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**THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
RIVERSIDE RADIO CONTROL
CLUB**

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Another year, another AMA Expo

An enjoyable, informative day with good friends

Your editor always enjoys this model airplane clambake every January. It's so much fun because my little carpool group are modeling fanatics. The conversation starts at 7:30 AM in the morning and ends at 5:30 PM in the evening covering every aspect of RC modeling except for an occasional, "Ski, you went through another stop sign" or "I've got to find a bathroom." Everyone there seems to be happy, especially the vendors who gladly take my money with a big smile. I made a lot of them smile this year! There were, however, less vendors than last year. That was actually a plus as the aisles were wider and it was much easier to navigate through the throngs. The indoor flying demonstrations were fantastic, as usual. The electric-powered helicopter show was unbelievable. He did things with that model I didn't know was even possible. He ended the show hovering, inverted "one inch" above the floor. These young pilots should be assessed a "Talent Tax" for their exceptional hand-eye coordination. They tax everything else. Our own Jeffery Szeuber Jr. was also there with the other "Young Guns" putting on quite a show. We, "the grayer generation," stayed in the background to watch and discuss the good old days of single-channel J-3 Cubs and colored flags on transmitter antennas.

On a somewhat sadder note from your editor, ARF models are changing the hobby. It wasn't many years ago you could go to the Expo and get your year's supply of balsa, glue, covering material, kits, plans, engines and workshop tools. Now everything is ready to go right out of the box. Not that the ARF's aren't well built and fly great, it is something else. It is in the building of a model that you become attached in a special way to this hobby. You see, flying the model is only half the fun.

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**NEXT MEETING
SATURDAY
JAN 21ST
10:00 A.M.
PERRIS
AIRPORT**

Oscar's Observations

by Oscar Weingart



Bad News

Say it isn't so! Hobby People going out of business! Ouch! I can remember many years ago, when they opened the Riverside store, the same year that our club hosted the AMA Nationals at March Field. This leaves Riverside bereft of a full-service hobby shop. For years, I have bugged Bob of Dynamic Hobbies in Hemet to open a store in Riverside. Now would be a good time, Bob! We can only hope that some enlightened entrepreneur will step in to fill the gap.

Shop and Field

My RC hobby has been "tail-end Charlie" this past month, what with the holidays, the stormy weather, and two one-week RV trips (to the Central Coast with the family for Hanukah, and to Palm Springs for the annual film festival). However, I achieved two goals: (1) I finished repair and test-flew my grandson Joshua's Apprentice electric foam trainer; (2) As a backup against further disasters, I completed and flew the Kyosho Calmato high-wing ARF electric trainer. Now, if I can get that very busy young man out here to our field, he can fly up a storm (only a figure of speech, guys! - we have had enough storms to last a while.) I promise to set up the buddy box this time. Incidentally, Josh and his sister

judge, for the second year, at Bridget's magnet STEM school's Science Fair in February.

The Apprentice required a new motor, prop, prop driver, spinner and engine cowling. Also, the entire rear half of the fuselage, with the tail feathers, broke off and had to be glued back on. Considering all this, it is pleasantly surprising that it flew just fine, not even needing any ballast for balancing.

The conventionally constructed Calmato 1400 Sport high-wing ARF was on sale on the Kyosho web site for \$58, including a \$50 electric motor. Vince Smith has been flying one very successfully. It is very similar to the low-wing Calmato 1400 Sport that I have been flying, but required much less nose ballast to balance. It flew fine "off-the-board". The sole problem was the very "bouncy" music wire main landing gear. I have added a cross strut of thin wire, hoping to tame the beast. Also, Tom Bingham gave me a couple of formed aluminum main gears to try if the fix doesn't work. Vince used an aluminum gear for the same reason. I can see some of our readers smirking and thinking "another fix would be for Oscar to learn to land a little better".

At the Air Museum

We have a new Director, Paul Hammond, at the March

Bridget have Field Air Museum, (MFAM). I am delighted that he has taken an interest in my Inland Empire parents, Aviation Roundtable, (IAR) and he has approved several measures which will hopefully make it easier to attract quality speakers for our monthly meetings.

A semester. A grandpa can brag a little, can't he? I will be a

The December meeting's speaker was retired USAF Lt. Col. Saul Ashen, 96 years old, who told of Pearl Harbor and his 50 missions in a B-24 bomber over Southern Europe in the WWII 15th Air Force.

On January 18th, we will have another retired Air Force Lt. Col., Jack Warneke, speaking about the Fairchild C-119 "Flying Box Car" transport. There were once 49 of these ungainly beasts stationed at March Field, and MFAM has one on the flight line now.

February 15th will see yours truly, Former U.S. Army Specialist-5, speaking on "Cobras to Copters, the Bell Aircraft Story". Bell was a hotbed of innovation, producing over 9,000 P-39 Airacobra" fighters, The P-59 "Airacomet", which was America's first jet aircraft, and thousands of UH-1 "Huey" helicopters. Examples of all of these can be seen at MFAM. Bell also built the rocket-powered X-1, the first plane to break the sound barrier, the "Osprey", the first operational tilt-wing aircraft, and many other innovative aircraft and helicopters.

On March 15, we will hear Jim Shelton, speaking on the fabulous SR-71 "Blackbird", still the world's fastest air-breathing manned aircraft, and on exhibit in MFAM. This will be a teaser for the upcoming SR-71 Symposium, which is held every two years.

And on April 19th, still another retired USAF Lt. Col., Bill "Flaps" Flanagan, will present the B-2 Stealth bomber. Our venerable club member and flying wing enthusiast, Dale Yaney, is sure to attend this one!

Videos of some of the past IEAR meeting presentations are now available on YouTube:

- (1) October 26, 2016, John Dutto, Air Traffic Controller, provides his Perspective on Sully's "Miracle on the Hudson." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6KNUP3GyYo&t=4s>
- (2) November 16, 2016, Bill Flanagan discusses the Monino Russian Air Force Museum. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Cbz7S4CF-Y>
- (3) June 16, 2016, Caterpillar Club members have saved their lives by parachuting out of an aircraft. Ken Wright is a member. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3jSluulYb8>
- (4) January 20, 2016, Ken Wright gave a presentation on the P-38. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2f4GbWHOCpw>
- (5) One of our long term docents, Ken Wright, a veteran of the Royal Air Force in World War II, presented the de Havilland Mosquito. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CVIVqV2g5I0>

Happy Landings,
Oscar

To All RRCC Members,

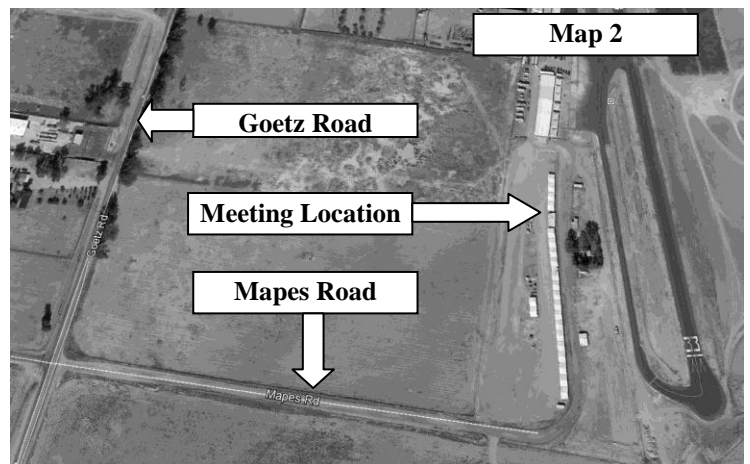
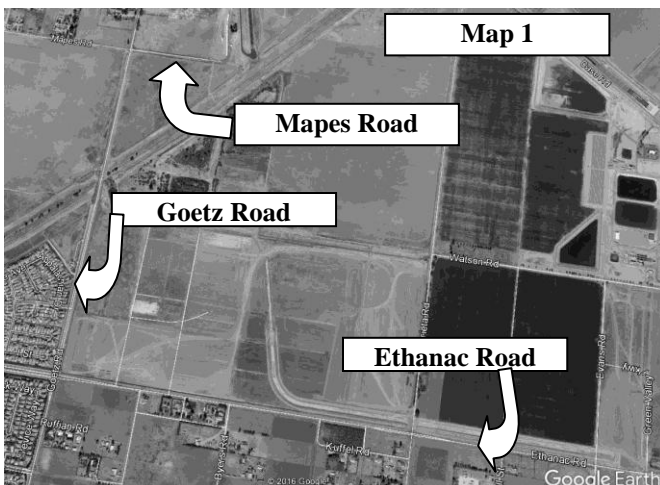
Our next club meeting is this next Saturday (01-21-17) at 10:00 AM. Because of all the rain and more to come we have (with Bob Bakers help) found a dry place to have the meeting this month. It's at the Club House for the Ultra Lights at Perris airport. There is no actual address so I have attached Google Earth screenshots (with Larry's help) and directions so you can find it. This is a very important meeting because it's where we are going to open the sealed Voting envelopes for the Officers of the club.

Directions:

Take 215 frwy to Ethanac Rd. Turn west on Ethanac Rd. Go down to Goetz Rd. and turn north. Go down to Mapes Rd. (Note: Mapes Rd. is a paved road on your left and a dirt road on your right.) and turn east on Mapes Rd. (it should be the dirt side of the road.) Follow that all the way down and it turns left. Follow it down to the clubhouse and row of hangers on your left. Park in front of the hangers.

See attached Photos: Map 1 shows the route from off the freeway to Mapes Road . Map 2 shows the row of hangers and the clubhouse..

If anyone has any questions please let me know.
Thank You,
Jeff Szeuber
President, Riverside Radio Control Club



2017 Consolidated Schedule of RC Events

- January 6/7/8th AMA Expo at the Ontario Convention Center
- January 14/15th Coachella Valley RC Club “Desert Warbirds” Event
- Saturday, January 28th Hemet Model Masters Annual Swap Meet
- Saturday, February 4th Coachella Valley Aero Tow Event
- Saturday, Feb. 4th Victor Valley RC Flyers Club 40 Pylon Race
- Saturday, Feb. 11th Gilman Springs RC Flyers Members Appreciation Fun-Fly
- Saturday February 11th Menifee Valley Flyers Winter Swap Meet
- Sunday, February 12th Chino Flyers Trainer 40 and Club 40 Pylon Races
- February 16/17/18th Coachella Valley RC Club “Jet Jam”
- Saturday, February 25th Corona RC Club Scale Event
- March 3/4/5th Coachella Valley RC Club IMAC Event
- March 17/18/19th Victor Valley RC Flyers IMAC Event
- March 18th/19th Hemet Model Masters Harry Gould Memorial Pattern Contest
- Saturday, March 18th Corona RC Club Float Fly at Lake Perris
- Saturday, March 25th Gilman Springs RC Flyers Club 40 Pylon Race
- Saturday, April 8th Hemet Model Masters Springtime Fun Fly
- Saturday April 8th Menifee Valley Flyers Bomb Drop Competition
- Sunday, April 9th Chino Flyers Trainer 40 and Club 40 Pylon Races
- April 8/9th Scale Masters Qualifier at the Gilman Springs RC Flyers Field
- Saturday, April 22nd Gilman Springs RC Flyers “Dawn Patrol/Golden Age” Event
- Saturday, April 22nd Victor Valley RC Flyers Warbirds Pylon Race
- Saturday May 13th Menifee Valley Flyers Spring Swap Meet
- May 12/13/14th Hemet Model Masters “Early Bird Float Fly”
- May 12/13/14th Hemet Model Masters “IMAC Event”
- Saturday, May 20th Gilman Springs RC Flyers Spring Swap Meet
- Saturday, May 20th Victor Valley RC Flyers SC2 Glider Event
- Saturday June 10th Menifee Valley Flyers Electric Glider Competition
- Saturday, June 10th Victor Valley RC Flyers Fun Fly
- Sunday, June 11th Chino Flyers Trainer 40 and Club 40 Pylon Races
- Saturday, June 17th Corona RC Club Fun Fly
- Saturday, July 1st Victor Valley RC Flyers Combat Event (Fly Till You Die)
- Saturday, July 8th Gilman Springs RC Flyers Summer Night Fly
- Saturday August 5th Menifee Valley Flyers Members Appreciation Night Fly
- Saturday August 12th Menifee Valley Flyers Summer Swap Meet
- Sunday, August 13th Chino Flyers Trainer 40 and Club 40 Pylon Races
- Saturday, September 9th Hemet Model Masters Autumn Swap Meet
- Saturday, September 9th Victor Valley RC Flyers Warbirds Pylon Race
- September 22/23/24th Hemet Model Masters “Open Pine Float Fly”
- September 22/23/24th Victor Valley RC Flyers IMAC Event
- Saturday, September 16th Gilman Springs RC Flyers “Warbirds Over Gilman Springs”
- Saturday September 23rd Menifee Valley Flyers Annual Poker Fly
- Sunday, October 8th Chino Flyers Trainer 40 and Club 40 Pylon Races
- Saturday, October 14th Gilman Springs RC Flyers Fall Swap Meet
- Saturday, October 28th Corona RC Club Halloween Float Fly at Lake Perris
- Saturday, November 18th Gilman Springs RC Flyers Club 40 Pylon Race
- Saturday November 25th Menifee Valley Flyers Fall Swap Meet
- Sunday, December 10th Chino Flyers Trainer 40 and Club 40 Pylon Races

December 29, 2016

To make additions and/or changes to the Consolidated Schedule of RC Events,
email Bob Estrella at EstrellaRC@hughes.net or phone him at (951) 490-2222.



We're excited to announce "Generations of Flight," a new website devoted to showcasing *you* - your love for the hobby, photos of flying, and stories of time spent with family and friends. The website takes off today. [Take a look](#) and submit a photo!

There's no doubt that AMA members are more passionate about model aviation than anyone else. That's why we want to know more about your story! What do you love about flying? What does it mean to be a modeler? How has the hobby impacted your life or your career?

Starting today, we're collecting photos and stories from across the U.S. Each month, we will feature a "Story of the Month" that best represents our shared love for the hobby of flying model aircraft. For a chance to win, simply submit your photos and let us know what the hobby means to you! Maybe it's a story of your first flight, your most recent visit to an airfield, or a memory that inspires you.

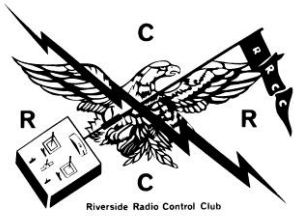
We want to hear from you. Be sure to visit our new website and submit a photo: www.generationsofflight.com.

Best,
Bill Pritchett
AMA Director of Education

P.S. You can also share your photos with us by sending them in the mail. Include your photo and story and send it to Julia Bladen at 5161 East Memorial Drive, Muncie, IN 47302

It's that time again; time to send in our 2017 dues. Annual fees are due by the end of January. The annual dues are \$50 for an Open membership and \$10 for those under 18 years of age. Fill out the form, cut it out and mail it with your dues to Larry's P.O. Box. A check is the preferred method of payment as it makes Larry's job so much easier. Again, if you have a hardship let Larry know. He can help you work out a payment option. Just to let you know, Larry doesn't usually cash the checks until he has number of them.

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