

Radio Waves

Newsletter of the Santa Fe Dam Radio Control Modelers

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Meeting Arcadia Red Cross October 11, 2017

Christmas Party Dec 2

Yes it is October, and you know what that means. Pumpkins and Halloween? That is so 2016. It means Christmas billboards and ads on TV and merchandise in stores. And of course, ticket sales for the GALA SFDRCM CHRISTMAS PARTY!

This year the party is on December 2, in an effort to avoid crush of events later in the month. It will be held at the Monrovia Restraint in beautiful downtown Monrovia starting at 11 AM. There will be a cash bar for those of you that like to accompany your meal with some fermented grape juice or such. Tickets will include one raffle ticket, with more available at the party. Spouses and guests are welcome. But, tickets must be purchased in advance by November 18. No tickets sold at the door, as we must give a count to the restaurant and pay for all meals regardless of attendance.

Tickets are \$15 per person, available at the meeting, from a board member, or email SFDRCM@hotmail.com, indicating how many tickets you would like, and we will email you a Paypal invoice for payment.

Float Fly Nov 11

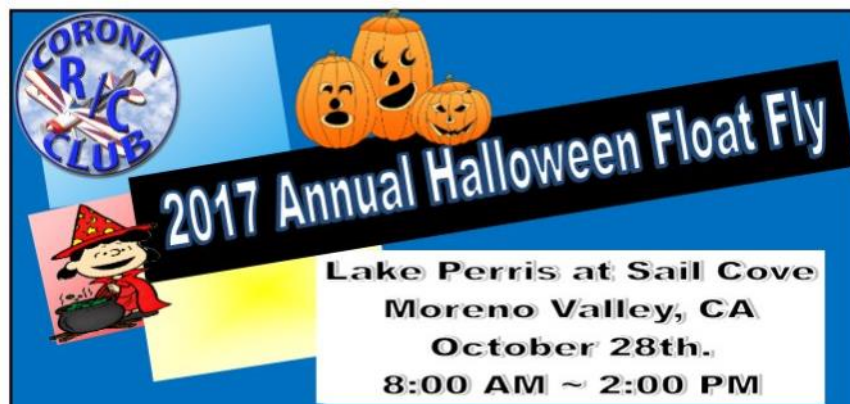
At Santa Fe Dam Recreation Center . \$15 landing fee includes lunch. No driving on pathways or grass. Must attend Pilots Meeting before flying.

Halloween Float Fly Oct 28

Come get your feet wet. **Corona R/C Club** is hosting a Halloween Float Fly at Lake Perris State Recreation Area on October 28th from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Fuel and Electric welcomed. Will have a retrieval boat and a raffle.. Landing fee \$15. Park admission \$10 (\$9 seniors). Park snack bar and camping available. nice hard sandy beach, can park close to the water.

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](http://coronarclub.com/?page_id=862)

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October Birthdays

Mike Bastian

Daniel Black

Young Choi

Bryan Grassman

Bo Liman

Christopher Miller



Steve Sahagian

Sven Sedleniek

Richard Rannis

Denny Sun

Norm Tessier



Time for AMA and Club Renewal

Why wait until the last minute? Get it done today. You can renew both on-line. AMA at the AMA web stie WWW.MODELAIRCRAFT.ORG. The club renewal form is at <https://goo.gl/forms/4JjXPb3aZCRI3GaO2>

Or your can renew by mail, the club application is at the end of this newsletter, and AMA has mailed you a renewal and election ballot.

Float Fly Info **November 11,** **Next Float Fly** **2017**

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**

FIELD EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

USE ALL 10 DIGIT WHEN CALLING FROM CELL PHONE

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SANTA FE DAM PARK	626 334-1065
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IRWINDALE POLICE	626 962-3601
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Discount to Club Members

You Can Have Anyone Flying in Three Minutes

I have helped lots of people of all ages get some RC airplane stick time at our events over the years. Over the last few years (ok I'm a slow learner), I have found the surest way so far for the complete novice to have a positive experience the first time on the sticks. Here is what I have found.

- 1) Have a well-trimmed, hands off stable, easy to see, conventional, high wing nitro trainer airplane. Sorry electric fans, but I have not seen an electric set up that gives sufficient flight time or durability that a nitro plane has. Be sure aileron and elevator are not overly sensitive even at full throw, on the student transmitter (low rate).
- 2) A buddy box set up that gives only elevator and aileron control to the student. You don't want them playing with throttle, and you don't want to try manipulating the throttle stick on their transmitter. Most computer radios can do this. I particularly like the wireless trainer systems.
- 3) A short ground school covering the following points (hold and tilt an airplane while demonstrating; hand movements will do also, any kind of visual aid):
 - A) The airplane mostly wants to fly straight and level.
 - B) We give it controls to "disturb" it and make it turn.
 - C) The airplane, like a motorcycle, turns by leaning, which is done by moving the right stick to the left or right as the pilot sits.
 - D) When the airplane tips, it loses lift and tends to drop.
 - E) That dropping is counteracted by pulling on the right stick.
 - F) A good turn does not lose or gain altitude.
 - G) When the turn is almost completed, we must "untilt" the wing by moving the right stick briefly in the opposite direction.
 - H) When the turn is complete and the plane is again flying straight and level, no movement is required on the stick.
- 4) **BUMP METHOD Most important!** Instruct the student to "bump" the stick in the direction commanded, one "bump" for each command. Short sharp movements, returning to center each time. Do not keep the stick away from center.

When you say "left, left, left" the student will bump the stick left three times, returning to center each time. With these brief "bumps" it really doesn't matter if they are large or small movements. This eliminates the possibility of over-control (or under control) that is the most frustrating for student and trainer alike. When you are not giving a command, the stick should be in the center. "Pull, pull, pull" is the command for up elevator. The word "up" makes the student push the stick up, which is not what we want.

- 5) Get the airplane flying straight, level and SLOW but comfortably above stall speed. Tell the student when they have control. Tell them to just let the plane fly straight for a few seconds so they know they do not have to control every second. Then give the turn commands "left, left, left" repeating as many times as necessary to get the proper bank. Then "pull, pull" and "right, right" as needed to complete the turn. "Way to go! That was great! You are a natural" boost confidence and creates that positive experience.
- 6) Do not over-do it. A few turns, in 2-3 minutes is all the beginner can handle, and leaves them wanting more.
- 7) Practice the "bump method" by yourself when flying a trainer plane to get the feel for it.

2018 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 _____



We need copy of 2018AMA Card by Dec. 31 (AMA receipt ok)

I agree to obey the club and AMA safety rules.

Signed _____

RATE _____ \$80

____ Renewal enclosed ck # _____ Date _____
Bring to meeting or mail to SFDRCM, PO Box 93, Duarte CA 91009

[FILL OUT THE APPLICATION ON LINE—WE WILL SEND YOU AN INVOICE](#)

[CLICK HERE](#)



You think you have trouble landing in a crosswind, check this video.
Watch that huge rudder swing.

<https://youtu.be/roS6oFjCDhc>