



Next Club Meeting: TBD, 2022-3, at the SFV Flying field, Simi Valley

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Rob Mawer (new President Elect) starting off our club meeting at the Oak Park flying field 11-6-2022. About 20 members were present.

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The Simi Valley Flyers club is incorporated as a nonprofit organization. We are a radio control model airplane club founded in 1965. We have a 450 ft. by 50 ft. asphalt runway with a 150 ft. by 65 ft. pit area. Our flying field is located inside Oak Park which is owned by the County of Ventura. The Simi Valley Flyers operate, maintain and improve this facility under a lease agreement with Ventura county. All inputs to the Newsletter must be sent in by the 21th of each month to the following E-mail address **WWW.ron-scott1@att.net**.

The President’s Message – Ken Milbrett



No Message this month
Ken Milbrett,.....

The Vice President’s Message – Rob Mawer



First, I’d like to wish our president, Ken Milbrett, a speedy recovery. For those unaware, Ken was admitted to the hospital a few weeks ago in Oregon. I recently spoke with him and he’s out and doing well and resuming his move efforts to his new home in Oregon soon. Unfortunately, he probably won’t be making it to the holiday party in December and sends his best wishes.

Second, major apologies (again) to everyone who got multiple copies of one E-mail I sent. Evidently, either my computer (Outlook) or the Spectrum server (my Roadrunner server) had a heart attack, stroke, and major melt down. I had to enlist some external assistance which resulted in “it was just a fluke (in

the rocket business, we translate that to “random failure”). So, to those who got 10, 15, 20 or (I heard) 33 copies of my last E-mail, to quote Han Solo “It’s not my fault”.

As we come to the end of 2022, we’ve started efforts to get back to normal club activities. For 2023, that means more club meetings, more events, regular newsletters, and more fun. I want to also thank Bob Fricke, Andy Weir, Bob Reilly, and Ken Milbrett for keeping the club afloat during Covid. Lastly, we’ve noticed several member’s AMA membership has lapsed. If you have just paid up or feel the data we have is in error, please see Andy Weir. Remember, No AMA – No flying.

On behalf of the board, have a great thanksgiving and we look forward to seeing you at the **Holiday party on December 4.**

“A bad day of flying is better than a good day at work (or so I’m told)”
Rob,

Here, below is the election slate and the fact that we will be officially voting the candidates at the Christmas party.

President	Rob Mawer
Vice President	Cole Haisman
	Cody Weir
Secretary	Eric Rowley
Treasurer / Finance officer	Bob Fricke (incumbent)
Safety officer	Bob Reilly (incumbent)
Membership officer	Andy Weir (incumbent)
Communications director	
Newsletter	Ron Scott

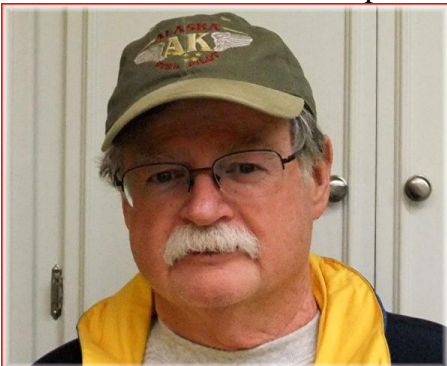
Christmas / Holiday party

Eric Rowley, has graciously volunteered the use of his workplace to host it. It is local to Simi and will be a catered event. The current plan is FREE for members and a fee for each guest (the amount will be on the invitation). The date is **Sunday December 4**. The final details are forthcoming.

Treasurer’s report – Bob Fricke - no report this month.



Safety officer – Bob Reilly – Thank you all for adhering to the rule of **not flying over the flags or the freeway area**, this alleviates any blowback from the city officials. Also, make sure you enable the Throttle or Motor Cut in the pit area after flying.



Membership officer – Andy Weir - Everybody needs to check and update their phone numbers to me as a lot don t have landlines any more.



Up and coming Events

November 24 Thanksgiving



TBD – Next Club meeting

December 4 Christmas Party at Eric Rowley’s workplace at 3850 Royal Ave Dec 4 @5:pm.

December 25 Santa Claus brings *new stuff* to Replace all the planes, motors, etc that Murphy broke during the year.

Editors notes (Ron Scott)

If anyone has any new planes, information for the club or stuff for sale, etc, please submit your inputs by the **18st of month** so I can put in the news letter to share with others.

BBO after the meeting

Pat Postin – Chief Cook



Swap Meet stuff



Greg Visiloff with his F-22 Raptor electric Jet. Greg likes (see him smiling) to get up early and rip up the sky with his fleet of jets.



Random Pix

Scott Newhalfen brought up an extra table for the pits. 1/2 of a ping pong table from his job that was no longer needed by a customer.



Thanks Scott

Dave Brown and his finally finished Glow powered planes after 30 years of sitting around.



"No Name" motor glider with OS .15 engine.



Ron Miller with his 1931 Model A 5 window Coupe



Very COOOO!



Also a great Planes PT-40 with OS .40 engine.

“Fixer Uppers”

Crashed Tiger 60



Fixing up took about 12 hours – over 1 week.



Good as new ??



I flew it after installing an OS .91 4 stroke engine and it flew great.

Thanks again Mike for your bad accident with it. It was worth my time to fix it up again.

There were a lot of high winds at the field this month. Here is the wind one day - according to our weather station at the field.

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153536	58	94	22.0	39.0	0.00	0.00
152629	58	89	24.0	52.0	0.00	0.00
152327	58	94	46.0	52.0	0.00	0.00
151723	57	102	46.0	46.0	0.00	0.00
151421	57	112	34.0	57.0	0.00	0.00
150817	57	78	15.0	57.0	0.00	0.00
150212	57	85	21.0	36.0	0.00	0.00
145910	56	96	13.0	47.0	0.00	0.00
145306	56	102	35.0	50.0	0.00	0.00
144222	56	110	1.0	1.0	0.00	0.00
142318	56	98	26.0	43.0	0.00	0.00
142016	56	90	34.0	41.0	0.00	0.00
141714	56	97	27.0	42.0	0.00	0.00
141411	56	90	20.0	42.0	0.00	0.00
140807	56	91	19.0	35.0	0.00	0.00
140505	56	87	27.0	35.0	0.00	0.00
135901	56	78	24.0	34.0	0.00	0.00
135559	56	87	35.0	35.0	0.00	0.00
135257	56	86	20.0	31.0	0.00	0.00
134653	56	81	20.0	32.0	0.00	0.00

Tips on Buying Used Stuff at RC Swapmeets



When you go to a “swap meet”/garage sale/or flea market, you can find some real deals or some real junk or anything in-between. One of the questions I always ask myself when at the swap meet is “why is this person trying to sell certain items?”. Also, is this stuff stolen or is this person really in need of \$\$\$\$. Whatever the case, you need to be careful or you may get stung. The following are some tips that I use in wheeling and dealing. I hope you find them useful.

- 1) Don't pick up or handle anything unless you ask the price first. If you do pick up an item, the seller will probably up the price depending on how interested or excited you appear. It's a psychology game and you need to be a good negotiator. If the price seems reasonable, then, pick it up and inspect it.
- 2) Inspection:
 - Carefully inspect the item looking for good and bad points.
 - **Anything electrical, smell it** – it may be burned internally and not obvious by looking at it.
 - Look for repaired areas – and how well the repairs were done. Example: If the alignment of the repaired sections was slightly off, the item may never function as it originally did.
 - Kits – check to see that all the parts are there – Cowel, wheels, elevator, rudder, manual, etc.
 - Engines or Motors:
 - A) Is it free to rotate and are there any rough spots as it rotates – this may indicate rusted or broken bearings.
 - B) Is the crankshaft bent - as it rotates does it wobble or appear straight.
 - C) Does it have good compression – as it rotates, it should be hard to turn as it approaches “TDC”.
 - D) Are there any obvious broken, bent or missing parts that may need replacing.
- 3) Haggling over the price. This is a real ART. If you're a millionaire, it won't matter that much but if your like me (and I am a real cheapskate) cost matters a lot. My rule of thumb, depending on the items condition is “ don't pay more than 50 – 60% of the original cost of the item.
Try to get the seller to give you a price first. If it's way too high, just walk away – you can always come back but there is a risk of the item being sold. If the asking price is reasonable, then look more closely at it – pick it up and give it a real good look – “Inspection” as noted above.
If you think the price is a little more than you can afford, make a counter offer – he may say OK or NO and you can negotiate further or ????? Hopefully you both feel good about the DEAL if you buy it.
- 4) If your spending a lot of money or if your not sure about the items operation, ask if you can try it out. Obviously he isn't going to let you fly a plane, helicopter or quadcopter but in the case of a battery, battery charger, transmitter, receiver or whatever, he would probably allow you to check it out. If the item doesn't work, ask him if you can get your money back. Get a phone # incase you may have questions later.
- 5) Don't spend too much \$\$\$ unless you really can't live without it, sometimes you can trade stuff.
Good luck and happy Wheeling and Dealing,

Ron,



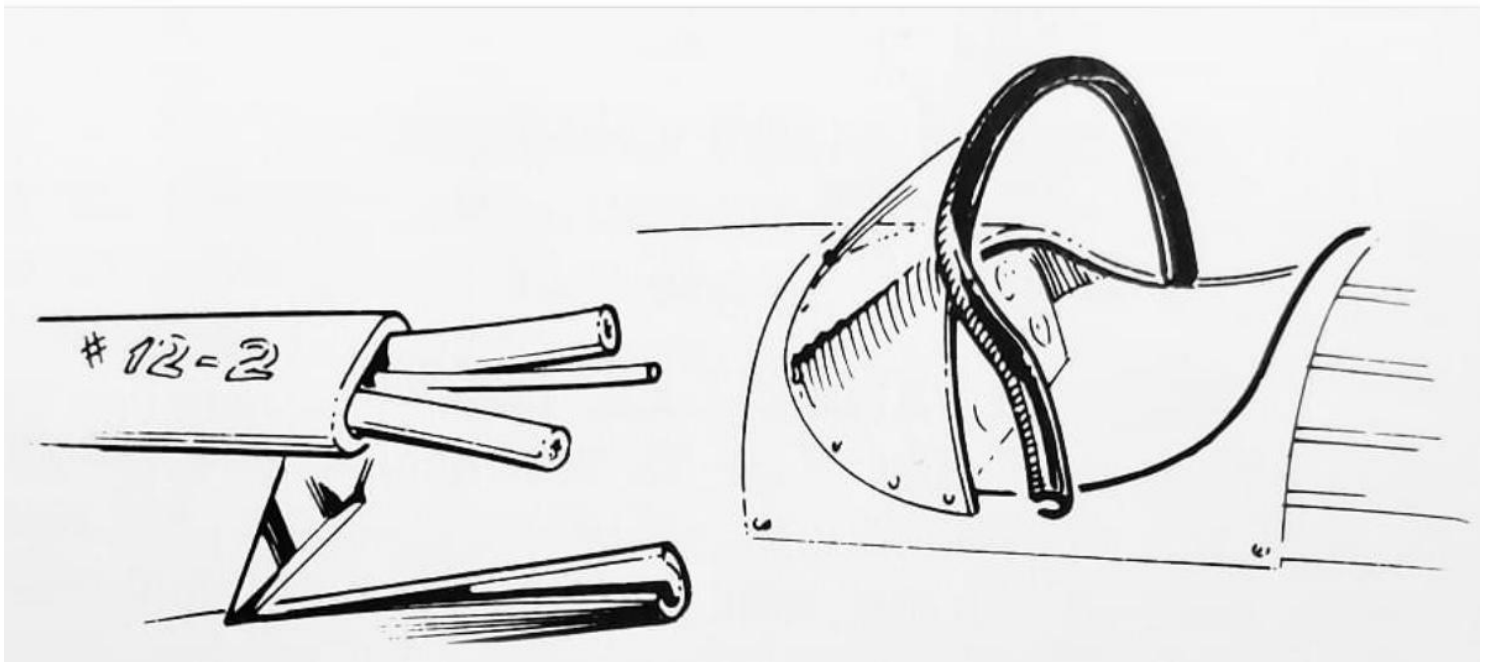
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Easy windshield and cockpit combing:

One foot of no. 12-2 electrical wire costs very little. Strip away the heavy outer covering to expose the conductors, then pull the insulation off the copper wires. Slit this, cut it to length, and glue it around the edge of the windshield with CA. Adapted from 400 Great R/C Modeling Tips by Jim Newman, Volume II, an Air Age Media publication.



That's it for this time.
Happy Landings,.....

Ron,