

THE BEACON



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The new wind vane out at the field.



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The next MRCF Meeting will be on **TUESDAY**, 9 December 2013
Location: 94th Aero Squadron – Christmas Dinner
No meeting at dinner. Just fun and good times!

**The 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant is located at 8885 Balboa Avenue
San Diego, CA 92123. Just across from Coleman University.**

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.

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We have two events left for the year! The Toys for Tots drive on the 6th of December and the Club Dinner on the 9th. Please come out and enjoy the events to finish up the end of the year!

Veteran's Day Fly In

Thanks to everyone who helped and attended the Veteran's Day Fly In. It was a beautiful day with good flying, good food and good music to compliment the day. A special thanks goes out to the North County Winds for providing entertainment for the event!



The latest new addition at our field is the arrival of the wind sock replacement. Mark Lukens and Bruce Kuller collaborated to create a new and unique replacement for our worn out orange wind sock. The new wind vane is fashioned in the shape of a P-51D Mustang airplane. The body is .080" 6061-T6 aluminum sheet cut by hand on Mark's bandsaw. The vertical pivot blocks were machined and finished by Bruce as well as the prop shaft bearing block. Both sets of bearing blocks are machined out of aluminum bar stock. The 4-blade propeller is made from left over .080" sheet and hand twisted to provide optimal pitch for our wind speeds.



The plane was then hand painted with Testor's enamel to match a typical WWII paint scheme. After an initial test flight it was found that the wind vane lacked rudder authority and was tail heavy (we're all used to that). The wind vane was removed, 1 ½ pounds of lead was added to the nose (we're all used to that too) and the vertical bearing blocks were moved forward to the new balance point. The Man O' War was then taken out for another check ride and all seems to be working as planned. The wind vane is one of the first things you'll see upon turning the corner into our field and should be a welcoming and novel sight to our members and visitors for years to come.

The Prez' Sez'

To the membership,

As I approach the end of my term, I want to take this time to thank all of you who have contributed to the success of our organization. It has not been the easiest of times, but it has been for my part, the most gratifying. You have supported me and the rest of the Board of Directors with gusto, as demonstrated by your performance at all our events and in the difficult decisions that at times had to be made. We are "not out of the woods" yet and hopefully the "light at the end of the tunnel" is not a TRAIN!....I ask that you continue your support of the new leadership. They cannot do it alone. See you at the field!

Semper Fi

Frank

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

First thing I would like to Thank Frank and Jerry for a fun weekend at the club for us civilian members. They each spent a day at the field for us, this gave the members that wanted to a chance to spend the whole day at the field.

Next two events coming up are the Toys for Tots Dec. 6th this is the first Saturday of the month. This has been a great turn out in membership and toys donated in the past. Let's keep it going at the top of our club support, food and drinks will be served, thinking MEAT BALL sandwiches.

The next is the Christmas dinner at the 94th Aero Squadron restaurant, Dec. 9th second Tuesday of the month. This is a great time to just enjoy a nice evening with friends and love ones. Let's make the last two events a huge success to end a year of ups and downs, so we can go into 2015 on a good note with positive change.

I Thank the membership for all your help this year,

Curtis Kitteringham

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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11 November 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, Secretary

Frank Gagliardi opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance

Meeting called to order at 1900

41 members in attendance

Treasurer: George Sager

- George reviewed the financial report which was approved by the membership. October bills didn't include portable toilet charges due to change in the club debit card used to pay the bill.

Secretary: Mark Lukens

- Mark read the minutes from the previous meeting. They were approved by the membership.

Field Marshall: Tom Pham

- Tom will schedule a work party will do road maintenance when the rainy season starts.

Safety: Brian Werner

- Brian reminded all flyers to be especially careful during red flag (Santa Ana wind) days.

Membership:

- Membership renewal period is open. Deadline for renewals is December 1st.

Vice President: Curtis Kitteringham

- Veterans Day Event: Thanks to everyone who showed up at the Veterans Day event. The band did a great job and was greatly appreciated.
- Toys for Tots: Saturday December 6th is the next event. Bring at least \$20 in unwrapped gifts to the field that day. It is an important event to maintain our relationship with the base and to establish our value. Special thanks to Don and Merrily for managing the food service.

Old Business:

- Miramar Air Show feedback was positive. Large turnout by members and lots of interest from crowd. Curtis Kitteringham on flight line, Mark Lukens on the tent area, Tom Pham on photography.

New Business:

- Christmas Dinner: Please sign up for the dinner as soon as possible. Contact Don Madison to add your name to the meeting list.
- Working with Tony Gwynn (air ops) and Gunnery Sergeant (Meyers) to rework the MOU to allow for easier access for civilians to the field. He is also working with air ops to rework the west limit of our air space.
- Brad Kuller is working with the MCCA contracting office to establish better protocols for civilian access.

- The club members donated \$595 and the club voted to match that with \$405 in club dollars to make the MRCF donation an even \$1000

Show and Tell:

Frank Gagliardi:

- Harbor Freight Aluminum attache for \$21 makes a good transmitter box.



- Hangar 9 - 1/5th scale Spitfire Mk IXc 30cc. Airplane is outfitted with a DLE 35 RA. The plane has a nice top hatch with access to receiver, switches, throttle and choke servos.

November Elections:

The 2015 MRCF Board of Directors were elected by unanimous vote:

- President: Jerry Neuberger
- Vice President: Curtis Kitteringham
- Secretary: Mark Lukens
- Treasurer: Brad Kuller
- Field Marshal: Tom Pham
- Safety: Brain Werner

Meeting Adjourned @ 20:20

Upcoming 2014 MRCF Events:

| Date | Activity |
|--------|-----------------------|
| Dec 06 | Toys for Tots Fun Fly |
| Dec 09 | MRCF Banquet |