

Radio Waves

Newsletter of the Santa Fe Dam Radio Control Modelers

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Meeting Arcadia Red Cross April 12, 2017

Spring Open House April 22

It is nearly time for our Spring Open House!

This is our big public event of the year. Our chance to show the public what we are about, why we spend so much time in a settling basin. Again we need complete member support to make this an enjoyable and successful event. Just showing up is the biggest part. If you can bring something to fly, and offer some assistance all the better. Wearing your club t-shirt will help identify you as will wearing your name tag. If you do not have a name tag, please contact us at sfdrcm@hotmail.com to order one.

Assistance is needed for gate attendant, parking assistance, flight line control, food service and trainer flight crew. None of these are difficult and can be done for limited period of time. Please plan to give some time. At all times, be friendly and welcoming. Talk to visitors - this is all new to them. You are the experts - share the fun.

If you have a Slow Stick, Grim Reaper or other flying wing, of foam T-28 or warbird, bring those out for crowd pleasing mass launches.

If anyone has a PA system and traffic cones that they could loan the club for the event, please let us know sfdrcm@hotmail.com.

From the Prez

Is the rain over? I'm guessing yes. Spring time is flying time.

I've been noticing larger crowds at the field lately. It's nice to see. It's also nice to see the variety of aircraft we've had. It seems like the flying wings are getting a lot of attention. They are amazing!

I hope that our glider friends are enjoying the fabric runway. We've added another 15 foot width of fabric in case your aim isn't too good. I'd personally like to thank those who showed up at the work party. With all the help, it went quickly and smoothly.

We're going to have our spring open house on Saturday the 22nd. We're hoping to make it one of the best ever. The food we will serve is by Fuddrucker's hamburgers, fries and maybe some hot dogs. Special thanks to Don Bangle for making that possible. We will have the usual demonstration flying, new pilot training and hopefully a few new surprises. We may have raffle items too.

A reminder, our next general meeting is Wednesday, April 12th. I hope we get a large turnout. We should have some good information to share and some great raffle prizes.

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April Birthdays

Willian Conner

Roy Genger

Jack Moursalian

Francis Pachelo

Thomas Nordstrom

Timothy Smith



Float Fly Info Next Float Fly May 13

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.

ABSOLUTELY NO DRIVING ON PATHWAY OR GRASS

From the Prez (cont from page 1)

I hope to continue seeing big crowds at the field but I'd also like to mention that we need to be courteous and allow equal time to all flyers. When the heavies and helis are out there, let's sit back and watch and give them all the room they deserve. They're only up there a short time.

We will be entering snake season soon so vigilance is imperative. Also, be prepared (water, shade etc) as the weather begins to heat up. In the mean time, fly safe, fly often and most of all have fun.

Rich

Float Fly Next Float Fly May 13, July Float Fly Rescheduled

We have been fortunate to have excellent weather for the Float Flies this year, and hope that will continue. The Next Float Fly is May 13 and will be at the beach area due to the Renaissance Pleasure Fiare going on. We recommend you arrive early as RenFaire traffic builds up later in the morning.

The July Float Fly has been rescheduled to July 8 due to a Scheduling confilct with the park

FIELD EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

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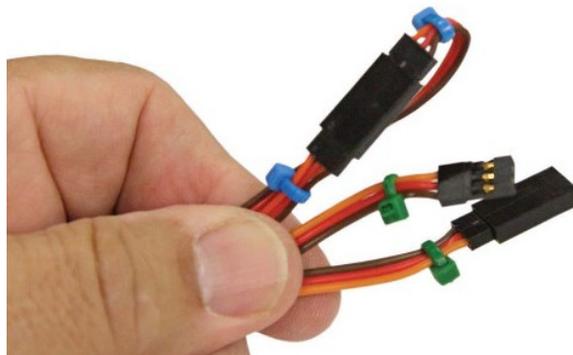
Well fellow pilots the 2017 flying season is in full swing so dust off those long forgotten vintage aircraft and get airborne. The SFDRCM has gained several new members in the past few months and you may see some new smiling faces in the crowd - go introduce yourself and give these new pilots a hearty welcome and encouragement if they should need it. This years Jan & Mar Float-flys were a great success and May's upcoming event at the beach area is expected to draw a good crowd as well. Start now and get your float plane ready for a fun season. The EC works hard to provide fun events and smooth operation of club activities so if there is anything we can do to improve the RC Hobby for you please mention to any EC Board member and we will give your suggestion/idea consideration. As always, if you want to fly in style wearing a club T-shirt and hat please see an EC member and your dreams will come true. Time to go flying - fly often and most of all fly safe.

Dennis

Snakes and Our Planes

Spring, warm weather, longer days, rocky terrain, and small animals scampering. A scene from Bambi? Maybe, but also a perfect recipe for snakes. There have been news stories already of people and pets being bitten by rattlesnakes, the only venomous snakes in our area. We have had great presentations from "the snake man" with live serpent visitors. Remember, snakes are a vital part of the ecosystem where we fly, they were there before we came and will be there after we go.

Rattlesnakes are shy and will not bite without provocation. They do not "coil and jump" at you. If you see one, just back away and let each other be. If someone is bitten, clean the wound, and call 9-1-1 or the park lifeguard, or transport to Methodist Hospital (where our meeting are). DO NOT: cut, suck or apply suction, or apply ice or apply tourniquet. Current practice is to let the venom distribute and dilute, rather than concentrate and do extensive local harm. Again, avoidance is the best strategy.



Here's an easy way to ID servo extensions, especially for the larger aircraft that have two or more servos on the wing or other control surfaces. Find a packet of small zip ties or cable ties that come in an assortment of colors at almost any hardware store, then use matching-color ties on the servo extensions and plugs going into the receiver. To separate the wing extensions from the other wing extensions, use a different color combination for each. Now when installing the wings, you'll never mix up the connectors! From Model Airplane News

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