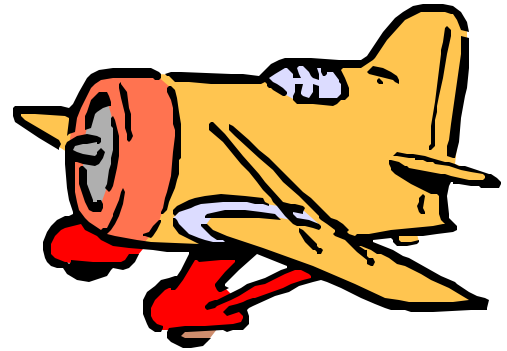


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*** Next Meeting ***
Thursday, April 14th
7:00 pm SBIA Security Office
165 S. Leland, San Bern. CA

Birthday Boys

John Richardson 4/1
 Manuel Pilonieta 4/6
 Henry Harden 4/11
 Ryan Williams 4/13
 Paul Chambers 4/14
 Rodney Heathcock 4/14
 George Manning 4/15
 Don Giandomeinco 4/16
 Nicholas Blackburn 4/18
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GUEST SPEAKER

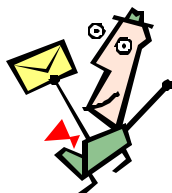
Here is the website for Don Goodin, who is coming to present at our meeting next month:

www.missingmanfoundation.org

Don Goodin is a former Vietnam pilot and is an active member of the Missing Man Foundation. He is also the #3 pilot on the team of the Thunder Delfins--an L-29 demo team:

www.hunderdelfins.com

Go to this website, click on Team at the top of the page, then find his name at #3. There is quite a decent bio about him there. I think it would be good to have this blurb on our website as well as directing everyone to go Don's site too. I really, really want to have a good turn out for this meeting. I just spoke to Don and he is going to use some video clips and will talk about his flight into Hanoi, some about the Missing Man Foundation, and will have some posters about the Thunder Delfins for his presentation.



Got your taxes done?

SURVEY

As our Club continues to grow, and more of us are attending our monthly Fun Fly's and other events, Radio Frequencies could possibly conflict. Since most of us have more than 1 aircraft, I would like to find out what channels each Club Member is using. This information should be quite useful, as a Member would be able to view a "chart", which would show what frequency is being used, and by how many Members. This will allow a Member to choose a frequency that is "less" used than other frequencies. Channel 56 for example, is quite popular with our members, where other channels might not be used at all. Please email me at info@marksreclub.com, or you may contact me by phone. All I will need is your First and Last name, so I know who you are, and what frequency(s) you are currently using. Thank you

Terry Steir

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Top Right: David, Ammon, and Jordan Becar get some help from Chuck Comstock as they set up their Hobbico Trainer 60. They got some flight training and Ammon improved with every turn in the pattern.

Middle Right: Mark and Paul Rudiger work on their J3 as John Skolnick looks on. The culmination of three years of work, they were unable to fly because of some hinging issues.

Bottom Right: Fred Pierce poses with his Super Chipmunk. This one features a fiberglass fuselage. Be on the lookout for Fred's next project...a P61 Black Widow night fighter.



Central Africa has the largest variety of animals dangerous to man. Ireland has the smallest.

Most dangerous animal in Ireland: the bumblebee.

Pylon Racing News

The March 5th pylon race was held at the Gilman Springs R/C club field since our Greenspot facility is still submerged. We had 13 participants and a great day of close racing.

The MARKS pilots flew well, including a first place finish by Joe Augino in one of the qualifying heats. But the guys from Gilman made a strong showing and took all the top spots in the final heat, otherwise known as the “money” race. The winners, pictured from left to right in the photo are: Jeff Vanderpol, Doug Medore, John Pollard, and Robert Burgess.

The April race was supposed to be hosted by the Gilman club but had to be cancelled due to high winds. The Gilman club has also been dealing with rising water which is approaching within just a few feet of their runway. They are currently dry, but the high winds blew the pylons over into the water and they are, for the moment, lost in the swamp!

The next scheduled race day is Saturday, May 7 at the Greenspot field. Keep your fingers crossed for



*Next Pylon Race
Saturday, May 7
Greenspot (Koch) Field
8:00 a.m. start*

When Life Gives You Lemons, er, Water...

D.J. Steir, not to be outfoxed by mother nature, has been making the most out of the flooded runway at Greenspot by organizing float-fly events. His last one was held on March 12 and my sources tell me it was another great success.

Thanks, D.J., for taking the initiative and for your work in getting these fun events together. Hopefully we can have at least one more before the summer heat turns our lake back into a mirage.

On the Lighter Side

Your Tax Dollars at Work

April is known for its “showers” which are supposed to bring May flowers, but its also known for incoherent tax forms, shoeboxes full of receipts, and migraine headaches. As you get ready to write that check to the IRS or to the state consider this: the Texas auditor’s office revealed that a portion of nearly 600 million in federal anti-terrorism funds was spent on trailers to transport lawn mowers to “lawn mower drag races.”

Don’t Believe Everything You Hear

A London resident visiting Los Angeles drove a Lincoln Navigator off a hillside and plummeted 300 feet, landing in a homeowner’s yard. The driver, who suffered only minor injuries, was following the navigation system’s commands. “Go straight” was the last instruction he heard.

from AutoWeek Magazine

With sadness we report the passing of George Koch's father. Our sympathy and our thoughts are with you, George.