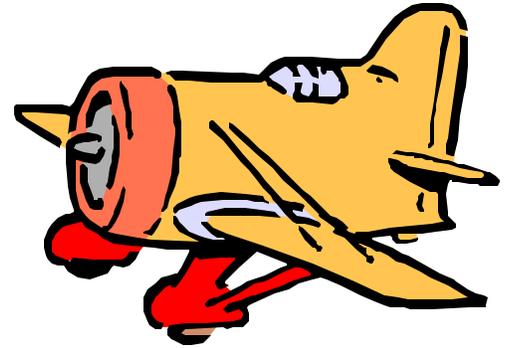


# M.A.R.K.S.

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

## Birthday Boys

Asa Cosby 7/2  
Gary Lopatynski 7/2  
John Skolnick 7/3  
Phillip Addison 7/3  
Booker Woods 7/5  
Dale Wishner 7/6  
Willo Eddy 7/14  
Jerry Calvert 7/17  
Mike Rethaford 7/17  
Gordon Daniels 7/18  
Paul Rudiger 7/19  
Walbert Mercadel 7/23  
Bill Sponaugle 7/24  
Perry Walek 7/24  
Robert Boehm 7/25  
Paul Bohlier 7/26

## Fun Fly Winner



Above: Chuck Comstock awards Blake Schwartz the grand prize in the fun-fly raffle: a 3D profile electric plane from Great Planes along with a gallon of fuel.

## M.A.R.K.S. Loses Two Giants

With sadness we report to you that, shortly, the M.A.R.K.S. will lose two icons of our club. One is a person we all know and enjoy being around. The other is a place we all know and enjoy being in. For one it's a matter of moving to a new city; for the other its a matter of moving on to a new era and a new owner.

I'm talking, of course, about D.J. Steir and about Tricia's Art Korner. For a long time both have been keystones in the foundation of our club and now we have to say farewell to both of them.

### *D.J. Steir*

As many of you know, D.J. and his wife are moving to the Sacramento area. D.J. is a long time member of the M.A.R.K.S. club and has held just about every office we have. He currently serves as field director for the Glen Helen field.

Though we have nearly 100 names on our roster, there are a handful of members who, year after year, go the extra mile to keep our club running. D.J. Steir is one of those guys. He's one of the guys you see at every meeting, every club event, every Christmas party, and he is always one of the first to volunteer when the call goes out for help. Moreover, D.J. is one of those good guys you just like to hang around at the field.

D.J. published the club newsletter for many years before Dan and I took it over. Believe me, it's a big job even with two of us working on it, and D.J. did it by himself and did a great job. At the fun-flys and contests, D.J. was always the guy running the transmitter impound, or running around selling raffle tickets. He was always there early to help set things up and was always a willing participant in the flying events. He printed flyers for our events, and put up signs along the roads directing visitors to our field. When John Richardson needed judges for Scale Masters, D.J. was there year after year. An avid float-plane pilot, D.J. planned and hosted several float-fly events including a very popular event early this year at the Greenspot field. The best club Christmas party in my memory was the one D.J. and Dorothy hosted at their home a couple of years ago.

Perhaps what D.J. will be remembered for most is his work helping newcomers and young people to learn to fly R/C. On many occasions, D.J. made presentations to schools and scout troops, and you could frequently find him at the field teaching someone on the "buddy box".

To say "thank you" and "we'll miss you" just isn't enough. Our club will have a huge hole to fill when D.J. moves and some lucky club in Sacramento will gain a gentleman and a gem.

### *Tricia's Art Korner*

It's hard to imagine that we will no longer be able to pop into John and Tricia's shop to pick up a can of fuel or a roll of monokote. But John and Tricia are retiring and Tricia's Art Korner will soon close it's doors for good.

We'll still have them as members, and maybe we will get to enjoy seeing them more at the field since they won't be running the shop, but we will sorely miss having



D.J. Steir doing what he does best - helping young people learn about flying and the basics of R/C.

such a familiar and friendly place to buy our hobby supplies.

It was always a happy experience going to John and Tricia's shop. Usually you would see Tricia behind the counter and often you would get greeted by Andy and Buddy too (ferocious watch dogs). Then you would hear the staple gun pause and John would come out to talk R/C with you and set you up with what you needed. He always seemed to have what you were looking for and, if he didn't have it, he would order whatever you needed and give you a call when it came in.

John and Tricia always made you feel like family in their shop. They let us hold our monthly meetings there for many years and generously donated many items for our raffles and prizes for our fun-flys. If you missed the monthly meeting, you could always stop by and catch up on the goings-on in the club and sneak a piece of candy out of the bowl on the counter.

So we say farewell this month to Tricia's Art Korner and to D.J. Steir, and we salute them for what they have meant to us and our club for so long. We thank you and wish you all the best for the future. As a final note I'm reminded of what D.J. would often say when I would take my old Honda to him from time to time: "they don't make 'em like that any more." They don't make 'em like John and Tricia and D.J. anymore either.



To D.J. Steir and John and Tricia Richardson: Thanks for all the great memories; best wishes for the future.

# Fun Fly Flop

The Fun Fly scheduled for June 18th took off about as well as Howard Hughes' Spruce Goose. The weather was great, the wind was down, events were set, food and drink were available...but nobody wanted to participate. With a lack of participants, the events were cancelled. We did however have a raffle and the support on that was outstanding with young Blake Schwartz winning the top prize.

Bill Payne, who put a lot of effort into preparing the hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the fixings, was left holding a mostly empty spatula. With plans for about thirty meals, I think we sold about six. Needless to say the kitchen lost money. Plan to see the snacks and drinks at the next meeting or two or three.



Above: Steve Lumpkin slows things down and drops a dimension as he gets some use out of the Greenspot field.



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