

# Radio Waves

Newsletter of the Santa Fe Dam Radio Control Modelers

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**MEETING AT THE FIELD 10AM SAT APRIL 16**



## President's Points

### April Meeting

We had more members attend the club meeting at the field last month than we've had attend our meetings in a long time. About twenty-five members in all, including the officers. Thanks to everyone who attended. The Zoom meetings during Covid never really took off.

### Meetings at the field

Because we had a quorum, the members decided to create a motion and a vote to have the club meetings at the field on a monthly basis. The motion passed with something like seventeen to three. Therefore, the next club meeting will be **May 21** at the field. We moved it back a week because the float fly will be held on May 14.

### Raffle returns

The raffle was also a big success, generating \$220 in revenue for the club. Somehow, considering I have seldom ever won anything in the raffles in the past, I was shocked when I hit the jackpot on that day and took home the main raffle item, an E-flite P51 Mustang which I swapped for the WWI Albatross once I got home. Sorry guys, I warned you last month I had my eyes on that Albatross, and this means the P51 will be up for grabs again in the next raffle. Good luck.

The Albatross turned out to be a good flyer, though it's a little nose heavy (better nose heavy than tail heavy) and the tail skid sucked on hard pavement. No control at all during taxi. Since its maiden flight I've replaced the skid with a tail wheel and now it tracks on the ground much better. The tail skid may have looked more authentic, but sometimes you just have to forgo authenticity for practicality.

## Dues revert to prior levels

During the meeting we discussed the increase in new member and renewal fees. By the end of that discussion I believe everyone understood and accepted the reasoning for the increase in fees. Bo suggested we increase the fees even more. If that happens it will be done incrementally as we deem necessary, but for now we think we're good and hopefully they won't have to be increased again anytime in the near future, if ever. *[Editor Dues have reverted to the prior lever of \$120 per year for new members (\$80 dues + \$40 field fund) and \$80 renewal for current members. Dues portion of new member fee is prorated quarterly. Grace period for renewal was moved to Jan 31, which still gives members 5 months to renew.]*

## March Float Fly

The March float fly was exceptional with a record breaking number of attendees. We hope to have the same results this month and lunch will be provided for a nominal fee, possibly hot dogs or hamburgers, maybe both. By request we'll also have Dr. Pepper. If there's anything anyone else would like please let us know.

## Membership level

We are now up to 97 new and renewed members. Looks like things are starting to take a turn for the better. Among the new members we also received a \$500 donation from a business group called Flyby. Very appreciated. Some members said their large drone was very impressive. Looking forward to hopefully seeing it in action.

## Float Fly May 14

So, come enjoy yourself at the float fly on the 14th starting at 8am, then again at the club meeting on the 21st at 10am. We look forward to seeing you. *[Editor Float Fly will be at Area 2 swim beach. Plan to arrive before 10am. After that there will be a long line of traffic for the Renaissance Pleasure Faire.]*

*Cliff*



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## RC Car Usage

Please don't operate RC cars around the pit, runway or taxi ways. They kick up dirt and rocks that create hazards. There is lots of room on the concrete dam apron and the dirt areas away from the paved pits or runway. Other unauthorized vehicles have been kicking rocks on the runway. You might want to pack a broom and sweep the runway before flying. Thank you!

## Gate Usage

We are trying to maintain the first-in-unlock, last-out-lock policy on both the Duarte Road gate and upper dam road gates. There have been problems with missing locks, shortened chains, etc. Please do the best you can, and report problems to us so we can address them.

We are working with other agencies that need access to the area so we will all have access without having to cut locks or chains. As of now all agencies have their own locks on the chains.

If you open a lock, please do not leave it hanging open, lock it back



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## Keep It Safe, Keep the Field

Our flying field is our only tangible resource and without it we have no club. The keys to retaining permission to use "our" field is maintaining good relations with our governing partners: US Army Corp of Engineers, LA Flood Control District, LA County, and Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area. The best way to do that is conduct ourselves in a **SAFE RESPONSIBLE** way, following the AMA Safety Code, FAA Regulations, and Club rules. The BASIC RULE is "**don't to anything stupid**". Be courteous to everyone, be aware, stay within your skill set, constantly check your equipment. There is no need to endanger people or property. Let go for another 40 safe years!



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# SFDRCM FLOAT FLY

## SANTA FE DAM RECREATION AREA

15501 E Arrow HWY  
Irwindale, CA 91706

8:00 am—2:00 pm

**Saturday, May 14, 2022**

**Location:** Lake Shore near Parking Lot No. 2



Lunch will be provided



AMA Membership Required for RC Pilots  
Vehicle Parking Fees: \$12 General / \$5.00 Senior

Plan to arrive early (before 10am) because after that there will be long lines of cars for the Renaissance Pleasure Faire.

We did not advertise a landing fee, so we will ask for a voluntary donation to cover our lunch and boat expenses.