

## APRIL 2011

### **MARCH MEETING MINUTES**

The March 26, 2011 meeting was held at Killeen Field. Mike Stone opened the meeting at 10:13am. The Minutes for the February 2011 Meeting were approved as written. Scott Whitlatch, Treasurer, was not present, so Mike Stone gave the Treasurer's Report.

Bob Estrella gave the Membership Report, stating that we currently have 97 paid members in the Club. Bob reported that 22 members had not renewed their AMA membership as of Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Their names are posted on the Field Bulletin Board and in the Frequency Control Box. Members who do not have 2011 AMA Membership are not allowed to fly at our Field.

Field Director, Mike Wheel, stated that he will be leading a Work Party on Saturday morning, April 2, 2011 to work on preparing the Field for our upcoming Dawn Patrol Fly-In. He also stated that teams will be working on constructing "Hanger Facades" to be set up for the Dawn Patrol Event.

#### **Old Business:**

Mike Stone stated that there is no change in the status of the Dairy land that our Field is on. Mike then gave a report on the Runway Crack Repair work, stating that we are quite satisfied with the results.

Bob Estrella gave a brief report on the March 5<sup>th</sup> Club 40 Pylon Race

**APRIL MEETING  
SATURDAY,  
April 30, 2011  
10:00am**

**\*\*\*\*\*  
KILLEEN FIELD  
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Bob stated that a detailed report was included in the March Newsletter, and is posted on the RCPRO & RC Universe Forums. Reports were also sent to Dave Brown (former AMA District X VP) for publishing in his Newsletter, and the current AMA District X VP for publishing in the Model Aviation magazine and the AMA District X website. The next Club 40 Pylon Race will be on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Victor Valley RC Flyers Field in Hesperia.

Mike Stone went over plans for our upcoming "Dawn Patrol Over Gilman Springs" Fly-In, stating that all is going well. Mel Santmyers stated that each registered pilot will receive a bottle of ZAP CA glue. Bob Estrella mentioned that the Menifee Valley Flyers Annual Spring Fun-Fly was rescheduled to April 2, 2011.

Mike Stone reminded members that we will be hosting a Swap Meet at our Field on May 14, 2011.

#### **New Business:**

Bob Estrella stated that he has received our 2011/2012 AMA Club Charter Renewal.

Bob discussed the product, "Dawn Power Dissolver", that is very effective in cleaning engines. It comes in 12.8 oz. spray bottles, and sells for \$2.62 each at WalMart. He suggested that the Club purchase a case of the product for use as Raffle Prizes and/or for sale to Club Members. Mike Wheel agreed to purchase a case from WalMart, Mike Stone stated that the next Executive Board Meeting will be held on May 18th at the Moreno Valley IHOP.

#### **Raffle:**

The Raffle Prize Winners were; Bill Rothenbuhler – Ugly Stick ARF, Fuel, Frequency Checker; Darrell Ivie – Magnum 40 Engine; Mike Wheel – Hobby Shack Cessna 177 Kit; Dave Carling – Epoxy, Weights/CA/Glow Plug Pack; Pete Souder – Lipo Bag; Duane Neese – Glow Driver; Holly Hollingworth – Flash Light/CA/Glow Plug Pack.

**Show and Tell:** (see photos and detailed write-ups herein)

Holly Hollingworth showed his scratch-built 1926 Ford Flivver that he and the late Hal Pierce built. It has an 81" wingspan and is powered by a Magnum 160 Twin. Holly also related the history of the Ford Flivver. (See a summary in this Newsletter).

Roy Truitt showed his "tiny" Video Camera and talked about in-flight video recently taken by it. (See more info in this Newsletter).

# SHOW & TELL



Holly Hollingworth with his Ford Flivver



Roy Truitt with his "tiny" Video Camera



Another view of Holly's Ford Flivver



Close-up of Roy's Camera



Happy Raffle Prize Winners

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## HISTORY OF THE FORD FLIVVER

(Summary of what Holly Hollingworth related at our March 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting as part of the “Show & Tell” of his 81” wingspan Ford Flivver model)

Henry Ford envisioned the Flivver as the “everyman’s airplane,” a counterpart to his ubiquitous Model T automobile. He even specified that the plane be small enough to fit inside his office. The aircraft was designed by young aeronautical engineer Otto Koppen in 1926, and he obliged Ford by first measuring the dimensions of Ford’s office.

Ford’s chief test pilot was Harry J. Brooks. Brooks grew up in Southfield, Michigan and became interested in aviation at age nine after seeing the Wright Brothers and one of their airplanes at a state fair. He eventually managed to get flying lessons at a local airstrip, where he was observed on several occasions by none other than Henry Ford. Among his other jobs, Brooks’ father played the violin at dances at a local inn. During a visit to the inn, Henry Ford inquired about who was playing the violin. The two met, and the elder Brooks invited Ford home for dinner. It was there that Ford learned that Harry Brooks was the person he had seen flying at the nearby airfield. Ford hired Harry to work in one of his auto plants. Several months later, Ford gave Harry a job as a test pilot. Though still very young, Harry Brooks soon became Ford’s top pilot, as well as a close friend.

The Flivver was revealed to the public on July 31, 1926, Henry Ford’s 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Several days later, Charles Lindbergh had the distinction of being the only pilot other than Ford’s chief pilot, Harry Brooks, to fly the Flivver. The Flivver’s versatility was demonstrated on several occasions by Harry Brooks. He used the first model of the aircraft to commute daily from his home to the Ford laboratories. Later, Brooks used the second Flivver to move about the Ford properties, much as a college student might use a car or motorbike to get around campus. The Flivver was ideal for getting in and out of tight places. In February of 1928, Brooks set out on a non-stop flight from Dearborn, Michigan to Miami, Florida in the improved second model of the Flivver. Brooks was forced to land on the beach near Titusville, Florida due to a fuel leak. Though he fell short of Miami, he did set a new world distance record for light planes at 972 miles. Four days later, Brooks attempted to complete his journey to Miami. Unfortunately, the aircraft crashed into the Atlantic Ocean after apparently experiencing engine trouble. The plane wreckage was recovered, but Brooks’ body was never found. Investigation of the wreckage disclosed that a matchstick had been plugged into the gas cap vent hole, causing the engine stoppage. Henry Ford was so discouraged by this tragedy that he halted development of the Flivver. The prototype Flivver was placed in the Ford Museum in Dearborn later that year.

**NOTE:** The wingspan of the Ford Flivver was 22’ 10”. That would make Holly’s 81” wingspan model approximately 1/3 Scale! Holly plans to enter this model in the Scale Masters Qualifier at the Hemet Model Masters Field on April 8 – 10, 2011.

Other Specs on the full scale Flivver are as follows:

**Dimensions:**

Length: 15’ 4”

Wingspan: 22’ 10”;

Weight (empty): 350 lbs.

**Engine Type:** Anzani, 3-cylinder, 35-horsepower, radial, air-cooled internal combustion engine

**Engine Builder:** Anzani Engine Co., Courbevoie, France.

**Maximum Speed:** 85 m.p.h.



Full Scale Flivver hanging in Henry Ford Museum

## SONY BLOGGIE VIDEO CAMERA FOR IN-FLIGHT RECORDING

(Summary of what Roy Truitt related at our March 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting as part of the “Show & Tell” of the new video camera he got for \$99 on sale, and the recent “inflight” video taken from a turbine jet model).

As shown in the photos on the previous page, this is a very small camcorder, with a swivel lens and a 2.4” screen. Video taken with the camera can be viewed immediately on the 2.4” screen. Roy recently “duct taped” the camera onto a Skymaster F-22 Turbine Jet flown by our member Frank Edwards. The video can be seen on YouTube. At the YouTube homepage, do a search for RC F 22 at Gilman Springs CA. The video quality is outstanding.



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Tony Kameen's latest Project, It's an Me 108 "Taifun" liason plane. It's from a "Vin-Quang" ARF kit that Hobby People used to sell, and is now out of production. The wingspan is 65", and it is powered by an O.S. .91 4 stroke pumper. It has Robart gas retracts, flaps, working landing light, detailed cockpit etc.



# **2011 CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF RC EVENTS**

- April 8-10 – Hemet Model Masters SoCal US Scale Masters Qualifier
- April 9/10 or 16/17 – Riverside Radio Control Club AMA Pattern Contest
- Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Gilman Springs RC Flyers Dawn Patrol Fly-In (WWI only)
- Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Menifee Valley Flyers Heritage Lake Spring Float-Fly
- Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Victor Valley RC Flyers RCPRO Warbird Pylon Race
- April 29-May 1 – Hemet Model Masters Early Bird Float Fly-In at Lake Hemet
- Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – Victor Valley RC Flyers RCPRO Club 40 Pylon Race
- Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – Gilman Springs RC Flyers Swap Meet
- May 14/15 Hemet Model Masters Open Pattern Contest
- May 14/15 – Riverside Radio Control Club Spring IMAC Contest
- Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Menifee Valley Flyers “Warbirds over Menifee”
- Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Corona RC Club Combat Event
- May 27- 29 – Victor Valley RC Flyers Huckfest 3-D Giants Event
- June 4/5 – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Scale Squadron Fly-In at Prado Airpark
- Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Menifee Valley Flyers RCPRO Club 40 Pylon Race
- Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – Hemet Model Masters Open 4 Amigo’s Semi-Scale Contest
- Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – Victor Valley RC Flyers Desert Storm Combat Event
- Sunday/Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> – Gilman Springs RC Flyers Independence Day Fly-In
- Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – Victor Valley RC Flyers Night Fly
- Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Menifee Valley Flyers Annual Poker Fly
- Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> – Gilman Springs RC Flyers RCPRO Club 40 Pylon Race
- Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Hemet Model Masters Swap Meet
- Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – Corona RC Club Warbirds Fly-In & Swap Meet
- Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – Menifee Valley Flyers Swap Meet
- Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – Victor Valley RC Flyers RCPRO Warbird Pylon Race
- September 23-25<sup>th</sup> – Hemet Model Masters Pine Float Fly-in at Lake Hemet
- Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> - Hemet Model Masters Dawn Patrol/Golden Age Contest
- Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – Menifee Valley Flyers Heritage Lake Fall Float-Fly
- October 1/2 – Victor Valley RC Flyers Electric Fest
- Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> – Gilman Springs RC Flyers Swap Meet
- Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Otay Lake Float-Fly CVMRCC
- Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Menifee Valley Flyers “Dawn Patrol Over Menifee”
- Saturday/Sunday October 29/30 – Corona RC Club Float Fly at Lake Perris
- Saturday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> – Gilman Springs RC Flyers Members Appreciation Fly-In
- Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – Hemet Model Masters Toys 4 Kids

# Dawn Patrol Over Gilman Springs



## Gilman Springs

## RC Flyers

**WHERE:** Killeen Field, Gilman Springs Rd. Moreno Valley, CA.

**WHEN :** Saturday - April 16, 2011 - 8am to 3pm.

**FEE:** Landing Fee - \$15. **NOTE:** Must show current AMA Card.

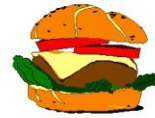
**ACTIVITIES:** Open Flying (WWI Warbirds Only), Awards, Raffle.

**AWARDS:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd - for over 60 size, 60 & under size, and Electric any size.

Also, Award for "Pilots Choice" and Award for "Peoples Choice".

(Model must be flown to be eligible for an Award).

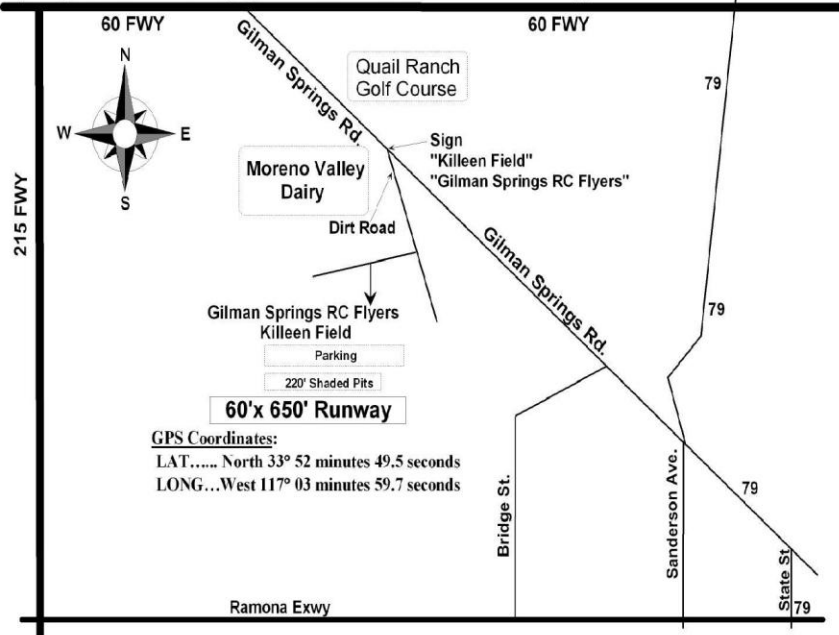
### FOOD CONCESSION:



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