

MARKS

May-June Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 7th 2006

☺ 6:59 – 8:17 pm ☺

Norton Airport Security Office

Be there - or be Nowhere!

Redland's Airport Open Day, May 6th



M.A.R.K.S.' second appearance at the Redland's Open Day was another great success. Well over 80 beautifully made and magnificently marked planes of all types were on display. And we were slotted to fly for 10 minutes every half-hour. This gave us ample opportunity to show off a greater variety of flying styles and flying models than last year.

(More Details inside.)

MARKS Warbird Rally May 20th



We had a great Warbird Rally 2006, a neat squadron of war planes, a great bunch of pilots, spectators, and helpers, good weather, and not a single damaged plane at the end of the day! Wow! That's an achievement. There were so many raffle prizes that every pilot got at least one prize each. (*Andreas Blaser*)

(More Details inside.)

Redland's Airport Open Day Charmed Success Again!



What a day it was! Triple the area from last year, and much, more fling time. There were *so* many planes on display from tiny rubber-band powered oldies, to free-flight light-weights, biplanes, trainers, electric foamies, to the big IMAC high performance birds.



This year, we were privileged to have an alliance with the AMAA Club, out of Fisherman's Retreat, Redlands. This was great, and added such diversity to the display. AMAA members also joined in really wooed the crowd. Walt Helicopter Club, also put on an his helicopter. Later in the camera to his chopper and took the onlookers. These photos for the public to view.



Both MARKS members and the flight performances that Ferrar, from the 5th Street incredible performance with day, Walt added a surveillance photos of the flight-line and were then relayed to a monitor

Our flight simulator was well used by quite a number of people. Many young kids and some adults played on the set up for ages. We had a lot of questions asked of us about the MARKS club with quite a few taking application forms for themselves, their kids, or grandkids. Who knows what our visibility will bring to the club.

A huge thanks goes to the AMAA club and president Harry Hill for their participation and cooperation with MARKS at this annual event. We enjoyed their company, saw their modeling workmanship, and experienced their flying performance skills. Let's make it happen again next year! 😊 😊

A note from Andreas Blaser, Vice President of MARKS:

Thanks to everyone who helped making this event a really enjoyable experience for all that participated and an exciting show for the spectators. Our two clubs worked great together and our show was widely regarded as excellent. The Airboss and the Airport Manager were really happy with us too and in this context special thanks goes to the pilots and spotters who, not only did a great job performing, but also flew within the limits that we established. - Great job, thanks a lot!

This was a great day and a great opportunity to show off our happy hobby to the public. It created good publicity, wide interest, and gave us high visibility in the community. We need more of this so that we can expose the wider public to RC airplane modeling and flying. Our importance was greatly enhanced at this fascinating event.



War Bird Rally—High Time for the Old Timers!



Saturday, May 20 was a splendid success. Approximately 50 people attended the fly-in, gooooed gaaaahed at the models, and told stories of long ago when they were young men and flew in “real” military planes! Of course, there were many pilots and visitors who had never seen military service, but love the aura of that era also.



Twelve pilots registered for the event and showed off about 30 beautiful birds. The detail on the planes in construction, function, and markings was absolutely incredible.

Our president, George Blaser, did a magnificent job in smoothly. Their enthusiasm is enjoyed the camaraderie of the



Manning, and veep, Andreas running the event very catching on guys, and we all day.

Next year, we need y'all to be buying those lovely war birds and event. If you had it ready by included in our display at the Ontario AMA Show!

there. So get to building or be ready for next year's big January, it could even be



Joe Augino organized for some terrific prizes for this year's event: caps, T-shirts, a Magnum 90 engine, simulators add-on and a G-3 simulator, along with two lovely ARF kits. At the end of the day, a “pilots only” raffle was held. Big thanks go to all those who gave of their time and energy to make the 2006 War Bird Rally a success. From generosity, virtue, big hearts, and a sheer love of flying, come

our magnificent MARKS members!

Not least at all, the M.A.R.K.S. club wishes to thank the PVMAC Board, specifically Dave Arelano, for arranging the use of Norton field – at the last minute! The WBR rally would not have happened if not for this magnanimous gesture from their club.



Phil Gallegos stands proudly with his Top-Flight C-47 he built some years ago. He used the same colors and markings as the C-47 he used to fly in when stationed in Alaska

Not just airplanes at *our* Warbird Rally! This “golf-cart” is an invention by Don Giandomenico: powered by a car turbo charger with a gearbox. Seats two comfortably, Unfortunately it has no wings!



PYLON RACE: Sunday, June 4th

(Andreas Blaser)



After a long winter pause, and due to water partially covering the runway at Greenspot field, we held our first Pylon Race for this year on Sunday June 4th. Why Sunday? –to allow those guys who work on Saturdays, a

chance to race as well. Six pilots registered (three from Gillman Springs) and the competition was close. Interestingly, most of the pilots had recovered their planes to satisfy their desire for originality. Results: 1st: Andreas Blaser; 2nd: Don Giandomenico; 3rd: Larry... Two deadsticks & one C&#;\$% (that unprintable 5-letter word ☹]



Inter-Club Activities

AMAA (Fisherman's Retreat): Float Fly – Sunday, June 11th at Prado Park. For more info, call Harry Hill (909) 795-1104 or log on to www.amaachinofliers.com

Gilman Springs: Fly-In/Swap Meet -- Saturday & Sunday, July 1 & 2. \$15 take-off fee. For more info, call club president, Skip (909) 823-3323

“Name Our Newsletter” Contest

We need a name for our MARKS' Newsletter. Other clubs have some fancy or witty names for their newsletter, but ours is just *Newsletter!* ☹ We need to have a few good suggestions and then, at our June meeting, we'll choose the winning name and a prize of great value will be given! Also, your legacy will remain with MARKS forever! –What an honor that would be. Some suggestions have already been put forward, but we need a lot more input—it is *your* newsletter and you will have to live with the name!

PropWash	Sky Drillers	PropNut	Winglet
Grasshopper	PropSwinger	Balsa Busters	Crosswind
Propeller Teller	Hangar Herald	Spinner	Blue Freedom

MARKS Grapevine—plus create a cartoon figure called Mark and have “him” be our club mascot.

Put your witty mind into gear and come with your suggestions on *Wednesday* evening.

Motto Contest:

In similar vein, we need a Motto to go with our name. e.g., MARKS: Club on the Rise; or MARKS: We Fly the Friendly Sky... and so on. Such a motto adds to our image, so it needs to be positive and sharp. Necessity breeds creative thinking and creative thinking begets great ideas! Come on *Wednesday* night and share your thoughts and ideas with us.



Greenspot Memorial Day Weekend



Long Weekend: Many members had a nice flying time together on Memorial Day at our Greenspot location. Quite a crowd turned up and flew anything from trainers, to foamies, to warbirds. If you want further information on Greenspot Field, get to a computer and check out our [Greenspot Forum](#).

Greenspot Forum

Many members are contributing to the Greenspot Forum on our MARKS website. This interaction keeps the conversation going about the future of Greenspot. If you don't have a computer, please write to George or Andreas and express your ideas.

Fresh Ideas Needed

Bye-the-way, we really need to come up with some visionary ideas to help develop our club. It's quite amazing that MARKS is one of the oldest continuous running RC clubs in SoCal. We have a rich heritage and need keep it flourishing. Our major challenges include raising money, increasing membership, and planning for the future. Know any rich benefactors? Got any clues on marketing? It's time to think *real hard*, but don't let it hurt your heads!

Aviation Humor *(Sent in by Joe)*

A mother and her very young son were flying Southwest Airlines from Kansas City to Chicago.

The little boy (who had been looking out the window) turned to his mother and asked, "If big dogs have baby dogs, and big cats have baby cats, why don't big airplanes have baby airplanes?"

The mother (who couldn't think of an answer) told her son to ask the flight attendant. So the boy went down the aisle to ask the stewardess.

The flight attendant, who was very busy at the time, smiled and said, "Did your Mom tell you to ask me?" The boy said, "Yes she did."

"Well, then, you go and tell your mother that there are no baby airplanes because Southwest always pulls out on time. Have your mom explain that to you."

Taking Photos for MARKS Newsletter

When taking photos for print or for the website, there are a few major points to remember.

1. Good lighting is paramount: subject must face the sun and be totally in the sun!
2. No shadows on faces or the focal point of the shot. Take caps off—faces must be well lit and clearly identifiable.
3. Allow for bright backlight. Often the focal point of the photo is too dark because the camera reads the brightness of the backlight.
4. Fill up your frame as much as possible: long shots with small subject do not publish well.
5. Close ups are better for reader clarity.

(Editor)

More War Birds—May 20th 2006



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