



Sky Lines

The Official Newsletter of the Tracy Skyliners R/C Club
P.O. Box 793 Tracy, CA 95378

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AMA Charter Club # 169

Next Meeting Tuesday, April 1st @ 7:00 PM

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Newsletter article submission deadline is the THIRD Friday prior to the next club meeting. Send articles to Mark

Contact Mark to request additions or changes to the website.

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

March Meeting Minutes

Roll Call: 12 members present

Treasurer Report: Not reported on the web.

New Members: Tracy Petit and Steve Brajkovitch

Old Business: Since our AMA charter has to be sent in this month, a motion was made to keep the current club officers for another term. The motion passed unanimously.

Charles Jeffus brought sample hats with an embroidered club logo.

The decision was made to purchase 30 of these hats in three different colors. They will be available for members to purchase.

Pete Bowen reported back regarding the IMAC demonstration. The event will be held at our field April 13th, 2003. Pete reported that this is just not a demonstration and the field will not be closed.

They are looking for new participants this year. Anyone who is interested in learning basic IMAC, and would like to participate, are encouraged to do so.

New Business: None

Guests: None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 PM

In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we report the recent passing of Bill Terryberry. The club extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the members of Bill's family.

IMAC Practice

On Sunday, April 13th, there will be an IMAC practice day at the Tracy Skyliners field. There will be a number of pilots with large scale aerobatic planes practicing and putting on freestyle flights. Members and guests are encouraged to bring planes and try flying the IMAC Basic sequences. (AMA membership required to fly) Sequence and score sheets will be available for anyone that would like to try flying. If you don't want to fly come out and watch. The scale aerobatic planes put on a great show flying the known maneuvers and freestyle. There will be at least four IMAC contests this summer in the Northern California area. One at the Modesto RC Flyers field at Woodward Reservoir May 17 & 18. This will be good chance for anyone interested in aerobatics to try flying in a contest. Almost any plane that can fly loops, rolls, and spins can fly in the basic class. There is no scale or size requirements for planes in the basic class.

For more information contact Pete Bowen
adapete@earthlink.net or (925) 443-7052.

New Club Logo and Apparel

Notice anything different about this month's newsletter heading? The Tracy Skyliners have adopted a new club logo. The club also has a new line of club apparel. Thanks go out to club member Charles Jeffus for developing the new logo and apparel. You may have already seen a number of the members with the new hats. Charles offers the hats in 3 different colors as well as polo shirts and jackets. The prices are as follows: Hats \$13, polo shirts \$26.20 and jackets \$46.80 Hats can be purchased at the field from Doug Fahrney. The jacket and shirts, as well as the hats, will be made available for purchase online or over the phone. Once we have that information we will post it to the website and next newsletter.

Quick Hitters

- Percentage of members getting their newsletter from the website is at 60%. Contact Mark Maral via email at maral@charter.net if you have internet access and can receive the newsletter via the website.

Also, since we added the counter to the website on Feb. 13th we have had **over 600 hits** on our website. This is awesome!

- New Members – Please familiarize yourself with the new Frequency Control Policy. It is posted to the website. If you need a copy please contact Mark Maral.

- Channel Usage Chart – If you haven't done so please contact Mark Maral and let him know what channels you use. The chart now accounts for 50% of the members. For those without internet access for viewing the chart the usage is as follows (channel number – followed by the number of unique radios on that channel):

- 11 – 1, 12 – 0, 13 – 1, 14 – 0, 15 – 1, 16 – 0, 17 – 1, 18 – 5,
- 19 – 2, 20 – 2, 21 – 2, 22 – 4, 23 – 0, 24 – 1, 25 – 0, 26 – 2,
- 27 – 0, 28 – 1, 29 – 1, 30 – 1, 31 – 2, 32 – 1, 33 – 0, 34 – 6,
- 37 – 1, 38 – 1, 39 – 1, 40 – 1, 41 – 1, 42 – 2, 43 – 0, 44 – 3,
- 45 – 1, 46 – 1, 47 – 0, 48 – 1, 49 – 2, 50 – 2, 51 – 2, 52 – 0,
- 53 – 0, 54 – 4, 55 – 2, 56 – 0, 57 – 1, 58 – 0, 59 – 1, 60 – 0

As you can see, channels 18, 22, 34, and 54 have the highest usage.

Also, it has been noted that channels 30, 31, and 51 appear to be susceptible to interference at our site.

Upcoming Events

Next Club Meeting: Tuesday, April 1st, at 7:00 PM
Safeway Supermarket, Tracy, CA.

IMAC Practice: Sunday, April 13th at the Tracy Skyliners Field.

Classifieds

For Sale: Kyosho AT-6 ARF Kit: \$175.00

The kit's fiberglass fuselage features a factory applied get coat color scheme of red, yellow and silver. Wings are of balsa skinned foam core construction and are supplied built and covered from the factory. Wingspan 61.5", weight 5.7 lbs., engine .32-.48 (2-stroke) .50-.53 (4-stroke).

Contact: acluff@sbcglobal.net

For Sale: Goldberg Ultimate ARF Kit: \$250.00

Kit includes: Fiberglass cowling and wheel pants, canopy, molded cockpit insert, glass-filled nylon engine mounts, wheels, and 16 oz. Fuel tank. Wingspan 54", weight 7.5-8.5 lbs, engine .60 (2-stroke) or .90-1.20 (4-stroke).

Contact: acluff@sbcglobal.net

For Sale:

1. Circus Circus AT-6 72" wingspan, fuse is built. \$75.00
2. Great Planes 40 size Decathlon, built but not covered. \$80.00
3. TopFlite P-47 Built but not covered. Servos in wing. \$80.00

Contact: Joe Albanese at (209) 824-8061