



Sky Lines

The Official Newsletter of the Tracy Skyliners R/C Club
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March 2006

AMA Charter Club # 169

Next Club Meeting Sunday, April 2nd, 2006 at 10:00am at the Flying Field

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Tracy Skyliners website: <http://www.tracyskyliners.com>

March Meeting Minutes

Roll Call: 20 members present

Guest: 4

Treasurer Report: The report is not printed online. If you need a copy contact Gene Moore

New Members: Mark Tomblin

Old Business: None

New Business:

Membership: At the time of the March meeting it looks like we currently have 72 members with a current club maximum of 75. There is a waiting list. Prospective members must attend two CONSECUTIVE meetings prior to being accepted into the Club.

2006 Membership Cards: Doug Fahrney had the new 2006 membership cards which has the new gate combination. Doug handed out cards to those who attended the March meeting. For those who were not there you should receive your membership card in the mail shortly.

New Frequency Control Policy: With the new membership cards we now have a new frequency control policy. Beginning immediately members ARE REQUIRED to clip their membership card to the frequency control board when you wish to have control of the channel. A clothespin, AMA card, etc. is NOT ACCEPTABLE! The use of the membership card acknowledges that you are a CURRENT member of the Club, which entitles you to fly at our field AND that you have current AMA membership. Furthermore, by not adhering to this very simple request, it constitutes a safety issue for others in attendance. It may also end up costing someone an airplane – including yours if you did not pin your card to the frequency control board. So, please, take a few seconds to pin your card to the frequency control channel when your transmitter will be in use. After you are done then please remove your card in case someone else wishes to use that channel.

Engine Starting Benches: Wes Mccann asked if anyone felt there was a need to have a couple of starting benches for running up new engines, etc. Some of you may have seen these T-shaped benches at other clubs or in Model Aviation. It was agreed that a couple of benches, one at each end, would be a good idea. Design and construction will be explored in the coming weeks.

Starting Procedure: It was discussed what should be the proper way to start your plane. Currently, there appears to be two methods being used. The first is to abut your wing or wings against the post at the pilot stations with the engine facing in. The other is to use a restraint on the tail with the plane facing out away from the pits, but into the runway taxi area with the propwash going back into the pits. For the time being both methods will be allowed.

Upcoming Events/Swap Meets:

Indoor Fun Fly: March 12th at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds.

Oakdale Swap Meet: March 25th at the Oakdale RC club at Woodward Reservoir

Modaire Parking Lot Swap Meet: April 8th at Modaire Hobbies in Manteca

RC Country Swap Meet: April 15th at RC Country Hobbies. Corner of 61st and Folsom in Sacramento

IMAA Rally of the Giants: May 25-28 at Castle Airport in Atwater. This is not to be missed!

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