

# VICTOR VALLEY RC FLYERS

# THE FLYER



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## COMING EVENTS

### Build Night

1st and 3rd Tuesday each month

### RCPRO Air Races

Dec. 4 Tucson

### Apple Valley Airshow

September 2011

### Electric Fest

October 2011

### Christmas Party

December 11

### New Year's Day Fun Fly

### AMA Convention

January

**NEXT MEETING**  
**December 11, 2010**  
**5:30PM**  
**Mile High Café**  
**Christmas Party**

## WE ARE ABOUT TO PAVE OUR RUNWAY !

The club has a benefactor that is going to make a five figure donation this year and a second similar donation in January. This will cover most of the cost associated with the project.

The club has another person that is willing to MATCH accumulated donations from the general membership of up to \$7,000.00. As of this printing, the treasurer has donations toward this end of more than \$,1000.00.

## PLEASE HELP US IF YOU CAN !

The Board has talked to Arrowhead CSD about this paving and they are agreeable to this improvement.

The Board has talked to Hesperia Planning Department and they agree that this project is a "sidewalk" and will NOT need a permit.

As you can read in the Meeting Report of what happened at the meeting with Sothern California Edison, they are willing to work with us and try to avoid our airspace. It looks like we are going to be at this flying site for some time!


We will be rolling up the old Petromat because we will use it to extend the pit area toward the north. We will need bodies to help do this. The runway will then be graded and paved with asphalt so that the top is even with the ground as the runway is now. It is expected that the runway will be closed for only ONE WEEK! This will happen late in January.

## THIS IS OUR CLUB FIELD, GET INVOLVED!

**10 bucks, 20 bucks, add a few zeroes if you can. We're going hard core.**

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## Southern California Edison's Lugo-Pisgah Renewable Transmission Corridor Project

On the evening of November 17, 2010, I attended a "Workshop" between Southern California Edison and representatives of the BLM, Sierra Club, Los Flores Ranch, Hesperia Parks and Recreation, Hesperia Planning Department and many other groups. The subject of the meeting was the modification of the power-line corridor between the new solar power array to be built east of Barstow (at Pisgah Crater) and the existing Lugo Substation in southwestern Hesperia.

There are presently two power-line corridors coming from the Newberry Springs solar site (Pisgah) to the Lugo Substation. One is a dual 500 kV line that comes across Ord Mountain and crosses the Mojave River south of our field near the dam. It will remain intact.

The other corridor is a dual 200 KV line that comes through Lucerne Valley and crosses the Mojave River north of our field. The eastern section of this corridor (about 51 miles) between the Mojave River and Pisgah will be upgraded with new towers and larger wire so that it will handle 500 kilovolts.

Going west from the river to Lugo Substation this corridor runs about 16 miles among the houses along the top of the mesa. This section is a 200 kV line and is inadequate for the projected capacity requirement. Its capacity cannot be increased because the physical corridor is too narrow (it is 300 feet wide and 600 feet is needed for 500 kV). This section between the river and the Lugo Substation will remain as is.

SCE's suggested plan at this time is to add a third corridor. They want to branch off this old corridor at the river and create a new parallel 500 kV corridor located between it and the existing corridor that now runs near the dam. Just where the new branch corridor is to be built was the main discussion of the meeting.

Our club's first concern is that the new

towers and wires not run right through our flying airspace. There were several discussions about the actual size of the airspace we fly in plus a safety margin since one of the options SCE is looking at is running the towers and wires south of us about where the settling ponds are. This is well south of our airspace and should not cause us grief. Before the meeting on Wednesday there was a small caravan of vans full of people that drove in and carefully looked at this southern end of the property. One of the vans also came over to the field and talked to our members that were still there (Bruce, Jerry and Joe).

Our second concern is that we are about to pave the runway and do not want to waste the money if we are about to lose our airspace. It would also cost us to tear everything up and move (if we could find a place to go). This was brought up at the meeting Wednesday and the response that I got from SCE personnel is that we should proceed and they will work around our airspace "bubble". They know where we are on the map now.

SCE has copies of our 2010 Annual Report presentation and likes our "Say no to drugs" program and what we are doing within the community. I asked about a possible sponsorship and was told where to go on the SCE web site for a grant application. I will follow up on this.

The preliminary timeline for what SCE will be doing is as follows:

- There will be another planning meeting for about March of next year. I expect we will be invited to attend again.

- Planning activities will continue and an application will be prepared.

The application will be submitted to the CPUC and BLM in 2012.

- Subject to approval, construction will begin in 2014.

- The new corridor may become operational about 2017.

I expect there will be a continuing story on this.

Dick Chrystie

## Presidents Corner

December is right around the corner. I am sure we are all pleased with the improvement on the field this past year. You members have really put a lot of time in it. We have a lot going on for next year but for right now we are concentrating on the club x-mass party. Don't forget to get your tickets from Dick Chrystie. Its December 11 at 5:30 pm, at Mile high café in Hesperia airport.

This year has been an experience as club president. I just hope I can still do a good job. I am looking forward for a better next year.

Remember... Don't forget your Christmas Party tickets. Available only from Dick Chrystie.

Prezzz Barry



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## Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2010. Doors open at 5:30pm with diner served at 6:30. There is a bar if you would like an adult beverage before diner. It will be at the Mile High Café at the Hesperia Airport. There will be door prizes, wonderful menu and a good time to be had by all.

This is also the time for the new board members to be installed. Mark your calendars, its always a great night, meeting the families of

the members and sharing great food.

Same as last year, the tickets will be \$25. See Dick Chrystie to purchase tickets.

## Fresh water at the field

During our conversation with Jack (the head of Arrowhead CSD) he mentioned that they are working on getting us fresh water for our site. They will be putting in a separate pump for this. We will then be able to drink it and spray it on the ground for grass – especially in the glider landing area. The only hitch is that we will have to pay for the water (and mow the grass). This should happen sometime next spring



By Rocky McCarter

I have noticed that several club members tend to race down the dirt road leading to our field. Besides kicking up dust to cover the car behind you, It does cause the annoying little bumps that destroy expensive air frames. Not just your cars suspension. I suggest we all slow down and be courteous to other member that do care.

Unemployed Rocky

## Veterans Day



November the 11th, VVRCF dedicated it's new flag pole with a flag raising honoring our vets. Everything was donated by Clint Perkins and his brother Chuck. They did all of construction and got help raising the pole from the weekday gang. Thanks everyone, it looks great



## Dues

An early reminder that your annual dues are coming due on the first of January.

## "Tales from the Green Side"

We have been diverted somewhat lately from our goal to hold our first "Club-78" Soaring competition. However we're about to get it going.

Ronnie, Clint and John, let's get together at the field soon and develop rules for Club-78 which could perhaps go something like this;

1. Contestants would fly a 2-meter design of their choice conforming to AMA rules for sail planes. Check out the photo of my Vista from Tower Hobbies.



2. Launching would be by Hi-Starts supplied by the Contest director, me. "(yea that's right, no high powered winches in this event)"

3. Three rounds would be flown by each contestant. These rounds would be for 2 minutes, 3-minutes and 4-minutes.

4. Landing for each round would be the same. Namely to have your

ship come to rest inside a 50 foot diameter circle without shedding parts and right side up.

5. Flight scoring would be such that one point would be awarded for each second of flying time. However, one point per second would be subtracted for every second flown over the target flight time for the round.

6. Landing in the 50 foot circle will award the flyer an extra 50 points.

7. No normalization of rounds would be done in this first contest. Just simply add up the points.

8. Entry fee will be \$10.00

(This will go to our new runway



and a first place ribbon).

I'm open to any ideas. We need to establish a date and get our planes ready.

Let's go flying.

Rick

## Safety

It's happened again. This time I wasn't paying attention and the airplane took a bite out of my hand. It was only a 25 size electric so how much damage could it possibly do, 22 stitches and a broken bone. You



should have seen the Charger foamie after it got chopped up by the runaway electric.

Never, never turn the transmitter off first. Remember, transmitter on, airplane on, when finished flying airplane off, transmitter off. Do not allow yourself to get distracted while going through this procedure, like watching TV.

Please, learn from my lesson, it will be a lot less painful.



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## 95<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting Minutes

November 2010

**Opening:** The regular meeting of the Victor Valley Radio Control Flyers was called to order at 6:30 pm on November 9, 2010, in Lil' Bit Country Cafe by President Barry Young. Vice President John De Long led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** The roll was taken. A quorum of members was present.

**Guests and New Members:** Glenda Garcia was introduced by Julian Garcia.

### Reports:

**Reading of Minutes:** Secretary Steve Bibler read the minutes for the October Business Meeting and the minutes were accepted as read.

**Treasurer:** Treasurer Dick Chrystie read the financial report for October 2010. It was accepted as read.

**Safety:** Safety Officer John Greenshields suggested that pilots use caution when testing engines. He has seen several pilots standing in the propeller path. Please stand behind or in front of the propeller disc.

**Events:** January 1<sup>st</sup> Fun Fly

### Old Business:

**Flag Pole:** Clint Perkins thanked the members who helped raise the flag pole. He suggested having a dedication on Veteran's Day. We will have a ceremony at 9:30 am on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Election of Officers:** The ballots were counted and the following members were elected:

**President:** Barry Young

**Vice President:** John De Long

**Secretary:** Steve Bibler

**Treasurer:** Dick Chrystie

**Safety Officer:** John Greenshields

**Field Marshall:** John Flamme

**Event Coordinator:** Ron Espolt

### New Business:

**Field Improvements:** President Young briefed the members that the Club may be in a position to have an asphalt runway installed at the field. Les and Ruth Espolt, parents of Ron Espolt, have promised a donation of \$25,000.00. With help from other members, we can pave the runway at an approximate cost of \$32,000.00 between January and February 2011 and we have two estimates to perform the work. The runway will be 48' wide by 550' long. Discussion followed on the merits of having asphalt for the runway with pros and cons. Most of the comments were favorable. Don Wilson wondered if Blue Diamond Asphalt was contacted. Les has asked that the first flight from the runway be his model Ryan STA.

**Sig Coupon:** Barry has a 25% off coupon for the Sig Manufacturing Company. It was given to Charlie Riether.

**Roy Roger's Ranch Event:** Barry and Charlie briefed the group on an event the Club is invited to by the owners of Roy Roger's Ranch in Oro Grande. The event is on November 20 and 21 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. We can setup a display and fly some foamies and possibly some gliders.

**Christmas Party:** Tickets are available for the Club Christmas party. Contact Dick Chrystie. It starts at 5:30 pm and dinner starts at 6:30 pm. Dick will research what the prize fund will be for gifts.

**Helicopter Info:** Gary Hobbs told the group about Joe Pike and his interest in bringing antique helicopters out to the field for display. Joe would be available to make a presentation at a club meeting if the Club was interested.

**Raffle:** We raffled off two gift cards; the Hobby People \$25.00 gift card went to Joe Aguilera and the Hobby People \$50.00 gift card went to Julian Garcia.

The meeting closed at 7:15 pm.

Minutes Submitted by Steve Bibler, Secretary

