

Radio Waves

Newsletter of the Santa Fe Dam Radio Control Modelers

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Meeting Arcadia Red Cross February 8, 2017

President's Column

What's up with the weather? The most rain we've had in quite a while is cutting into our flying time. So much for the drought here in So Cal. There was a couple of times it looked like we could have a float fly right there at the field and we darn near needed a kayak and life vest just to go to the port-a-potty. I guess we can't or shouldn't complain too much since we need the rain desperately.

I hope that our glider friends are enjoying the fabric runway. As a reminder, we have another work party scheduled for February 11th. We're going to add another 15 foot width. We welcome anyone to come out and help. We'll need rakes, shovels and brooms, but most of all, we need able bodies to do the work. My body is not that able anymore so I decided that I'll supervise (lol).

I'm sorry to say that there is controversy regarding our rules update regarding fire extinguishers and LyPo containers. The proposed rules are not unreasonable. Other clubs have these rules and its safety related. I don't understand the negative feedback. As of now, the fire extinguisher rule is going into effect immediately. All flyers must have a fire extinguisher available and accessible. Please see the website's safety rules page. The rule regarding LyPo containers is still under discussion. Once an appropriate solution is determined we will implement the appropriate rule.

A reminder, our next general meeting is Wednesday, February 8th. I hope we get a large turnout. We should have some good information to share and some great raffle prizes.

If you haven't renewed your membership or haven't received you 2017 key and placard, contact Ed, Dennis or myself. Deadline is March 1st. After that, renewal is the same as a new member. Make sure your AMA is up to date too.

In the mean time, fly safe, fly often and most of all have fun.

Richard

Treasurer Talk

At my urging to the Executive Committee the Duarte gate will now be opened by the first member to arrive..who will leave the gate opened, and to relock the lock on the open gate so no one will steal/remove it. The gate should then be locked by the last member who leaves the field for the day. We have decided to have a month's trial period so that hopefully everything will go smoothly without any incidents after the field is closed for the day. Good luck to all!

Ed

Renew Your Membership Today!

You can pay on-linw with PayPal.Make your payment to SFDRCM@hotmail.com. \$80 renewal before March 1.



February Birthdays

Vince Godinez
Dennis Lord
Matt Matthews
Barry McLean

Leo Stallworth
Laurel Traeger
James Zeiman



Float Fly Info **Next Float Fly March 11**

We have scheduled Float Flies for every other month. If you do not have a float plane, now is the time to get one. See the SFDRCM website for information on float flying and buying or building floats. It is important to obey all rules so that we do not jeopardize our privledges at the lake.

Members and Invited guests only allowed to fly, with current AMA card.

Spectators always welcome - be friendly!

NEW \$15 landing fee for member includes lunch

NEW Flying from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please stay for take-down.

Club field open

Lunch Available (hot or cold depending)

Free park entry first 15 member cars (subject to change at park's discession). Identify yourself as a club member. Be prepared to pay.

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IRWINDALE FIRE 626 337-8919

IRWINDALE POLICE 626 962-3601

DUARTE FIRE DEPT

1105 Highland 626 444-2581

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ARCDIA**

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Vice-president's Column

I have decided that this month I am not going to mention anything about Safety, Rules or the Gate. Instead I am going to say a few short or maybe long words about a few positive things.

For those who didn't make it to last month float fly, you really missed out. After a cold and rainy week we woke up that Saturday morning to an absolutely beautiful day. The RC gods were definitely looking out for us that morning. The sun was out, the clouds were gone, and we had almost no wind the entire day. Despite the fact that one of my planes had a piece of wing covering that was coming loose, preventing me from flying it, I was able to come home with all my planes in the correct number of pieces. While there were a few casualties it was a pretty successful day for most of us. We saw a few new planes out for the first time and even a few pilots that were new to the water.

If you've been out to the field lately you have most likely seen the flying wings taking over the sky. I recently picked up a couple for my son and I and have to say that we are loving them. If you have an opportunity to get or at least fly one I would highly suggest it. They are cheap, durable, highly maneuverable and a ton of fun. They defiantly will not disappoint. Below I will list some websites that have them available.

Lets all hope that we can all continue to have the great weather that SoCal is known for. Happy flying and remember "We are all in it for the good times and good friends".

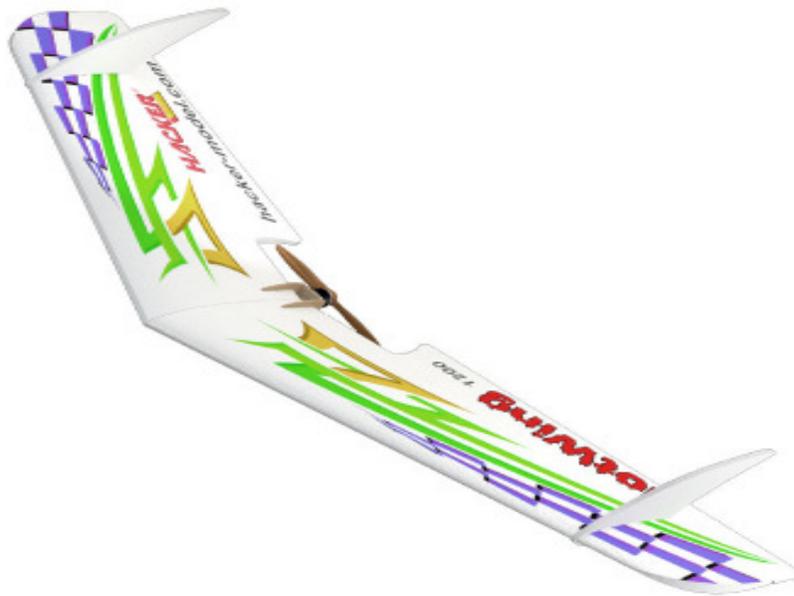
<http://www.crashtesthobby.com/>

<http://www.nitroplanes.com/> - Popwing available in 3 sizes

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Joshua Dawson



New! Hacker-Model® HotWing 1200 EP ARF

Unconventional aerodynamics

This tough EPP-constructed flying wing is perfect for everyone from beginners to experts. It's flexible, exciting, and brushless capable. The wing itself is prebuilt, equipped with carbon pushrods and struts. It's ready for your power system and control setup.

Specifications:

Wingspan: 47.2 in (1200 mm) Weight: 0.7 lbs (330g) Requires: 4-channel RC set with two micro servos and V-mix; 80W+ (1100kV) brushless motor, 18A ESC, 7/6 or 8/6 propeller, 3S 1300-1500mAh LiPo battery, CA glue, and activator spray.

2017 SFDRCM Renewal

Renew your SFDRCM membership now and don't worry about it later!
Take a minute, write that check and get on board for the great year ahead.



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

AMA# _____ Birthdate _____

Do not mail newsletter - I will read it on the website

We need copy of **2017**AMA Card by Dec. 31 (AMA receipt ok)

I agree to obey the club and AMA safety rules.

Signed _____

RATE _____ \$80

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Bring to meeting or mail to SFDRCM, PO Box 93, Duarte CA 91009



Float Fly Jan 2017