

The Flight Box

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Future Events

February

- Club Meeting at Kountry Folks
February 02 @ 7:30 P.M.

March

- Riverside Air Show, March 31 2012. Every year the club performs at the Riverside Air Show. We would love club members to come out and display their favorite airplanes for a large static display.

April

- Club Meeting at Kountry Folks

State of the Union

Hi everyone,

Well, how is the New Year going for you? I hope everyone had a new airplane on their Christmas list and Santa Claus was very generous to you. I didn't ask for any myself because I have two on my bench, a P38 and a giant scale biplane I need to finish before I start another project. They have been sitting there while I work around them. I think it's time to get them done. Is anyone else building from kits or scratch? ARFs are nice but I like building a plane better.

The AMA show and Cable air show are now over. The AMA show was nice, but like last year there were a few vendor tables empty. I guess it's the sign of the times right now. The attendance was also down, it seemed. I was there Friday and Saturday at our club booth helping to sell raffle tickets and answering questions about our club. Ticket sales were slow but there seemed to be a lot of interest in our club. Since then I have talked to about five people who came to the field to check it out. Hopefully we may have some new members soon.

Cable air show seemed to have a good program again. Thanks to all the people who brought out their airplanes to fly and display. Thanks to Kevin Linstrom, Carl and CJ Lindou, Ron Hurwitt and Lonnie Mount for getting it organized. I heard that flying time was short Saturday and this made a few people upset. On Sunday they gave us a lot more time to fly. Thanks to all the club members that helped out, plus George Manning and Ron Werner for the jets they flew. The people really like them.

At the AMA show, an AMA representative came to our booth. He talked to us about the AMA and the civil air patrol working together to get new people interested in model aviation. The AMA puts RC clubs and CAP units together to teach young people to fly. I think he said AMA would give clubs some help to get training aircraft to learn on. I like the idea and wonder if other members of the club like it too. It could be a club project.

At January's meeting we learned that Sam Converse's grandfather Buzz had passed away. I'm sure everyone remembers how well Sam can fly his helicopter even though he hasn't been around a lot lately. We asked for donations for the American Cancer Society and it was sent there in his name. We also had a request to clarify the club rules for jets to fly at our field. We only have a couple of members who fly them. If the rule were changed I do not think we would get too many people wanting to fly because of the dirt runway. I would like it to be club members only and they would have to have the AMA jet waiver, plus necessary equipment.

The weather has been good to us this year, not too much wind or rain. I don't think that we will have a lot of field maintenance this year. We try to do it in March and maybe we won't have any at all. That would be nice for a change.

The Riverside Air Show is also in March. I think this is everyone's favorite show to be in, they always have a lot of military aircraft there to fly and displays to see.

Has anyone had any crashes lately? It seems to me there have been a few planes go down since the beginning of the year. Gary Thomson lost his 50cc yak while hovering close to the ground. The engine quit and he had nothing he could do. Maybe he will quit listening to everyone saying lower. He will do it again, it is too much fun. Now he has more parts for his P40 he wants to build, and I get to help him with. I don't mind, it is all fun for me. Not much more to say so I will see you at the field.

Meeting Information

Next meeting at:

Kountry Folks Restaurant
3653 La Sierra Ave, Riverside CA
February 2, 2012 @ 7:30pm

DUMB THUMB AWARD

Alton Vance received this month's first Dumb Thumb award having changed the mode setting on the transmitter while flying his helicopter!



New Treasurer Lonnie Mount did not have a full report ready but reported on some of the expenses and incomes for the club. Our biggest activity right now is membership renewals. (*Don't forget to send in your club membership dues and AMA dues ASAP. See the club membership form attachment in the newsletter.*) More information will follow next month regarding our financials.



General Information

AMA and Corona RC Club Membership Renewals: It's that time of the year to begin renewing your AMA and Club memberships. Club renewals depend on your age as of January 1, 2012. Example: If you are 18 years old on January 1, 2012 you would qualify for an ADULT membership. If you are 65 years old on January 1, 2012 you would qualify for a SENIOR membership. We extend our club renewal deadline later than the AMA and will add the option of paying for club renewals on our website using PayPal. More information to follow.

Spotter Requirement: FYI: The spotter requirement was re-instated when two or more pilots are flying. If you are by yourself and nobody else is at the field you may fly without a spotter.

Badges: All club members are required to bring and wear their badges at the field. Contact Lonnie Mount (personally by email) if you need a replacement badge.

Non-club members flying at field: If you see anyone at the field flying an airplane and who is not a club member then please contact a board member. These individuals will be given the opportunity to join the club or asked to leave.

Wildlife Warning: Please be aware of snakes and other wildlife that live and hide in the surrounding growth at our field.

Lock Combination: Please do not share the combination with non-club members. When you open the lock upon entry please make sure that you closed the shackle, and move the tumblers so that the combination does not remain visible. If you see anyone removing or tampering with the lock please contact a board member immediately with a name or license plate number if possible. New members will be given the lock combination.

Keeping our Field Clean: Please remember to pick up and bag your trash. If there are no bags available then please take your trash home with you.

OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS

2011 Board Thank You: New President Gary Funkhouser thanked the 2011 Board for their leadership and guidance during the last several years.

Newsletter Editor Nomination – Vote: The club was asked if there were any other nominations for Club Newsletter Editor. With no new nominations a vote was taken and Brent Peterson confirmed as our new Editor. Thanks Brent.

2011 Christmas Party: The Christmas party had a good turnout with great raffle prizes. The only thing missing was a 'bucket of chicken pieces' which has become the food staple at many of our dinners. Everyone was thanked for attending. Unfortunately Jack Gillespie suffered a fall outside on the curb and hurt his elbow. However he is fine now and ready for the 2012 Christmas Party. Thanks to Jay Jonas who donated some extra raffle prizes.

Albert 'Grandpa Buzz' Steward: Club Members were informed that Sam Converse's grandfather, Albert 'Grandpa Buzz' Steward had passed away the day before the meeting. Although not a current member Buzz and his grandson Sam were strong supporters of the club attending meetings, events, and just flying down at the field having fun. A collection was taken. We are waiting to hear about the family request and arrangements before proceeding with any action.

AMA Show this weekend: Ed Bialon talked about the show. We displayed the three ParkZone PNP foamies (Stryker, Spitfire, P-47) that are being raffled and sold raffle tickets for them. (*Notes: Since the show was held on the weekend we included the raffle winners in the meeting notes. – Ed Bialon*)

Cable Air Show this weekend: Ron Hurwit talked about the air show. Since the Santa Ana winds have been kicking up recently Ron assured the members that in most cases they will not affect our flying at the show. We'll hear more at the next meeting about the show.

NEW BUSINESS

Jet Turbines At Field: The club will be evaluating a proposal to fly jet turbines at the field and the restrictions needed in order so that the safety of people and property is maintained. Restrictions currently in the by-laws are not defined properly and need to be investigated. It was mentioned that AMA requires an AB fire extinguisher and that water-based fire extinguishers be of sufficient size. Pilots should be certified and obtain a waiver. A 'Pre-flight' checklist be performed as a one-time instance for flying. Flying would be for Corona RC Club members only. The item will be shelved until next month's meeting and members asked to consider the impacts to such a request. Several club members will be putting together a presentation.

Club Website - Scheduled Maintenance Downtime: The club website will be down for several days for maintenance. The tentative schedule is Wednesday through Friday, 1/11 through 1/13. Please be patient while we improve the website with some changes. More information to follow at the next meeting.

Club Membership Renewals: It is that time of the year again to send in your Corona RC Club dues. And don't forget to renew your AMA dues as well. Send in the attached membership form that appears at the end of the newsletter to Lonnie Mount ASAP.

AMA 2012: Show of No-Shows?

Well the three day AMA Show ordeal is over. Ordeal? Maybe I should say 'or deals', or maybe not.

First off I would like to thank fellow board members (Gary, Mark, CJ, Brent) and club members (Ron Hurwit, Dusty Shearer, Brett Scott, John Kupinski, Mike Dimick) who came and helped at our booth. A special thank you goes to Brent's guests Stephanie and Emma (Emma helped with tickets and drew the raffle winners!). And of course a thank you to our club members who purchased raffle tickets that helped raise money for our club. If you didn't know it already every dollar help\$, but honestly more dollar\$ help even more! Your raffle donations count so keep them coming and support our club.

However a special thank you goes to several show sponsors one of which is Hobby Town USA in Corona who helped us with our ParkZone PNP purchases. Thank you Jamie! We are also grateful to MyRcDesigns, Micro Fasteners, and **Golden Skies who donated prizes to us at the show.** **Without** our sponsors our hope of success diminishes at the AMA show raffle!

What's it like working the show? Well it isn't easy when it is busy. And this year we were not that busy. But when you are behind the booth you are actually working to get people to buy raffle tickets, getting new members, or answering questions. At the end of the show we all had aches and pains from those uncomfortable plastic convention chairs, laryngitis from all of the talking, and sore eyes from those glaring hanging lights.

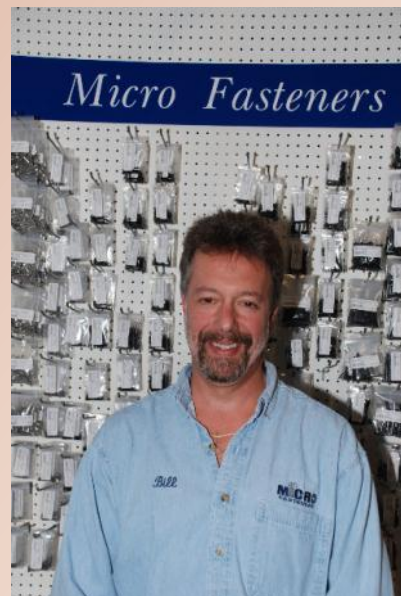
Attendance was an issue again this year. I don't have any AMA announced statistics but I think we saw either the same or fewer amount of people attend the show this year compared to last year. I am not sure about people spending money but our raffle ticket sales suffered and didn't come close to our sales of 3-4 shows ago or even last year. Friday started slowly. Generally speaking Friday is the second best day as far as attendance and ticket sales but the latter didn't happen. We struggled the first day on the ticket line and it turned out being our worst ticket sales day. Saturday is the heavy day when it comes to attendance and ticket sales. It was definitely our best ticket sales day but overall we could have done better. We tried like side-show carnies but the competition to capture 'loose change' was overwhelming. Sunday started with almost nobody in the parking lot or waiting line. However it turned out to be our second best ticket sales day despite the low show attendance. We logged all ticket sales and had only 87 line entries. The most common

ticket purchase was \$5 and we passed out 1001 tickets in all. Not the best by any standard. There were three empty booths in our half-aisle location and while other aisles seemed busy at times our location looked half dead most of the time. It might be time to consider something better. As they say in the real estate game, 'Location, Location, Location'. (Cont.)

Special Thanks to the vendors!



Golden Skies R/C Aircraft



AMA 2012: Show of No-Shows?

Friday night I attended the AMA Exhibitor's After Show Raffle and Appetizer Feast. You had to get there early for a chair and munchies because they went fast. People devoured the after-show free appetizers passing on the \$4 Convention Floor Hot Dog special that seemed to disappear after one bite. Between the cost of parking and food going to the AMA Show is an expensive proposition. I am not sure if anyone from the club attending the Exhibitors After-Show event before but I left after the raffle drawing which lasted 20 minutes. They gave away a free booth for 2013, some restaurant gift certificates, and AMA clothing. Our club raffle tickets were not drawn for any prizes.

One good thing about the AMA show is that it provided the new board with the opportunity to introduce themselves to the vendors and make or renew important contacts. Several of the board members made those contacts and hopefully we will see the benefits at future raffles. We plan to keep the communication lines open and active! Hopefully we will see bigger, better and more raffle prizes next year.

The only thing that caught my eye was a new airplane from Aeroworks which had a set of prototype floats on it. I immediately thought of our annual Float Fly event and was able to speak to Rocco along with Stan Wagner (our official Float Fly Grand Raffle Winner Guru). Check out their Aeroworks' website for the new Cessna CL-126 AFT QB.

Yeah but the big news is who won the raffle prizes. So there is the list:

- Ticket #547689 - Blue Ticket, Tony Hoag, ParkZone P-47 PNP
- Ticket #579453 - White Ticket, Brian Hester, ParkZone Spitfire PNP - (Club Member)
- Ticket #547666 - Blue Ticket, Dean Heckert, ParkZone Stryker PNP
- Ticket #547502 - Blue Ticket, Jose Martin, MyRCDesigners – Revenge Foamie
- Ticket #546842 - Blue Ticket, Cherri Etienne, Micro Fasteners – Asstd Screw Pack
- Ticket #546958 - Blue Ticket , Golden Skies - Fuel Dot

Well that's it. I deserve some R&R time. See you at the field.

Winner Winner Chicken Dinner



Up And running!

It took a little longer than was expected, but after a couple of delays, our club website has been relaunched with a whole new design. This new version will work towards showcasing our club accomplishments and add a whole new layer of membership services. Before I go any farther, I would like to thank Jason Benson for his years of administrating the website. After being the webmaster for so many years, I'm sure Jason was happy to hand over the reins to someone else. Being the only person in charge of managing a whole website like ours couldn't have been easy for him.

For those who were wondering why a whole new design was necessary, let me share with you some of the reasons for the change. For starters, I think we can all agree that from time to time it can be a good thing to have something new. If that wasn't the case, we'd all be driving the

same car we had since teenagers. Websites in particular seem to suffer from "aged design". I still come across websites that you can clearly tell were either designed in the 1990's or the web designer had the most basic understanding of websites. I'm not saying that was our case. I felt our website looked fairly modern by most standards and was clearly superior to the majority of R/C club websites.

What I felt was most lacking was some of the convenience features such as online payment, shopping, and communication features. The biggest hurdle was finding a system that would allow some of these more advanced features. Once a system was decided on, I had to look to see how much of the old system would be compatible with the new system. Unfortunately, none of it was compatible. But all is not lost. All the images and files were backed up and archived. Perhaps in the future, I will be able to reintegrate those items back into the site. One of the big downsides to this relaunch is that all user accounts have been wiped. In order to post in the forums or access some of the special portions of the website, you will have to re-register. I apologize for this minor inconvenience.

There are so many new features that there isn't enough time to explain them all. Be sure to go to the website and explore all the new features. I would like to encourage ideas and/or suggestions for improvements that could be made in the forums. I would also like to ask for your help if you find any errors. Websites as complex as ours can have "ghosts in the machine" that will reveal themselves under special circumstances. If you encounter any of the anomalies, please report them so I can fix it!

Some of the highlights of the new system are:

Membership payments via online- You can now pay for your membership online through our online form. Upon filling out the form, your transaction will be completed through Paypal.com. You DO NOT need a Paypal account in order to use this function. All credit and bank cards are accepted. Plus you'll have the added benefit of a transaction record as proof of payment.

Classified Ads- All registered members can post their own classified ad. This feature allows you to control the contact information and you can even upload your own pictures. This system is easy to use and you don't have to worry about selling items on RCUniverse and needing to ship items long distance. I'm sure we all have some stuff that we'd like to sell.

Searchable articles- With the redesigned method of posting the newsletter, all articles that are written will be able to be searched and indexed. Articles that have been written in the past were published via a PDF document, but individual articles within that PDF file could not be searched. More previously written articles will be added to the website in the coming weeks.

Improved collaboration- If you would like to write articles for our website please contact me via the webmaster contact form. Once you've been granted additional permissions, you as the author will be able to submit articles and make as many revisions to your own articles as you deem necessary. By opening up the system to more people, our website can become more of a collaborative effort and won't require the constant supervision of just one person.

Be sure to check back often as new features and information will be added soon.



Cable Air show

The Cable Air Show this year was definitely one to remember. On Saturday, we had a good sized turnout with a good variety of airplanes as well as pilots. Our first show on Saturday started 10 minutes earlier than we had planned. Everyone scrambled into the air, and put on a great show with the time we had. Unfortunately, a full scale aircraft's radio problems cut our time short and some of our pilots couldn't fly, so were only able to show the crowd a portion of what we have to offer. When we got back to the booth, the flight orders were rearranged so that the pilots who could not fly in the morning would be the first to fly that afternoon. We used the time between shows to relax, enjoy the show, and promote the hobby.



During the afternoon show, a last minute schedule change caused some confusion, and we were asked to swap time slots with Doug Jardine, who was unable to start up his beautiful Sbach 342. We sprang into action and started hitting the skies. Just as we were getting started, Doug was able to fire up his plane and put on a great show. Unfortunately, this meant that our second flight time was cut. The crowd was disappointed but they still got a great show on Saturday. We were able to talk to a lot of people and foster new interest in our hobby.

When it comes to Saturday, I think its best to look at things as this: when you work air shows time cuts are going to happen. But the main reason we participate is to foster new interest in our hobby and have fun and be safe, which we did this weekend, and that is what counts!

Sunday had less turnout but we still put on a good show. The airport officials went out of their way to make up the time cuts to us, and morning show was extended to 40 minutes! With no time cuts or crashes the second show really couldn't have gone better. The second show of the day was about 25 minutes long. It's safe to say the club members and the crowd left happy on Sunday.



Firsts of 2012

On New Year's Eve I had a thought of going to the field and doing an article of who was going to be the first club members flying at the field on New Year's Day. The next morning I woke up at 7AM, hurriedly took a shower, got dressed, grabbed my camera and headed out the door starting my drive up I-15.

Before getting into my car I had an omen. I looked at the sky and saw a jet high in the air with its con trail clearly visible. Right then and there I knew that 2012 was going to be a



good year to go flying and made a resolution to start flying again as much as possible. It was a good sign seeing that jet airplane way high in the sky! As I passed Ontario Street on the I-15 I noticed that the weather

was super clear. I could see the mountains as if I was standing at their base. There was not a cloud in the sky too. My second omen! I predict that we will have more flying days with gorgeous clear weather. As I exited 6th Street in Norco I stopped at Wendy's. After giving my order (not only did I understand the person on the other end of the speaker, they also understood me which was a good omen by itself) I turned on my radio. Almost immediately they announced the time as 7:47 AM. 747! Boeing 747! Another omen just like the first seeing the jet up in the sky. Hot damn. I am on a roll, well actually burrito. That's what I bought at Wendy's. This is the year of a major turn-around for me. What buying Wendy's burritos instead of Micky D McSausage/Egg Muffins? Who knows!

I couldn't wait to get to the field now but I didn't have an airplane, only my camera. Well I'll fix that the next time. Rather than take the turn-off at our entrance I turned into



Hidden Valley Nature Center. I usually drive the service road that runs parallel to Arlington. As I approached the gate I noticed that it was closed and locked.

What? You must be kidding me! Here I am the first one at



the gate with no airplane. Do I go in? No! The honor of being the first to go through the gate needs to be someone with an airplane, so I waited. Suddenly a silver SUV made the turn off to our entrance but strangely enough they made u-turn heading back onto Arlington. I waited some more but enough is enough. I started my engine in my SUV and realized that I had another omen. I was driving my Honda Pilot. Yes, Pilot. Another airplane omen, driving a SUV named 'Pilot'. I got up to the gate, got out, unlocked the gate, and proceeded to drive the lonely road to the field. I pulled into the parking lot and walked a little then got back into my Pilot. After a few minutes George Mena pulled up in his SUV, and soon afterwards Danny Bronstein. It has started. Firsts on the First day of January 2012. So here they are:

- First to arrive: Ed Bialon
- First to open the gate: Ed Bialon
- First to set foot on the field: Ed Bialon
- First to be at the field without an airplane: Ed Bialon
- First to eat and drink at the field: Ed Bialon (A Wendy's



Firsts of 2010

Burrito and Iced Tea, no donuts.)

- First to be at the field with an airplane: George Mena. Second: Danny Bronstein. Third: Keith Mitchell.
- First to have flight problems on the runway: George Mena. (Bad battery connection.)
- First take-off and flight for 2012: Danny Bronstein.
- First to make a landing: George Mena.
- First not to use a spotter: George Mena. Second: Keith Mitchell. (Oops, I won't tell anyone.)
- First to have a nose landing and possible Dumb-Thumb: Keith Mitchell. (Luckily the wind blew and up-righted his airplane.)
- First to use the porta-potty: Keith Mitchell.
- First family at the field: The Lindstroms
- First 2012 board members at the field: Ed Bialon. Second: Gary Funkhouser.
- First kids at the field: James and Rory Lindstrom
- First club member to take photos at the field: Ed Bialon
- First animals at the field: An unknown lady walking her three dogs, one of which was a vicious Chihuahua.
- First dog to do a #1 and #2: Gary Funkhouser's dog Mattie.
- First club member to leave the field and go out the gate: Ed Bialon

There you have it. The first day of the New Year, and all of the firsts that happened at the field when I was there. Also the good omens that happened to me! I think 2012 is going to be a Good Year. At least it was for me! Hope to see you at the field (more often this year) – flying (like me).



IN MEMORIAM

We are sad to announce to our club members the passing of Albert 'Grandpa Buzz' Steward who died of prostate cancer just before our January club meeting.



'Buzz' was a strong club supporter and was always seen together with his grandson 'Sam Converse'. Buzz supported Sam in his flying interests. You

would see the both of them at club meetings, events, work parties and of course flying down at the field. There was a special bond between Buzz and Sam. In the years that I knew Buzz I remember him as always being extremely friendly and down to earth. Many times I would see Buzz sitting in his white van, sipping coffee and watching his grandson fly his helicopter or airplane. I would casually walk up, knock on the window and say 'Grandpa Buzz, how's it going?' I have to say that I liked calling him 'Grandpa Buzz'

and I believe he took no offense to me doing so.



Buzz was not a pilot but he was definitely a 'pilot's friend in the pit area. The club extends their sympathy to Sam and his family. Those who knew Buzz will miss him.

- Ed Bialon

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Interested in being a flight instructor? Please contact the Editor with your name, phone number, and/or email address.

No Ads This Month

Pegasus Hobbies offers discounts to club members

Club members are eligible to receive a 10% discount on all non-electronic part-related products by simply showing your current membership badge during check out. In addition to the discount, Pegasus will try his best to match the prices of other local hobby shops.

Also, on your next visit be sure to sign up for their customer list.

Pegasus Hobbies is located at 5515 Moreno St., Montclair, CA 91763. Their phone number is 909-982-6507 and you can find them on the web at: www.pegasushobbies.com/

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