It's Time For Some

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THE FLIGHT LINE

By David Raff – President!

How does the old nursery rhyme go "Rain, rain go away, come again some - time next year! It is clearly evident everywhere you look that we have had more than our share of rainfall this past summer and unfortunately, an end does not look to be in our immediate future.

Dale Anderson has been and will continue to do his best to keep up with the mowing at the field. As mentioned before, he will be concentrating on the parking area, infield, heli landing zone and as much of the field north of the runway as Mother Nature will allow. This may be complicated even more next week with "Erika" on her way but hopefully things will start to clear afterwards. If not, in addition to our other "specialty" flying locations, heli & control line (thanks to member Larry Minott) we may have a location to "float fly" from.

A couple of other things to note from the field:

Two new windsocks have been purchased and installed. One is over the marquee sign at the field entrance and the other is along the northwest fence line next to Badcock's.

When the frame that was holding the "wind meter" for our weather station finally succumbed to the elements it was replaced with a heavier duty PVC set-up which should last a very long time. Unfortunately, during one of the recent thunderstorms, it appears that one of the anemometer cups snapped due to the high winds and one of the "display stations" was blown off the stand and landed outside where it suffered water damage. I have been attempting to get it to work but so far no luck. I have Gary Snyder looking into possibly purchasing another one. The entire system runs about $59.00 which includes the digital display, anemometer, transmitter and hardware.

One more thing – Through the generosity of member Art Magarino, we have a large number of chairs with which to use for our comfort. I am sure that you have seen some of these, on occasion, blown over or laying out from under the pavilion after a heavy thunderstorm. Since several styles are "stackable" let's all try to make it a point to help keep these from being damaged or wearing out too soon by keeping them together if not being used . This will not only increase the weight, preventing them from being "blown around" but will help keep the area open and clear to make it easier to get your planes to and from the flight line.

At last month's meeting, Scott Smith confirmed that there will not be a Fall Pylon race this year. So, with the exception of the events at Paradise Field, there is not going to be a lot happening at our field between now and the first of the year. Obviously, we are going to have at least one more "Family Day" once our "winter buddies" return. We may try to combine this with our annual Toy's For Tot's drive in December but between now and then, I think that we need to do something…..

It was brought to my attention that one of our members, Al Petrella, had a great idea and yes – this really does happen (not you Al – the idea). It has been a while since we have held a Swap Meet at the field and the last one was just for the IRCC club members. Al felt that it was time to have another one but this time, open it up to all of the surrounding clubs and invite them to come over and join us. To take this one step further, he recommended that we allow those that do come over, the opportunity to stay and fly with us for the day. Who knows, not only could this be a lot of fun but we might even pick up a few new members! This is on the agenda to talk about at the September meeting.

Until next month that is all from "The Flight Line"!

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IRCC MEETING MINUTES

August 2015
Recorded by George Nauck for the absentee Secretary – Ian Clark

President David Raff called meeting to order at the Field at 10:59 AM.

Visitors and New Members: Recognition of new member Jerry Dixon and a visitor, Harry Greaves. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes from the July meeting.

Treasurers Report: Gary Snyder did his usual outstanding report of Club membership, finances, and forecast. He reported monthly expenses, income, and checking account balance, along with the CD balance, and comparison with last year. Forecast is projected to better last year's financial performance. Gary invited all present to view the checkbook and the current bank statement following the meeting.

Membership Report: Gary reported seven new members since last meeting. Members were reminded that AMA dues are increasing for 2016, but can be locked in at current level if renewed before a date in September.

Field Maintenance Report: We need some new wind socks. Motion was passed to purchase the replacements. David Raff will take care of this. It was reported that a very wide crack of more than an inch wide has opened up in the angled runway, and small wheeled aircraft should avoid. The company that performed the surface seal has agreed to re-seal the entire area at their expense due to the premature failure of the sealant.

Safety Report: There were no outstanding issues to report or discuss.

Instructors Report: Our members and instructors continue to provide training and encouragement to new fliers.

Newsletter: A section is under development that will be MEMBERS ONLY for those items that are just among us.

Old Business: There was none to discuss.

New Business: It was recommended that we communicate an invitation to clubs with flooded fields to come fly with us until their fields become accessible. This has been done in the past, and was agreed to be acceptable now due to historic flooding of neighboring communities. George Nauck promoted the sale of "Warrior Fuel" candy that he made and is donating, with all sales going directly to the Wounded Warrior Project in conjuction with Nation Model Aviation Day on August 15th.

Past Events: None to Report.

New Events: Scott Smith reported that there will be NO Fall Pylon Race at our field, and that next proposed hosting of SEMPRA will be next Spring. Motion was made, seconded, and approved for Wally Sundey to spend up to $600, if necessary, for raffle prizes for 12 O'Clock High in October. We will continue to seek donated raffle prizes. The IRCC Raffles at Frank Tiano's events have been a major fund raiser due to Wally's over-the –top promotion of ticket sales out among the crowds. Mr. Tiano and Worthy have also been very generous in contributing to the raffle.

Sportsmanship Award: Was unanimously approved to be presented to Dale Anderson for his dedicated upkeep of the field with weekly mowing's between daily rains.

50/50: The 50/50 drawing split $108 between the club and George Nauck.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 AM

Should I attempt to restore a wounded hawk?

By George Nauck

There are people who devote their lives to restoring wounded dogs, cats, horses, and even exotic animals. I suppose that most of these people either work for a society or they are wealthy enough to be able to use this activity for a perpetual "feel-good" experience. I have had the good fortune to live with pets and livestock from my youth, and have loved all the animals and fowl that I grew up with. Sometimes there was a little frustration associated with raising animals, such as when a couple of goats would climb the angled brace holding the corner-post up straight, and take their naps in the middle of the highway. In the same vain, the species that inspired the term "the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence", would press and press between the hog-wire and barbed wire until a hole was big enough to allow them to join the goats on the highway. It is good that we lived on a straight section of road that allowed oncoming traffic to see them from a distance and slow down to pass on the shoulder.

We never had pet birds of any kind, and we never had animals in the house except for my flying squirrels. They were kept in a cage, of course. In spite of that, occasionally one would get out and since they are nocturnal, it might be days before I could find it. I remember my mother finding one sleeping in an ornate vase on the mantle of our gas "fireplace" while dusting.

As an adult, however, I was given the opportunity to adopt a hawk that had been discarded from a prior owner, and needed some TLC. I was able to get it restored and it would always come back to me after a few minutes in flight. I loved it, but it eventually had to be put away. I really missed it, and after a while, I made the plunge and bought one that was in perfect health. I took good care of it, and loved to watch it's graceful flights when we would take to the fields. Again, it always came back to me after completing its exercise, and patiently sat on its perch until our next outing. As the bird got older, it's flights became a little unsteady, and on one of its flights it had an accident that damaged it's wings and dinged its tail. I took it home, returned it to its perch, and there it stayed for many months. I knew that it would require an investment if this bird was to ever fly again. Just this week, I made the decision to take my hawk off its perch and begin its restoration. I cleaned it up and made an assessment of its injuries. I also went through my big box of spare parts from my previous hawk and that friends had given me when they gave up on their hawks. I am now confident that my hawk will be flying as soon as receive my orders of a set of wings, a set of legs, and a cooling fan……..

The fantastic looking aircraft pictured above is a Pitts S1- S, built by member Robert Russ. It is from an EMHW kit with a Valach 170 engine. Look for more information on this beauty in next month's newsletter!

Newsletter Articles Needed!

Have something of interest that you would like to share. Please forward to the editor at raff7113@msn.com!

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6	7	8	9	10 Field Closed AM For Mowing	11	12 BCF ELECTRIC FLY-IN
13	14	15	16	17 Field Closed AM For Mowing	18	19 BCF GOLDEN ERA FLY-IN
20	21	22	23	24 Field Closed AM For Mowing	25	26
27	28	29	30	BCF - BAY CITY FLYERS		

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Field Closed AM For Mowing	2	3 IRCC CLUB MEETING
4	5	6	7	8 Field Closed AM For Mowing	9	10 TCRC FALL WATTS-FEST (ELECTRIC FLY-IN)
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