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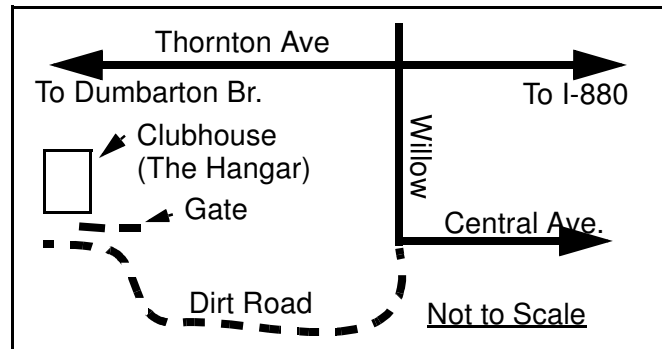
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### Next Meeting

Club meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at "The Hangar". The next meeting will

be at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, September 11

**ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO BE THERE!**



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**Club Membership: 336**

# TRACK NOTES

September 2008

Elvin Goveia, our friend, died at home in his garage Friday August 22 2008 from a short battle with cancer. Elvin was one of the best people one could ever meet! He loved Drag racing. I was lucky when I met him: I was having trouble with my drag bike and Elvin, a Pro stock drag racer, was introduced to me and the friendship started. With his help, mechanical skills and training I was running in the 9's the next weekend at Sacramento Race Way. WHAT A RUSH!! Thanks Bro. Years passed, we met again, both racing RC cars. Just having a great time. He enjoyed Bayside RC club, the racing, friendship, our great members and the good times brought to him. Elvin will be missed.

We have noticed the recent renovation of the big track has been taking a beating. It's good to see our members having a great time, but are they all members? Please take a look at who's on our tracks. Wear your club badges! This as been said to many times ...

Kenny Hanks will be bringing out his tractor 8/29 to 8/30 so the track will be closed! He, along with the normal 15, will be repairing the big track jumps and pot holes and redoing the smaller track, making it an oval with turn-ins to jumps and back out to the oval, OR we will be able to just run a fast oval, Fencing and drivers stand upgrades will still be a project.

We need to thank LEE Z, ALEX ASCHWANDEN, MIKE JOHNSON, BILL WEILER, NATE TRAMEL, ARTHUR ANCHETA, SCOTT WHITMAN, and CURT OLUND for their short notice fuel donations for the tractor.

Membership is at 72 yet only 15 have signed up to be a part of the track maintenance program.

So if you are not signed up please do! Everybody wants to run on a nice track and it not fair that 15 people support the many. Please sign up, be informed, and join in ...

Steve J&S racing and Wild Bill have been seen at the track! I say it's good to see those guys again, If I could just keep up with them I would be even happier.

Onthrottle@gmail.com

Ron Watson

## Letter to the Editor (and Everyone)

Hello:

I am not sure if you have been advised but my brother, Elvin Goveia, passed away last Friday, 8-22-08 from complications of lung cancer. I noticed he had an article hanging in the garage where he was thanked for donating the quad and tow. I know the track gave him much pleasure during his last year of life and I wanted to thank you for that.

Sincerely,

Glenn Goveia (brother of Elvin Goveia)



## The Prez Sez...

Hi Everyone,

First off I would like to say thanks to all the people who helped out during the Family Fun Day. I think it went pretty well and the local paper coverage was also more than I expected. Everyone had a job and they did it without me having to tell them what to do. Which made my day all the more enjoyable.

After it was all done we took up over 100 people on airplane flights and over 50 people on helicopter flights. Thanks Paxon, for donating \$50 to the club which was used to purchase beer. (What else would we use it for!) It was a good way to end a good day. That was the best tasting beer, especially after a long hot day.

I want to mention everyone who helped out and I hope that I didn't leave you out. I apologize if I did. Also a big thanks to all our sponsors who donated raffle prizes. When you shop at these local shops make sure you mention that you are a Bayside member so they can see how we support them as well. If you don't go to these local shops please visit them when you can.

### Here are all the volunteers that helped out in one way or another. What a great bunch of people!

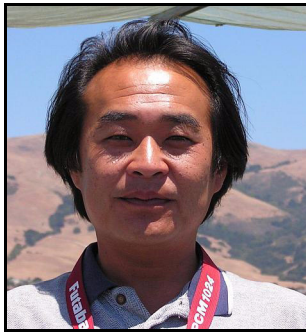
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Janet Kontorinis	Micah Stroud	Eugene Frazier
Jorge Salinas	Tom Wagner	Carl Titsworth
Phil Cole	Dick Pevehouse	Joel Sievert

The day started off slowly and eventually picked up and the flight lines were full most of the day. The shed was also busy with two flight simulators which went over well with all the kids. We only lost a few planes, two to a mid-air and one to the power lines if my memory serves me correctly. Those planes will be replaced by the club as a good will gesture and as thanks for letting us use them for the family fun day. Thanks for your sacrifices to the airplane gods!

The lunch time demos went well with T34 racing, Jet engine, F16 and flying wing, Heli and airplane Aerobatic demos. Thanks guys for putting on a great show! We got more coverage after the event in the Argus with some nice photos and a nice article.

I'm in New York right now so I'll make this article short or shorter than normal. I'm still fuming over getting my sisters car towed and having to pay \$200 dollars to get it back! What a bunch of crooks! I shouldn't have mentioned it I'm getting angry again! We went to Floyd Bennett field in Brooklyn the other day to check out a radio controlled flying club. There field was huge! They were flying a bunch of jets off of a 400' wide X 4000' long runway. Talk about

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## Bayside R/C Club Meeting Minutes August 14th, 2008

Meeting opened at 7:33

President – Pete Kontorinis – present

Vice President – Dan Sievert – present

Secretary – Frank Goto – present

Treasurer – Will Sievert – present

Attendance – 20 members

### Introductions

Guru Mysome made it to his first meeting tonight. Has been regularly seen at the field and is already close to soloing. Welcome!

### July meeting minutes

July meeting minutes in the August Flightline were approved as published.

### President's Report –

Busy getting everything ready for FFD. So far has 32 volunteers, 8 trainers, and has been arranging coverage in the media. Also needs to prepare Brandon's Yak for his demo. Wolf Witt donated 4 gallons of fuel and Paxton Song, \$50 for "festivities" after the event.

Pirates are renting land from the flower shop owner for their event since the owls on our property are in the way. Will still use our field for parking at a reduced fee.

One member drove past the field at 9PM and found 2 people running R/C cars with headlights. When the member spoke to these two, found that one did not have AMA and the other refused to show proof of membership. When asked why he let a non-member run, said that it wasn't his business.

As a reminder,

**-Remember to bring your membership card, wear your badges and be willing to show them to anyone who asks.**

**-As a member you must be willing to check other people's status and help enforce our rules.**

**-Non-members MUST have AMA and be a guest of another Bayside member. Non-members can visit three times before having to sign up.**

**-Current rules do not allow operation after dusk.**

### VP report –

Busy getting ready for the Flea Market to be held September 13th. Will camp out at the field the night before, anyone interested is welcome to join them!

### Treasurer's report –

Will gave this vital report. Also, filed the paperwork necessary to maintain our non-profit status with the State of California for the next two years.

11 new members this month, membership is currently at 334! Welcome to Brian McCallum, Alexander Hoffmann, George

Walton, Sameer Trivari, Vishal Narayan, Raumel Garcia, Mike Sundermeyer, Nicholas Sundermeyer, Guru Mysore, Jose Moncada, and Bernard De Leon!

### Safety Chairman (Mike West) – present

Mike had no incidents to report.

Pete anointed Ray Finuliar as a new Field Marshall.

**Had a talk with Dominic, who was doing some work on the gate in the RV park. Reported that planes were flying deep into the RC park regularly. This boundary is the most important one to keep due. Be aware.**

### Chief Instructor (Dave Neves) – present

No new soloists this month.

### Field Chairman (Jorge Salinas) – not present

Jorge is still busy with school and work. Since school is out Friday will help with the preparations for FDD.

### Newsletter editor (Phil Cole) – present

Delivery seemed slow this month as not all members have gotten it yet.

### Website editor (Micah Stroud) – not present

Micah has been seen more regularly at the field and flying!

Mike has his own section in our gallery now. Hopes to add to it regularly, with pictures from the field and perhaps even entice more people to come out.

### New Field Committee

No new news.

### Secretary's report –

Pete, Will and Dan did such a good job, had nothing additional to report.

Recently had an close encounter with a moving prop. Took 11 stitches and the total bill came out to \$3,000, of which \$50 came out of pocket. Be careful and make sure your medical coverage is up to date!

**Snacks – brought by Will tonight! (applause).**

Frank had the raffle stuff there!

### Event reports –

Jake reported another fine day of float flying at Lake Hennessy. 14 people participated last month with lots of planes.

### Upcoming events –

Flea Market is coming up September 13th.

T-34 Race in Fresno coming up on August 23rd.

SACRATS will hold their Waldo Pepper event soon and there will be an Electric Fly-in at the Tomcats. Please check NorCal schedule for dates.

### Old Business

No old business.

### New Business

Scott asked that some system be put in place to identify which heli pilots have been soloed for flight from the pilots stations. Dave will post a list in the shed.

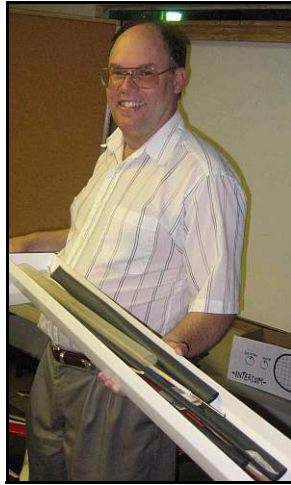
**Mark Otto noticed that more and more heli pilots were flying over the runway from the heli area, and planes flying in the**

heli area. Asked that we all be more careful to prevent mid-air.

Break – 8:28 to 8:50PM

**Show and Tell –**

**RD** brought in bunch of carbon, fiber-glass and wood sticks which looked perfect for push rods. A lot of the members were hoping that it was a give away but turned out to be another great idea from RD. He recently found PVC rain gutters at the hardware store along with end caps that are designed to be glued on. The gutters are easily cut to convenient lengths, but more importantly the gutters stack on top of each other to help end clutter!



**Pete** had his Diamond Dust which he finally finished after more than a year. Powered by a Nelson 40 racing engine, found that the speed was amazing. Had problems with deadsticks since it utilizes a bladder tank which is filled with a syringe. With the fuel under pressure like that found that he can only run at full throttle and anything less causes the engine to load up. Needs to get used to the speed before he can do a whole tank!



**JP** brought in a couple of boats that another member wanted to see (too bad he didn't make it tonight) and a couple of planes.

The first was an all composite hot liner plane called a Tiger. When he bought it, he thought it was a slope soarer, but later found that it was a speed plane. For that reason he may hang it up on the wall, but is very impressed with the construction and design.

**JP** also had a Super Box Fly 40 trainer with an extra wing. The plane

when he initially got it, was in pieces after a crash.

Since the bottom of the fuse was damaged, it gave him the idea of

turing it upside down and making a biplane. He built a cradle for the top wing which was salvaged from another crash. Found that he needed to build cross braces for the two wings, and then decided to make a muffler from a small aerosol can to boot. It is heavy but hopes it will fly soon.



**Brandon** won a red, white and blue Goldberg Cub at our club meeting a few months back. Installed a Saito 80 in front and has flown it about 4 times already, and even crashed once. Fortunately there was only minimal damage, so he hopes to have it flying during FFD as a trainer.



**Dave** when he first saw Will's Taylorcraft knew he had to have one. Unfortunately when he finally got around to buying, found that it was discontinued. He even bought a Cub which he started building in the hopes



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of modifying it into a Taylorcraft, but it was slow going due to the work involved. On a recent vacation trip to Lake Tahoe, he just happened to stop in a hobby shop and guess what was hanging from the ceiling? Yes, a Taylorcraft! He asked the owner if he was interested in selling it and got a great deal. Dave brought in the nicely detailed cowl and the OS 160 twin which he will use to power the plane. The engine will fit with no modification at all!

**Mike** had his latest plane, a Parkzone Vapor, a super, ultra-light RTF made for indoor flying, or outside with no wind. The plane only has throttle, rudder and elevator, and at times the servo chatters making an insect like sound, but can be flown in very small spaces. Mike was able to fly the plane in the Hanger during the meeting. At \$129 all ready to go, seems like the perfect plane for flying at the church before the auction.



### SAD Patch

Details were sketchy but **Wayne Wood** lost his Lanier Dart when Dick was flying it.

**Carl Titsworth** lost his big heli when he either lost his aileron or collective control. Later found that a connector had come loose from the RX. Damage was so bad he went out and bought a new kit.

**Brandon** flying his big Yak, got a little too low on a low inverted pass over the runway. Fortunately only the cowl and canopy were damaged.

**Doc** lost an his GP Giant Aeromaster while landing from the right. His approach took him over the grass. He tried to correct, but did not have enough speed nor power and ended up snapping into the ground.

Bob got a little out of shape on take off while training with **Bill**. Bill tried his best to catch the plane but it was going way too slowly and landed in a spectator's truck in the parking lot!

And the Winner – Bill! For he also landed his seaplane hard on the lake during the float fly. Congratulations!

### Raffle –

- Phoenix Strega ARF - Pete Kontorinis
- Victor's Hobbies \$20 Certificate - Mike Sasikumar
- 30 Minute Epoxy - Alex Goddard
- 5 Minute Epoxy - Jack Petersen
- Thick CA - Will Sievert
- Thin CA - Mark Otto
- Soldering Iron - Mark Otto
- Mixing Sticks - Dave Neves

Next Month - Phoenix Models Tucano ARF

Meeting ended – 9:32PM

Next meeting - Thursday, September 11th @ 7:30PM

## Northern California R/C Society 2008 Contest and Fly In Schedule

September	
6	Club Race #5 @ Fresno Radio Modelers, Fresno, CA.
8	Annual FunFly @ Livermore Flying Electrons, Livermore, CA.
10 14	Reno National Championship Races @ Reno, NV.
<b>13</b>	<b>Flea Market @ Bayside R/C, Fremont, CA.</b>
13 14	Pattern @ Wavemasters R/C, Hollister, CA.
14	Trash Man Classic Warbird Race @ Sacramento Area Modelers, Sacramento, CA.
19 20 21	Float Fly @ Salinas Area Modelers, Lake San Antonio North Shore, CA.
19 20 21	Fresno Jet Rally @ Fresno Radio Modelers, Fresno, CA.
20 21	Scale Roundup @ WoodlandDavis, Davis, CA.
20 21	Meet and Meat Control Line Stunt @ Woodland Davis, Davis, CA.
27	Open B Combat @ EBRC, Livermore, CA.
27	Pattern Training Day @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill, CA.
October	
3 4 5	Open House @ Tehama County Condors, Corning, CA.
4 5	Pattern @ Sacramento Area Modelers, Sacramento, CA.
4 5	Waldo Pepper WW I FlyIn @ SACRC, Union City, CA.
8 9 10 11 12	Tucson Aerobatic Shootout @ Tucson, AZ.
10 11 12	Float Fly @ Salinas Area Modelers, Lake San Antonio North Shore, CA.
10 11 12	Jet Fly @ WoodlandDavis, Davis, CA.
11	T34 Triangle Series Finals @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill, CA.
11 12	Warbirds over Yosemite @ Fresno Radio Modelers, Fresno, CA.
11 12	Electric FlyIn @ SACRC, Union City, CA.
18	Electric FlyIn @ Salinas Area Modelers, Chualar, CA.
18 19	Pattern @ Antelope Valley Tailwinds, Lancaster, CA.
18 19	October Fast Warbird Race @ Sacramento Area Modelers, Sacramento, CA.
19	Fall Swap Meet/Picnic @ Fresno Radio Modelers, Fresno, CA.
19	Devil Mountain Electric FlyIn sponsored by Concord Model Engineers @ DVRC, Pittsburg, CA.



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# 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Flea Market will be held on Sept. 13 for 2008. It will be held with some rather difficult circumstances as you know. We cannot mow the weeds and the grass. We will have some tall weeds in various places. I am prepared to reduce the impact of them a little but not much can be done.

I will arrive on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 11 am to organize the helpers to get the field ready for the event. The field will be closed to all R/C aircraft at this time.

Chalk lines need to be placed on the runway to mark the sites available for the sellers. They are 15 foot by 15 foot square. Large numbers need to be made with railroad chalk in the sites to show sellers which is their site. Signs must be placed at the gate and a table and canopy must be erected for the comfort of the money collectors at the gate. All of this can be accomplished in an hour and a half. If you can donate some time it will be greatly appreciated.

Remember, no raffle and no food sales for this year. Our regular lunch wagon will be available about 10 AM and again at about 12:30. We will have a limited amount of free coffee and doughnuts early in the morning.

For those of you who are new and wish to sell some things, a selling site is \$15. You need to supply your own table if one is needed. Please..... one seller per site! This is an opportunity for the club to earn some money.

On event day, we need someone to be at the gate early in the morning to collect \$15 from sellers and \$1 from all of the buyers. Club members are not excused from this.

I will park my trailer in the heli area along the carpeting. R/C cars may drive on Friday but please: no cars on Saturday. We need all of the parking space in the parking lot for buyers and helpers.

Daniel and I will stay overnight to be ready for the morning. We often have some buyers and sellers doing the same. Come by and say hello.

Will Sievert

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July 2008 Expenses	
Monthly BBQ	\$173.99
Badgemakers	\$48.26
Meeting goodies	\$74.63
Nor Cal	\$80.00
Flightline	\$284.37
Office Supplies	\$10.81

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## President

spoiled! I talked to some of the guys and they have about 250 members in there club. They also had about three RC car areas with unlimited space. Who would have though all this space in Brooklyn! The Concorde was also there and who would have guessed they stole the nose cone off of it! Darn New Yorkers!

Anyhow thanks a bunch for all the help! I couldn't have done it without you all!

Pete

## What happened to our discounted fuels???

As many of you know, I worked with the manager at HobbyTown USA last year to setup a bulk buy of glow fuel.

After the success of the first bulk buy, the owner Dave came up with the discounted fuel prices for club members. The thinking at that time was: sell the fuel at cost or below cost and get the customer into the store. Once in the store most likely the customer will purchase other items. He did this for 5 different RC club in the bay area. The system was working fairly well the first few months.

However, after several conversations with a couple of Bayside members, Dave got the message loud and clear that they were there just to purchase fuel and would never purchase anything else as Dave's prices are too high..... This happened to Dave and his wife on several different occasions.

So Dave has decided to stop the discount fuel pricing for RC members, and only Gold members of HobbyTown will receive a discount of about 4 dollars per gallon. I'm not sure exactly how much money one needs to spend first in the store to become a Gold member but I'm sure it is a lot.

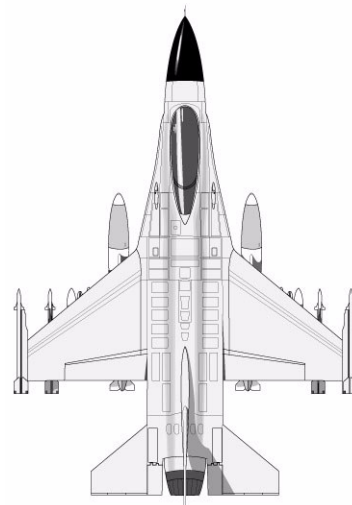
I'm very upset and disappointed with our club members for the lack of respect and support of our sponsor. Even if you really think the prices are way out of line why ever tell him, just keep it to yourself. Now, a few have ruined the system for the rest.

After saying all this, I'm still trying to work out a new system for us to purchase discount fuel. I'm working with a new sponsor but it will most likely be a bulk buy once or twice a year. We will need to go to the store to pick up the fuel, which at that time it would be a good idea to look around and see if there is anything else you need and support the local store.

There will be more information to come on the website once I have worked out the details.

Thank you,

Scott Cowan



## LOCK THE GATE

Recently it was observed by a club member that some car drivers were using the track. It was 9:00 PM. They had lights on their cars. The gate was opened so the member drove in to question the drivers thinking they were members but at least to check why they were driving at night.

The first individual admitted that he was not a member. The second one became belligerent at being questioned but said that he was a member.

Now saying it and proving it are two different things. He was not about to prove it. When questioned as to if he knew if the other driver was a member or not he felt that it was not his business to check on the status of the other driver.

This is where he is wrong. WE ALL HAVE THE "DUTY" TO QUESTION THE STATUS OF ANYONE YOU SEE UTILIZING OUR FACILITY, BE IT AIRCRAFT OR THE CAR TRACK.

The car track movers are complaining that from weekend to weekend, that the track gets excessive use and needs heavy grooming every time they come back the following weekend.

These drivers may have extra big cars/trucks because after all, they have lights on them. They could cause excessive wear on the track. They may be driving every night and or often.

One of them could have been a member since the gate was open, meaning he has the combination. Worse is the fact that the gate may have been left open by the last member who left for the day. It is quoted by many that the gate is left open often.

We will be asked to leave in the future. When do you want that to happen? If you leave the gate open because it means getting out of your vehicle to lock the gate, circumstances may arise whereby we may be asked to leave sooner than later.

I keep insisting we may be around for a long time yet. I have been right for a long time now. Help me make that true.

Question people you see using the field after hours. At least get a license plate number so we can monitor this occurrence. Also write a description of the vehicle and anything else you think important.

Perhaps we should get the phone number of the local police, give it to everyone and when we see unauthorized people using our facility, we should call the police to help us get information from these people and get them to leave.

Will Sievert

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## ADDENDUM TO "LOCK THE GATE"

A few hours after I wrote the article "LOCK THE GATE", and sent it off to the Editor I received a phone call. A club member noticed that an AMA card in the impound shed did not look right. He questioned the owner of the card and he proclaimed to be a member of the club and simply had not received his club card yet. This did not set right with the club member who then called me. To make a long story short, he had a name and the so called AMA number and I proceeded to use the AMA website to prove that the individual who has been flying quite a few times before was not a member of AMA and obviously not a member of our club. This person has been flying for some time and seemingly no one has contested the odd looking AMA card in the impound shed before this.

It cannot be said too many times, to protect our tenure at this field, everyone must be observant to discrepancies of other individuals utilizing our facility and jeopardizing it because they want to fly or drive with out paying for that privilege.

Over a period of time I have been coming to the conclusion that many afternoon and late evening fliers are pirates looking for a cheap way to fly or drive their R/C equipment.

Please....everyone, question someone whom you see at the field and things don't look right. Get as much information as you can regarding the situation. Call me or the other members of the board for advice as to what to do if you feel intimidated about contesting the individual. Protect our field and all of the hard work over all of 19 years to produce what we have.

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