

# Radio Waves

**Newsletter of the Santa Fe Dam Radio Control Modelers**

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## **Meeting Arcadia Red Cross June 14, 2017**

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### ***State of the State***

Not actually state of the state but state of the club. And happily there is not much to report, with no major problems. The field is in good condition and practice of "first in open, last out lock" has been working well. The road in is still dusty and the "tank trap" is back but those are minor inconveniences. The Recreation Area has some new management, so we have to sort of reestablish our presence with them. The field is in excellent shape and normal operating funds are sound. We are getting a few new members through the website, the open house and the open gate policy. The Christmas party has been scheduled for the Monrovia, with the cash bar open for those of you that like some holiday cheer, Grim Reapers, the airplanes, not the harbingers of death, are still popular, and very entertaining when flown in groups.

Weather has been cool but that is predicted to change. The heat calls for some common sense measures. Cover up with a wide brimmed hat, apply and reapply sunscreen. A number of our members have skin cancer stories. Tanning is for leather, Stay hydrated, in other words drink water. Even if you don't feel thirsty. Dehydration heat exhaustion and heat stroke sneak up on you. Other critters are affected by the heat also - snakes look for shade and water. Keep an eye out and use good sense. The occasional rattlesnake is less happy to see us than we are to see him. Leave it alone and alert others. Keep emergency phone numbers handy. The park lifeguards are probably the best for emergencies or trouble. If calling 9-1-1, have someone go to the gate to direct them in. Don't fly propeller driven aircraft alone. Serious cuts happen fast, and driving yourself or calling for help alone may not be possible.



## June Birthdays

Astro Anagnostu     Kent Smith  
Don Birmingham     Gary Stevens  
Michael Cockroft     Eric Traeger  
Ron Coultrap  
Robert Nelson  
Scott Popjes  
Anthony Rodriguez Jr



## Float Fly Info Next Float Fly July 8

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 privileges 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 discretion). Identify yourself as a club member. Be prepared to pay.

**ABSOLUTELY NO DRIVING ON PATHWAY OR GRASS**



## Southern California's Biggest Hobby Shop

5515 Moreno St Montclair CA

909 982-6507

**Discount to Club Members**

## E-Lite X-Vert

Horizon Hobbies has announce a trick new aircraft. It takes off vertically from wing tip stands, hovers and flies like a multirotor until you flip the switch, when it takes off like a flying wing. Differential thrust allow truly radical maneuvers. Includes fully programmed receiver / flight control. Use any 6+ channel Spektrum transmitter. Due in July



## FIELD EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

USE ALL 10 DIGIT WHEN CALLING FROM CELL PHONE

PARK POLICE (Sheriff)     800 834-0064

SANTA FE DAM PARK     626 334-1065

IRWINDALE FIRE     626 337-8919

IRWINDALE POLICE     626 962-3601

DUARTE FIRE DEPT

1105 Highland     626 444-2581

METHODIST HOSPITAL  
ARCDIA

626 898-8000

# ***Third annual Vintage R/C Festival July 29, 2017***

This is a fun gathering of modelers that still like to build models the old fashioned way, with bits of balsa. It is held under the auspices of the Vintage R/C Society, and hosted by the Cedar City R/C Club, and the Iron Mountain Vintage Fliers. This year the cutoff date is for models kitted or plans published prior to 1983, models can have been originally designed for R/C, Free Flight, or even control line, converted to R/C. Landing fee is \$10 discounted to \$5 for VRCS, SAM, and Classic Pattern Assoc. members. AMA membership is required. The landing fee will include a BBQ lunch with a suggested \$5 donation for additional family members.

The field is at an elevation of 5800 ft. and average high temps are 90 degrees that time of year, it is typically the calmest time of the year, but late afternoon, and evening thunder showers are not uncommon.

If you have an RV you can stay at the field (no hookups) there is a Forest Service type pit toilet. Lodging in Cedar City is plentiful, and in all price ranges, another option would be to stay in one of the lodges at Brian Head (35 minutes away) at 10,000 ft it is the second highest town in the U.S.

If you are able to stay for a few days you should plan on doing some sightseeing, Cedar Breaks. Kolab Canyons, Zion, Bryce. Monuments and National Parks are nearby. Do some hiking, fishing, enjoy the Wildflowers. Or take in a play at the Utah Shakespeare Festival. <https://www.bard.org>

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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## ***Helpful Hints***

### ***Epoxy mixing***

We all need to mix up batches of epoxy for assembly or repairs. Usually not very much. And usually there is nothing convenient to mix them on. Here are a few suggestions.

1) Plastic container lids. Most everything that comes in a can or tub has a plastic lid. Think Pringles. These lids are perfect for mixing epoxy. They have an edge to prevent dripping; the dried epoxy does not stick - bend the lid and the set epoxy pops off. Lots of sizes available.

2) Deck of cards. Playing cards are plastic coated. A deck of 52 or more can be had at the 99 cent store. No lip to prevent drips but good for small mixes.

### ***Field Airplane Stand***

Tired of squatting down to work on your plane? Don't want to haul a table? Try a keyboard stand. These can be found at yard sales or \$19.95 at Frys. They are X shaped, light weigh stands. Perfect for supporting your fuselage while putting on the wing or installing the battery.



### ***Engine Cleaner***

Engines collect baked on "crud" that are detrimental to appearance and performance. Castor oil bakes on worse than synthetic. Oven cleaners may remove some of the residue but will etch aluminum. The best product is Dawn Power Dissolver. It does a wonderful job in short time clearing the baked on varnish of engines and mufflers. Also works great on barbeque grills and household frying pans and grills. The bad news is that it does not seem to be available at retail, and is now considered a "commercial" product, I did buy a case of 6 so if you want a 32 oz spray bottle, contact me (Earle) at [SFDRCM@hotmail.com](mailto:SFDRCM@hotmail.com).