



# Sky Lines

The Official Newsletter of the Tracy Skyliners R/C Club  
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June 2009      AMA Charter Club # 169  
Next Club Meeting Sunday, July 12, 2009 at 10:00am at the Flying Field

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## June Meeting Minutes

**Roll Call:** 23 Members present

**Guest:** 1

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

**Old Business:**

**Fun Fly:** Nothing new to report

**New Business:**

**Hats:** Member Herbert Burns (Xstatic Productions) displayed new Tracy Skyliners hats. The Club will be offering these for sale possibly by the next meeting in July.

**Swap Meet:** We held our swap meet at Modesto Hobbies on May 9<sup>th</sup>. According to Doug Fahrney when all was said and done we lost \$10. Doug reported there were a fair number of sellers and quite a few buyers. The owner of Modesto Hobbies would like us to hold another one in Sept. Doug will investigate what day and coordinate.

**Club Kit Build:** Mike Nadeau suggested that over next winter we do a club kit build. Mike will investigate and make recommendations on what kit to build.

**Turbines: The following was discussed at the meeting regarding the flying of turbine planes.**

Reviewed the requirements for flying turbine planes. The current AMA requirements must be followed when flying turbines at Tracy Skyliners. All people flying turbines must have a current waiver. The AMA requirements are available at <http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/510-a.pdf>

Gordon McConnell provided the following as some of the more important points within the regulations that need to be followed:

**Pilot:**

- Must have a B/C fire extinguisher (CO2/Halon) at hand during start ups.
- Must have a water extinguisher present at the flying field
- Must not exceed 200mph speed limit (airspeed, not ground speed)
- Must not fly after dark

**Limits on the models:**

- Unless it's a small foamie, functional rudders + brakes or reverse thrust, etc. is required.
- No plasma-bag or other such flexible (and easily punctured) fuel tanks
- Must be set up to shut engine down completely within 2 seconds of loss of signal (Failsafe, etc.)
- Weight no more than 55lbs wet (fueled up), unless certified under experimental category.

Also, to clarify two points on fire extinguishers:

- Compared to a few years ago, most turbines have become so much more reliable that a "wet start" is actually pretty rare nowadays. As a result, people have become complacent and "have a CO2 extinguisher back in the truck" rather than by their side during the start This is not acceptable
- The requirement to have a water extinguisher at the flying field – a) it was added a few years ago, it wasn't always there, so some of the old hands haven't got back into the habit of making sure they have one around. b) Some people take this rule as meaning that it's the Club's responsibility to provide water extinguishers at the field – it is NOT. If you want to fly a turbine at a given field it's YOUR responsibility to ensure that it's present -if it isn't you don't fly. Unlike the CO2, etc. it is not required that it be next to you when you start up, but it should be easily accessible that in the event of a fire after a crash, you can grab it quickly enough to stand a good chance of suppressing a small fire.

**Blast Deflector:** Wes McCann has built a blast deflector for the Club that needs to be used at start up of all turbines. This will prevent damage to the runway especially on those planes where the turbine is at a downward angle.

**Important Notice to all Turbine Flyers:** Due to the dryness of the wheat across from our field flying of turbines is **prohibited** until the field is harvested. The field should be harvested within 3-4 weeks. At that time a notice will go out that the restriction is lifted.

**ERBC Fun Fly/BBQ:** We've been invited to attend the EBRC Fun Fly and BBQ on July 4<sup>th</sup>. More info to follow.

**Upcoming Swap Meets:**

**Upcoming Events:**  
July 18-19<sup>th</sup> at Woodward there will be an electric jet rally.

