

# ***THE BEACON***

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OCTOBER 2015

Members and Guests at the Miramar Airshow with Snoopy the Flying Ace



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The next MRCF Meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY**, 21 Oct 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 OFFICERS

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Mark Lukens (858) 945-8525

Field Marshal:

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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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Curtis Kitteringham	(760) 746-5913
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**Check out the club's Facebook page for pictures of the Miramar Air Show! Thanks to Tom for the pictures and all who participated.**

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## **The Prez' Sez'**

Had another incident, and this one highlights how we all need to think about Security before we act. The gate has a broken hinge that requires welding and is impeding access to the field. A couple of our members decided to jump on it and get it fixed. So with the very best of intentions the show up at the gate with a fully formed Improvised Explosive Device (welding equipment). I haven't heard to what level the guard force from the Reserve center responded, but they did respond, and an armed response to the "terrorists" either trying to cut their way into the gate, or bury an IED next to the road would have been well within their rights. Again, the members had nothing but the very best if intentions, but this is an excellent reminder that you need to think security and consider how the base Security force will view what you're trying to do before you act.

My thanks to the no less than 8 members who hit me with emails and phone calls about the VIP NOTAM that covered our field over the Columbus Day weekend. It really is good to see this level of involvement by the members and the concern that the word gets out to protect our field. Thanks again all.

PMO missed the last meeting where we were to discuss upcoming gate change and access issues. A small issue of running their hundreds of minions for the airshow got in the way. Still working to get with them ASAP and come to terms with the gate and access changes.

Nominations for office are due at this month's meeting. We're always looking for people to stand up and help run the club.

See ya at the field.

Jerry Neuberger

## **All hands on deck!...** **Words from the Vice President**

Well October is here and at this month's meeting looking for nominations for club officers for 2016. So now is your chance to step up instead of just a voice at the club meetings. For many of you that want to see the club grow back to the military count we had a couple years back, did you go to the Miramar Air Show and help those that are always there year after year or just again point a finger at the offices and want to know what they are doing.

For me this is the first Air Show that I have missed in almost 20 years for this club, I had a Scale Championship to deal with, which has been in the planning for a year. I have already started for 2016 4-months ago and with the long drive out and back it gave me time to deal with it. Within this club you have a hand full of members that have and do step up to compete in true scale contest. For this year first time Championship contestant Don Rice did very well with a 2nd place finish in ProAm-Pro, he was up against some very seasoned contestants. Ron Peterka finished in 1st place in Team, he now has placed 1st in Florida and Wenatchee WA state with many 2nd to 6th place finishes. Jerry has competed in many Qualifiers. These members have earned a hand shake.

I have not received much news about the Miramar Air Show so not too sure how it went overall. For those that did go please come to the meeting and update all of us on how it went.

As always I Thank those members that step up to help because they want to for the good of the club

Curtis Kitteringham

## **From the desk of the Safety Officer**

You folks are "THE MEMBERSHIP"

You folks make us & you folks also break us ???

Pilot & Crew is just EXACTLY that !!!

A Pilot to FLY & A Spotter for SAFETY !!!

If you can please give it U'r all to drink coffee & swap story tell'n

BEHIND the pit fence in the gravel area if you PLEASE !!!

My Thanks to each of you & God Bless each of you

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Bob Frazier

MRCF Safety Officer

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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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**16 September 2015**

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

**American Legion Hall**

MRCF club meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance @ 1900  
by Vice President Curtis Kitteringham since Jerry Neuberger was not present.

15 members, 1 guest present

**Visitors:** Charlie Lewis from the IMAC organization attended the meeting. He also presented the club with a check for \$800 as thanks for hosting their event in August.

**Treasurer:** Brad Kuller, reviewed the club finances. Motion to approve made and passed.

**Secretary:** Mark Lukens, reviewed the August meeting minutes. Motion to approve made and passed.

**Safety:** Bob Frazier not present

**Field Marshal:** Table repair party will get done soon.

**Vice President:** Curtis Kitteringham

Two new military club members (MCAS Miramar XO and son) joined the club.

The American Legion meeting site is now available and confirmed for our October and November meetings.

Reminder that October is 2016 Board of Directors nominations night.

Labor Day Brunch: 35 members and family attended, everyone had a good time.

Charging station update: motion to reimburse Richard \$200 for upgrades to the charging station made and approved. Options were discussed for additional upgrades to the charging station.

**Access & Security report included in the latest newsletter.**

MOA update: Tony Gwynn is working to expand the flight box and raise the ceiling.

Base access: H Street entrance (Camp Elliot) is not a good solution since it is not manned on weekends.

**Upcoming events:**

Lake Hemet Float Fly (Sep 25-27)

Miramar Air Show (Oct 2-4)

Veterans Day Fly-in - (Nov 8)

Toys for Tots -

December Banquet - need to work with Bob Frazier and Don Madison to set date and venue.

**Model of the month:**

Eric Sacco shared his 83" 1/5th scale SisT Fw190A8 made in Germany that is powered by a G62 with Sierra retracts. The kit is all composite with molded rivets, screws, hinges, panel covers as close to the original as possible. The plane was built with built up control surfaces on the tail to lighten the plane. As it is it is coming out at 30 lbs which will be tricky with such a small wing. The paint was done with latex covered by automotive flat clear.

This plane was modeled after an example from JV44 in 1944 near the end of the war. At this time many of the planes were salvaged and this one had the tail grafted from another unit as the color on the tail was different from the rest of the plane.

Motion made to close meeting. Motion passed and meeting closed at 19:52.

**Pictures from the Miramar Airshow. Thank you to all who helped at the event!**





