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Chief Pilot Sounds Off:

Hello Flyers!

It has been a busy year for the club. We were invited to and participated in two different community events, had three events at the field, participated in three training days and welcomed two new members.

I really appreciate our members and officers who frequently attend and donate their time to our events AND meetings, help with set up and tear down and help get the word out.

Now, on to winter. Meetings are important to the health of our club, they give our officers an opportunity to update members on current, new and closed issues from previous meetings. It gives ALL members a venue to express ideas, concerns and give constructive feedback on how you feel our club is progressing. In short, it gives you a voice and a vote that will be considered.

All of this is in an effort to move forward and to make our club better, stronger and more sustainable.

Participation in our monthly meetings is welcomed and encouraged to all members. In the event you may not be able to make a meeting, all of our officers are always available by phone, snail mail or email so your voice can be heard.

Best Regards,
Brian

No Fly Dates @ Toyota Amphitheatre*

At new schedule will resume in the Spring.

Board Meeting Highlights

ATTENTION – ATTENTION – ATTENTION

Your Bulletin Editor is in early stages of C. R. S. ! In transcribing my board meeting notes, I discovered I had not dated any of them. Therefore, you will be reading a litany of notes of things President Brian and everyone else talked about over the past several months. An attempt for improvement is in the works.

MAY / JUNE / JULY/ AUGUST MEETINGS

President Brian gave attaboys to **Chuck Harkins** for his "Above & Beyond" effort keeping our field in great shape. Imagine what **Chuck's** flying abilities would be like if he spent all that time flying his plane rather than piloting the mower! **Vince Palermo** has offered to Co-Pilot the mower with **Chuck**. Thanks, **Vince**.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We have enough in the bank to cover all expenses through January 2018 with a modest reserve. A reminder that dues for AMA and RBRCFC are due. Send checks to **Treasurer Michelle McBride** for RB and send AMA their checks.

SAFETY ISSUES

Jerry Rhines reminded us that for insurance purposes, AMA rules require that we put our AMA number and names in each plane we fly at the field. There are no exceptions.

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS

President Brian called for discussion and vote for phone numbers to our roster for ease of contact.

Vote : Carried

Our Swap Meet was a great success with the club putting some cash in the can. I found a 1937 Buzzard Bombshell w/OS 35 and servos in it. Am I a happy flyer or what!!

Great Day for Flying, Fellowship and Food.

Meeting Adjourned.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Board Members Present: President Brian McBride, Treasurer Michelle McBride, Event Coordinator David Rice, Secretary Chuck McBride, V.P. Chris McBride and Chuck Hawkins.

First order of business - A Flag Salute. Yup, another wonderful first; and hopefully, a new tradition. Nice touch and well received.

David Rice reported on our club's participation at the Sutter County Airport Fly-In and Display Day. Two of our younger members—**Nathan** and **Ryan Rice** helped their dad keep the hanger space safe. Thanks guys.

President Brian met with the new Toyota Amphitheater Manager and was told the Red Barons are welcome tenants and very happy with us. Atta-boys to all our members.

Member **Neal Houston** won the raffle of the Pulse donated by E&H Hobby (they are great supporters of RB.)

President Brian spoke of friction between our club and AMOS regarding some legal issues within our partnership. More details to come.

Secretary Chuck wants all members to wear their name badges while at the field, PLEASE !

Vice President Boomer (Chris) talked of the Shirt/Hat order. "CRS" took over so I know nothing as to what he said.

The meeting was adjourned.

OCTOBER MEETING

Board Members Present: President Brian, V.P. Chris McBride, Treasurer Michelle McBride, Secretary Chuck McBride, Event Coordinator David Rice, Field Operations Ofcr. Chuck Harkins, Vince Palomo, Safety Office Jerry Rhines and Membership Chair Jeremy Saltman.

President Brian stated RB and AMOS are still at odds over legal issues regarding us flying at their site. As this issue develops, we will advise of new developments.

Old rules lifted as they relate to the Toyota flying field. There are NOW no restrictions on size of planes, engines, weight, etc. However, we MUST continue to follow our flying area restrictions.

Safety Officer **Jerry Rhines** will purchase a new First Aid Kit for field. He al-

so reminded us to bring out the fire extinguishers each time we are using the field. THIS IS A MUST.

Neal Houston stated there will be runway work soon. If you fly during the week, take a weed eater with you and scuff the runway to help.

Treasurer Michelle reminded us dues are due to the Club and to the AMA.

Chuck Harkins announced he sold his local hanger and will be moving South. He hopes to visit us regularly. Chuck will be sorely missed and are always welcome. So keep the wings level and wheels on the botton!

The meeting was adjourned and a great fly day with tasty food available to all was begun. Thanks to our chefs Ember and Neal Houston and Michelle McBride and to anyone else working in the background.

And, yes there was need for some epoxy, touch-up paint and a P.E.B. (plane extraction bag for wreckage) at the end of the day. However, even a bad wreck or landing beats being at work.

NOTE:

The Dumb Thumb Award has been moved to the Spring of 2018 because only one person sent me a photo of the carnage and that was a relative of mine. Be brave, have courage. Send me a photo.

E & H Hobbies donated an ARF for our raffle. E&H are great friends of Red Baron. Some of them are pretty too! Some are not! Stop in and say hello! Buy something too!

Jonathan Teeling will spray our field with some weed begone stuff soon. Thanks, Jonathan.

Night Flying was discussed. Anyone got an extra flashlight?

Brian thanked Cody Parker for designing Boomers work table; Neal for fabrication and paint; and a friend of Neals (Scott) for welding and paint. A beautiful addition to our flying site to assist guest and members with special needs.

Kudo's to Neal and wife Ember for a great lunch and kitchen facilities. Also

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to Michelle for doing far more than I can remember. What a great day.

David Rice mentioned having the local Drone group join us for racing at our field; having the Heli club fly sometime. More details later.

Brian closed the meeting by reminding us all there will be a drawing for the E&H Hobby donation at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned (with the sun setting in the West over the Sutter Buttes.)

Club Calendar

Sunday, November 26th—Board Meeting and Fly Day (weather permitting.)

Meet New Member

Jim Hall started out as so many other kids do. I bought one of the little balsa gliders, assembled it and promptly crashed it. But, I picked it up and continued to try and got better and better at the little free flight planes. I graduated to rubber powered planes at about age 10. I built many rubber band powered planes as a kid. At about 13 years of age, I started flying control line planes—small planes with the famous Cox .049 engines. Later I graduated to a bigger control line plane with a Super Tiger .35 in it.

At about 15 years of age, cars and motorcycles took over and then a stint in the Air Force along with marriage. When I saw my first RC glider flying, I knew I had to have one. I bought a Gentle Lady and flew it at Rancho San Antonio Park in Los Altos. I learned how to use a high start and got good at finding thermals. However, I had always wanted to fly powered RC planes. After retirement and moving to the Sierra Nevada foothills, I discovered some people flying EC planes at Ready Springs school in Penn Valley. The technology of the electric planes amazed me and got me started in powered RC flying.