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# May 2011

The next MRCF Meeting will be on **TUESDAY**, 10 May 2011

**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

**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.

Name	Number
Richard Barndt	(858) 213-5740
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Darren Hauptman	(619) 948-1948

**Spring's here! Please be aware of the spring critters that are now out, namely snakes!**

## **From the Left Seat:**

Busy month for me with my AMA duties. Field Grants Committee was in full swing during the month of March and April, beginning with the selection of a new Chairman and Hall of Fame induction is just starting, so my AMA duties have taken up most of my free time this month.

As Dave Mathewson has resigned as your AMA President to accept the position of Executive Director, filling the position of the late Jim Cherry so by the AMA bylaws the interim President will be Mark Smith until a special election is called in Oct to fill the President's seat. Early indications are that Mark Smith and Jim Rice will run, I'll keep you posted.

See you at the field.

Jerry

## **From the Right Seat:**

It is now May the year is flying by very fast for me. We now have new table tops for the starting tables, the next tables to get new tops are the four under the East end cover. We will be painting all the tables. Some reminders for the club, PLEASE clean up the starting tables after using them and the tables under the shade covers make sure they are clean after using them.

As you have been told the snakes are out in number also the fire season is now here all be careful at the field. The Fun Bike Center is doing a bike ride ending at The Flying Leather Necks, this is May 22nd the club will have model display that day at the Leather Necks so sign up at this months meeting. Check the web site for upcoming work parties they will be posted as the times are set.

I would like to Thank the members that have helped at the work parties this year. Thank You!

Curtis Kitteringham

## **Safety Coordinators:**

National Model Aircraft Safety Code, All Pilots shall avoid flying directly over unprotected people, vessels, vehicles, or structures and shall avoid endangerment of life and property of others.

Let's ensure we are keeping our high speed passes out in front of the flight line. I know at times we get disoriented and get too close to the shade structure which means we are over other pilots and guests.

To the club members that are taking the time to mow, and run the various power equipment to maintain the our flying site, THANK YOU. Please ensure that you are using proper safety equipment while running this equipment.

Safety glasses, hearing protection, should be worn at all times. This equipment is dangerous to use in an uncontrolled area. Meaning, we don't know what has been left in the field and along the runway after a crash. Broken servos, control wires ETC.... that could be caught up in the equipment.

Have a Great Month

Don Van Gundy

## Field Marshal:

I would like to thank the following club members who participated in the field cleanup event. Bob M, Dave B, Tom P, Eric S, Curtis K, Brad K, Don and Paul S. for bringing in the heavy equipment.

I saw my first snakes of the season this week, four total. The biggest was about three feet long, it was a beautiful pacific rattler in a blue color. I included the following tips for sharing the space with venomous snakes.

Learn to behave in a way that does not frighten snakes. Always watch where you put your hands and feet. Never reach under rocks or logs. If there is a fallen log on the trail always step on the log and look over the other side. Step way out and over as a snake may be lying on the other side. If you are playing in areas where you think there might be rattlesnakes, wear long pants, long sleeves and shoes. Don't play in bare feet or flip-flops. Keep your eyes and ears open wide. Try to walk, not run, so that you don't surprise a snake. If you do come upon a snake, take two giant steps backwards. Enjoy watching it from a safe distance, then give it a very wide berth and move on. Never tease a snake, or try to corner one.

Rattlesnakes will strike only in self-defense. They are quite shy and do not come after people. All any snake wants to do is to eat to survive and reproduce.

Don't touch even a **dead** rattlesnake. Do not play with, tease or try to capture rattlesnakes.

Using common sense, we can share our open spaces with rattlesnakes.

### What to do if bitten

- Move away from the snake.
- Stay calm and do not panic.
- Call 911 or get to the nearest hospital immediately.
- Remove any rings, bracelets, and wrist watch, if bitten on the hand or arm. Remove shoes and any toe rings, or ankle bracelets, if bitten on the leg or foot.
- Keep bitten area extremity still, and below the level of the heart.
- If soap and water are available, wash the skin over the bite.
- If a Sawyer Extraction Pump is available, apply suction to the wound using the pump.

### What not to do if bitten

- Do not apply a tourniquet.
- Do not apply ice to the wound.
- Do not attempt to cut the wound or suck out the venom.
- Do not take any medication.

See you at the field!

Sandy

## Helicopter Chairman:

No comments for this month.

## **Membership Chairman:**

No comments for this month.

**12 April 2011**

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

**Held at the American  
Legion Hall**

### **President called the meeting to order at 1903 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 – Jim Lebaron, Aaron Brouner and Richard Jarrin.

Safety – Don Robinson – Members are again cautioned to make low altitude high speed passes north of the centerline of runway and not toward the flight line area.

Field Report – Sandy Sanderson – Field cleanup went well and had a good turnout. Bob Mosely supplied new table tops to be installed.

Membership – Tom Mulder – Club roster is up to 145 members at this time.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Darren discussed the upcoming Helicopter fun fly to be on July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Currently, he is in the planning stages, and coordinating on getting the word out and the t-shirts for the event. Overnight residence in trailers is being planned. Some night flying may be requested.

Don Gulihur – don will request a plastic practice patient from the Red Cross to renew out CPR procedures for members in case of a member health problem at the field. The club defibrillator procedures to reviewed for use at the field.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Merrily Faust described her AT-6 ride that she won in a raffle and related the various maneuvers she went through. Piloting the aircraft was Doug, a UPS commercial pilot that used to fly for the US Navy.

Jerry Neuberger – FAA reports 85,000 letters were received about modeling frequency activities. The Wall Street Journal will print an article supporting modeling activities. Duncan Hunter also has been a

strong supporter of modeling. Jerry reviewed the 2011 Environmental Report for East Miramar and asked members to be alert to activities at the field and protect the property and environmental concerns.

San Diego Silent Electric Club has a new indoor flying site in Kearny Mesa less than 3 miles from our field. Frequency Interference will be controlled by them only permitting 2.4 Ghz transmitters. Our club will sign a release to AMA as required.

Ron Peterka announced that Curtis flew Ron's plane to First Place in Team Scale at Hemet Scale Masters Qualifier Meet.

## **SHOW AND TELL**

Sandy Sanders presented his large Top Flite Gold Edition T-34 model under construction. It will have a full cockpit, corrugated flight surfaces and other scale details.

Greg Carter presented his Piper Cub with a .53 4-stroke engine which will be flown Saturday. He has duplicated many scale additions like the full scale plane.

## **EVENT SCHEDULE**

TO ALL MEMBERS: Darren has set up a calendar on the website to schedule the events. Please go to [www.miramarreflyers.com](http://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](mailto:Darren@miramarreflyers.com).

June 11 – First Open Cockpit Day – Flying Leatherneck Museum

June 25 and 26 – IMAC contest at field

July 9 and 10 – Rotors over Miramar Helicopter Fly In at field

July 23 – Second Open Cockpit Day – Flying Leatherneck Museum

July 30 – Aerospace Museum sponsored Flight of Fancy Fly In at field

Sept 26<sup>th</sup> to Oct 2 – Miramar Air Show (dates include week prior being shut down for practice of participants)

October 8 – Club Members Day at the field

November 12th - Veterans Day Flyin

December 3th - Toy for Tots flyin

December 13th - Christmas Dinner

**Meeting adjourned at 2030 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

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