would support a final contest this year the weekend before Thanksgiving, Nov 20 & 21. They've put the dates on the IMAC website and already have 20 people signed up, and since the Tucson Shootout was cancelled this year and this would be the final IMAC contest of the year, they're expecting a large turnout. I told Tim that I would put it to a vote at the next meeting to see if the club wanted to support.

See you at the field

Jerry

From the Right Seat:

The Miramar Air Show is behind us now and as I write this its raining, can you believe the luck (may need to buy Lotto tickets). I would like to Thank Darren for stepping up to run this, with the help of a number of club members it went well. On Saturday we started talking about how we can do more at the show and for the base. In the last 3 years (mostly the last 2 years) we as a club have made a name on the base. We are no longer that group at the NE end, we are the group that will do what we can for the base. That is a good thing in my eyes, on top of doing a good job at the Air Show we may have picked up 5 new military members which is always the goal of the club. We are now on the down hill side of the year as event's go for the club. The next one is the Club Day, hope to see as many members and their families as possible. Again I would like to Thank all that took the time to help at the Air Show.

Thank You for all of your Help

Curtis

Safety Coordinators:

Well I'm finally back after traveling the western pacific for 3 months, looking forward to getting to the field and flying. As always, keep safety on your mind and ask yourself, do I have habits that could get myself or someone else hurt.

Fly safe and keep the rubber side down!

Derek

Field Marshal:

Everyone, a few important points about the locks controlling our field and equipment. First, anytime you open a lock the first thing you should do is spin the combination dials. We have had several recent incidents where someone, me included, has opened the lock and left it on the latch with the current combination exposed. We have also had several recent situations where the lock at the front gate was closed but not locked! **Be sure to spin the combination and test the lock when you close up!** The field is in relatively good shape but it is getting ready for another round of cleanup and maintenance. Thanks to Nick Palanza for fabricating and installing the table end braces on most of the tables. We have several projects lined up for the rest of the year:

- We are going to replace the flight line table tops in the next month and will need volunteers to help pick up the plywood and then retrofit it to the table tops.
- With the recent moisture we'll soon have weeds everywhere that need to be cleaned up along the runway and pit areas.
- Relocate the parking lot concrete blocks a few feet further back to allow for safe pedestrian traffic when trailers are parked and their gates opened.
- Painting the MRCF letters on the west side of the COM box
- Installation of a field weather station

Some of these are relatively easy and others will take a significant labor and financial effort. Anyone interested in leading one of these projects please contact the field marshal (Mark Lukens)

Mark Lukens
Field Marshall

Helicopter Chairman:

No comments for this month.

Membership Chairman:

No comments for this month.

President called the meeting to order at 1908 hrs.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by the membership.

The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted by the membership. The membership made a motion to accept the report. Motion was made and seconded. The report was accepted by the membership.

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Guest at the meeting – Mike Sieniarecki, Mark Buckner, and Todd Machermer.

Safety – Don Robinson – On vacation.

Field Report – Mark Lukens – No comments during this session.

Membership – Tom Mulder – Reminders for renewal this year. When you fill out the application, please insure you provide you address and current email. Please print them clearly to insure we properly spell your address. Also please insure you whitelist the club editor's email which is shown at the beginning of the newsletter to insure it does not get kicked back. The membership cards will also have safety reminder on the back of the card. Turbine waivers will also be required with the application.

OLD BUSINESS

Starting Table Refurbishing progress. Looking to get marine grade plywood for tabletops, shopping around for prices. Will provide number at future meeting so funds may be voted on for allocation to repair tabletops.. Nick did the replacement and also added a diagonal member to the back of the starting tables to make them more stable.

A discussion was also brought up by Jerry regarding manning the gate and whether or not it's more work to man the gate or open and close it for the guests. During the pattern contest, they ran the gate by escorting people in and out of the field during the event. It was observed that escorting people back and forth actually took more people to do and also created more congestion on the road with people going back and forth. With the future events the club will always need help in manning the gate during these events to insure everyone can have access in and out with the least impact to the help needed. The events that we host are a welcome addition to the modeling community in San Diego and also show the base our ability to be a good tenant and positive force to the community.

The mini stick racing has formatted their rules for racing. The rules can be found at www.pylonracing.com. This racing is using the electric mini stick with an electric brushless motor and power setup. Additional information can be found at the website.

Jim Stranger also sent the club a note about how he is recovering. He's at home now and doing better. He has a long road of recovery ahead of him, but has appreciated all the support from the club.

NEW BUSINESS

The by-laws are to be published in the outgoing newsletter. The membership is to review and bring their comments to the next meeting for discussion. The October meeting is where the membership will discuss and vote to accept the revisions discussed. The safety addendum will follow in the same manner.

No special provisions will be made for helicopters or turbine aircraft. There have been no significant issues presented to the board that has deemed any provisions that need to be presented. Any issues arising will be addressed on a case-by-case basis by the board when brought up by the membership.

Nominations for the club board members and District 10 Vice President will be discussed at the October meeting. The club is always looking for members to volunteer their services to the club and/or become the new club officers.

New revisions are coming from the AMA. The revisions will be published in a future edition of Model Aviation. Some of the revisions are in regard to turbine waivers.

Frank Gagliardi and Paul Stenberg recently came back from the Prado event. They had a great time and encouraged everyone to attend meets and other competitions outside of MRCF. The information on how other clubs run events and their own fields can be an eye-opening experience and also show new ways to address issues that may come up.

Memorandum of Agreement is still in review with the Base and NAVFAC.

The MCAS Miramar Air Show. Mike Sieniarecki attended the meeting and encouraged a discussion on what the airshow presents to the aircraft modeling community as a whole. The tent area is being provided at no cost to the club to present displays and talk about the hobby with the airshow attendees. The discussion also asked for help with the static displays and what can be expected. Darren Hauptman is helping in this effort and has coordinated with members for help. By the time you read this, the paperwork to be at the display has already been processed, but also keep in mind that future events will always need volunteers to talk to the public and promote the hobby.

SHOW AND TELL

David Katagiri brought in a P-38 model made by nitro models. It has 5 micro servos and two 400 class electric brushless motors. One of the motors counter-rotates to the other for more stable flights. The markings of the P-38 also were from some research Dave did about a squadron of P-38s that were flying over Europe.

While flying over Italy, these P-38s were intercepted by the Luftwaffe and two of them were shot down and crashed. Dave presented pictures of the wreckage and found some information about who witnessed the crash and what the survivors saw. This information later used in a book that brought Dave's research along with other information found in Italy.

Thanks to Dave for sharing his research on these P-38s and how the internet has helped in the communication of these events to make the stories more complete.

EVENT SCHEDULE

TO ALL MEMBERS: Darren has set up a calendar on the website to schedule the events. Please go to www.miramarreflyers.com and click on the EVENTS tab at the top of the page. If you have any suggestions, please contact Darren at Darren@miramarreflyers.com.

October 9th - Club Day
November 13th - Veterans Day Flyin
December 4th - Toy for Tots flyin
December 14th - Christmas Dinner

Meeting adjourned at 2016 hrs.

ITEM TO BUY OR SELL

I'm looking for a kit to buy that Hobby People used to sell. It is the Global F8F Bearcat Profile fuselage. If kit not available, maybe someone has the set of plans for one. Ron Stark

Everyone,

Next Saturday, October 9th, is Member Appreciation day and you all know what that means...

Free Breakfast, Free Lunch, and lots of fun flying events.

We have three "no-crash rule" events in store for the weekend.

They are intended to be fun, give every pilot a chance to win, and provide neat prizes!!!

There will be three categories to fly in: Park Flyer (mini planes with <24" wingspan, less than 6 oz. RTF), Airplane (gas or electric) and Helicopter (nitro or electric). Each category will include three tests; **skill, luck and precision**

All three will be easy tasks that reward relaxed and low risk maneuvers done well, along with a few fun twists. Please plan on entering all three categories if you have models that qualify.

There will be at least one prize in each category.

See you there!!!!

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to help out at the event.

Mark Lukens
MRCF Field Marshall

Proposed changes to Bylaws of Miramar Radio Control Flyers dated Jan 05

Article 2 Membership

1f) change “Civilian membership will be limited to not more than one third (1/3) of the total membership strength” to Civilian membership will be limited one Civilian member for every 2 members with DOD base access.

Rational: reflects current policy.

Article 3 Dues

4) change “the Treasurer will insure renewal membership cards are mailed out by 15 December.” To the Membership Chairman will insure renewal membership cards are mailed out by 15 December.

Rational: reflects current changes to membership handling procedures to reduce Treasurer workload.

Article 4 Club Officers and Committees

1) change “Members of the Board of Directors must be Active Duty or Retired Military members.” To President must be Active Duty or Retired Military, all other board positions may be filled by any open club member.

Rational: reflects current policy.

3) change “The Membership Committee shall consist of the Board of Directors and shall rule on all matters concerning membership including, but not limited to applicant acceptance, limits to maximum membership numbers and keeping current the active membership rolls” to The Membership Committee shall consist of the Board of Directors and a Membership Chairman appointed by the Board and shall rule on all matters concerning membership including, but not limited to applicant acceptance, limits to maximum membership numbers and keeping current the active membership rolls.

Rational: reflects current policy.

Article 5 Duties of Office

1) change “The President is responsible for the conduct of all club communications, oral and written, assisted as required by the Secretary or the Treasurer.” To The President is responsible for the conduct of all club communications, oral and written, assisted as required by the Secretary, Treasurer or Membership Chairman.

Rational: requires Membership Chairman to keep membership rolls updated and to provide membership data to the President for communications.

3) delete “The Secretary is responsible for maintaining the club computer database of active membership for the current year. Active membership will be based on completed application forms received from the Treasurer. The Secretary will maintain a file of these application forms available for review by the President, or as required. The Secretary is responsible for the generation of the current club roster and newsletter address labels from this database in order that the roster and labels correctly reflect active membership. Address labels will be forwarded to the newsletter editor in time for publication. A copy of the club roster will be posted on the field bulletin board at least weekly when changes to the club membership occur.”

Add new section 7 to read “The Membership Chairman is responsible for maintaining the club computer database of active membership for the current year. Active membership will be based on completed application forms received from the Treasurer. The Membership Chairman is responsible for the generation of the current club roster from this database in order that the roster correctly reflect active membership. A copy of the club roster will be posted on the field bulletin board and provided to Base Security immediately after annual renewals complete in December and when changes to the club membership occur.

Rational: reflects current policy.

5) change “The Treasurer will forward processed application forms to the Secretary for entry into the MRCF computer database and filing” to The Treasurer will forward processed application forms to the Membership Chairman for entry into the MRCF computer database and filing.

Rational: reflects current policy.

Article 6 Meetings

1) change “Regular meetings will be held at least every other month on the second Thursday of the month.” To Regular meetings will be held at least every other month at a date determined by a majority of members.

Rational: authorizes ability to change meeting days to meet schedule conflicts at meeting venue.

Article 8 Pilot Ratings

3) change “A turbine pilot is a Level 2 Pilot who has been provided a Turbine Waiver by AMA and has been briefed and qualified for turbine operations by the club designated Turbine Aircraft Coordinator. (TAC)” to A turbine pilot is a Level 2 Pilot who has been provided a Turbine Waiver by AMA and has provided a copy of his current AMA Turbine Waiver to the Membership Chairman with his membership application.

3) delete “The TAC is a Level 2 Turbine Pilot appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors to coordinate club turbine activities and promulgate guidance and rules essential for the safe operation of turbine aircraft by club members and their guests in accordance with MCAS Miramar regulations and the club Operations and Safety Addendum.”

Rational: Reflects current operational procedures.

5) delete entire section titled “Chief Instructor

Rational: Reflects current operational procedures.

Article 9 Procedure for Discipline and Expulsion of Members

- 1) change “the MRCF Operations and Safety Addendum” to MRCF Bylaws and Safety Addendum (addendum 1).
- 2) change “the MRCF Operations and Safety Addendum” to MRCF Bylaws and Safety Addendum (addendum 1).

Rational: reflects current naming convention for MRCF documents

Article 10 Finances

- 4) delete “including honorary members”

Rational: reflects current membership of civilian members and dissolution of honorary membership status.

Article 11 Inclusion of Standing Rules

- 2) change “Bylaws and operations and safety rules” to Bylaws and Safety Addendum (addendum 1).
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Rational : reflects current naming convention for MRCF documents.

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