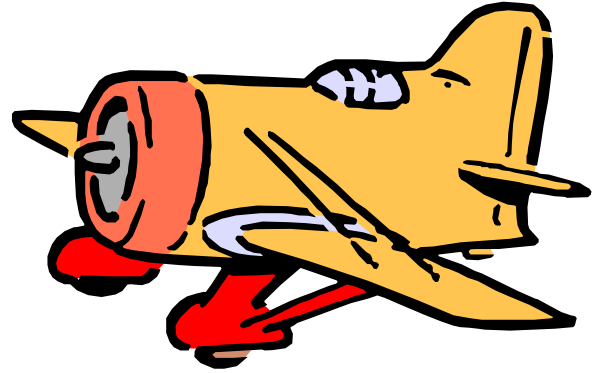


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What's News

February Pylon Racing

The next pylon race will be Saturday February 5th at the Gilman Springs Flyers site. Sign-in begins at 8:00 am. The Gilman club is hosting the race this month due to the flooded conditions at our field. See the map in this issue for directions or visit www.gilmanspringsrcflyers.com.

Greenspot Field Under Water

The recent rains have put our Greenspot site (George Koch Field) under water! Go figure - they don't call it a flood control basin for nothing. Check out the photos posted on the MARKS website. They show the water all the way up to the pin-box and sources say the level is now four feet above that.

You don't have to choose between sink or swim - you can buy floats and enjoy some float flying. That's exactly what several of our members have decided to do. See you at the lake.

*** Next Meeting ***
Thursday, February 10, 7:00 pm
SBIA Security Office
165 S. Leland, San Bernardino
(The former Norton AFB near the large hangars)



Above: Club president George Manning works out the bugs on his helicopter.

Below: Don Giandomenico captured some new video from his helicopter. See more photos inside this issue.



AMA Show Highlights

Representatives of the MARKS club attended last month's AMA show at the Ontario convention center to show off our club and encourage new membership. For the second year in a row, we had our own booth where our volunteers showed off many of our members' aircraft and answered questions from hundreds of exhibit-goers.

Our attendance at the AMA show is intended to attract new membership and to establish the MARKS as one of the Inland Empire's premier r/c clubs. Our club continues to grow with new members and several former members also renewed their memberships at the show.

The highlight of our booth once again was our towering aircraft display built last year by Don Giandomenico and his team of MARKS volunteers. The tower shows off our member's planes and attracts many visitors and comments. This year we also raised some extra money for the club by raffling off three airplanes including an electric Ultimate, a World Models pylon racer, and a Great Planes AT-6 ARF. Lucky MARKS members won two of the airplanes! The Great Planes AT-6 was won by a modeler from Sacramento.

Club president George Manning won an award in the static display contest for "best helicopter."

Congratulations, George.

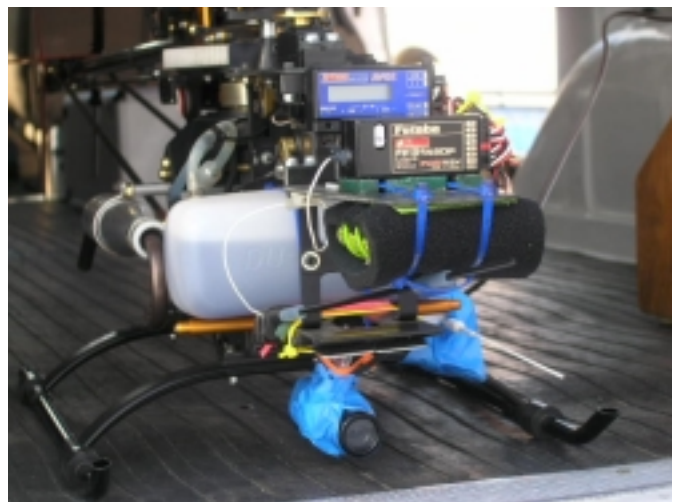
Special thanks to all club members who volunteered to help with this year's show.



Volunteers Joe Augino (left) and Scott Workman meet the crowd at the AMA show in January. John Richardson's scale Bonanza can be seen hanging in the background.



Above: Heavy equipment has cleared the road to Glen Helen. The field is open and in good condition thanks to major cleanup by MARKS volunteers. (photos taken



Above: Don Giandomenico's video helicopter. The camera is at the bottom of the picture between the landing skids. This system can beam live video to a ground based monitor and recorder. See Don's videos at www.rcdon.com. NOTE: You MUST watch Don's "video jet project" - absolutely awesome video and great fun to watch!

Below: George Manning pilots the video copter.



Pylon Racing News

There were no races in January as we took the month off to attend the AMA show. Our 2005 season begins this month with our first race at Gilman Springs on February 5th. Our Greenspot site is currently under water - and I mean a lot of water! You can see pictures on the club website www.marksrclub.com. My sources tell me, however, that the water is now much deeper, perhaps due to the release of water from the Seven Oaks Dam.

The Gilman Springs Flyers have a large group of racers and we should have a good turnout for our February race, so bring your plane and join the fun. Remember, this is low key, low stress, fun-fly type racing. Come join the fun.

Next Pylon Race

When: Saturday February 5th 8:00 am
 Where: Gilman Springs Flyers club field
 (see map below)
 Why: Because the only things racing at our field right now are submarines! (and maybe George K's yachts)

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