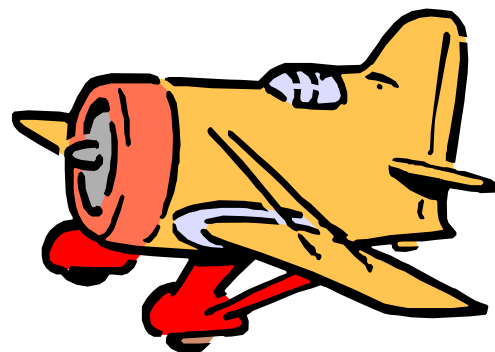


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MINIATURE AIRCRAFT RADIO  
KONTROL SOCIETY



**MARCH 2005**

**A.M.A. Charter No. 133**

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**\* Next Meeting \***

**Thursday, March 10th**

**7:00 pm SBIA Security Office**  
**165 S. Leland, San Bern. CA**

## Birthday Boys

**Gene Throop 3/1**  
**Mike Lambert 3/2**  
**Cal Malinka 3/3**  
**Ammon Becar 3/5**  
**Terence Steir 3/5**  
**Shon Bartolotto 3/11**  
**George Koch 3/11**  
**George Tango 3/11**  
**George Monk 3/14**  
**Russ Bobbitt 3/14**  
**Brian Detinne 3/14**  
**Joe Kemp 3/16**  
**Dennis Mariconda 3/25**



Above: It looks as if there should be plenty of water for D.J.'s float/fun fly. Please join the fun on **March 12** at the Greenspot (Koch) field.

## Pylon Racing News

Our 2005 racing season is off to a soggy start but the rain didn't keep us from beginning on schedule. With the Greenspot field "aquatically challenged" the February 5 race, our first race of the season, was instead hosted by the Gilman Springs Flyers.

Eleven pilots entered the contest including five members of the MARKS club. The heat races were close all day and there was plenty of pylon cutting going on even among the seasoned veterans. The penalty points made it tough for many (myself included) to get into the final round.

The four winners on the day were: Jeff Vanderpol, 1st place (Gilman); Doug Medore, 2nd place (Gilman); Dan Payne, 3rd place (MARKS); Robert Burgess, 4th place (Gilman).

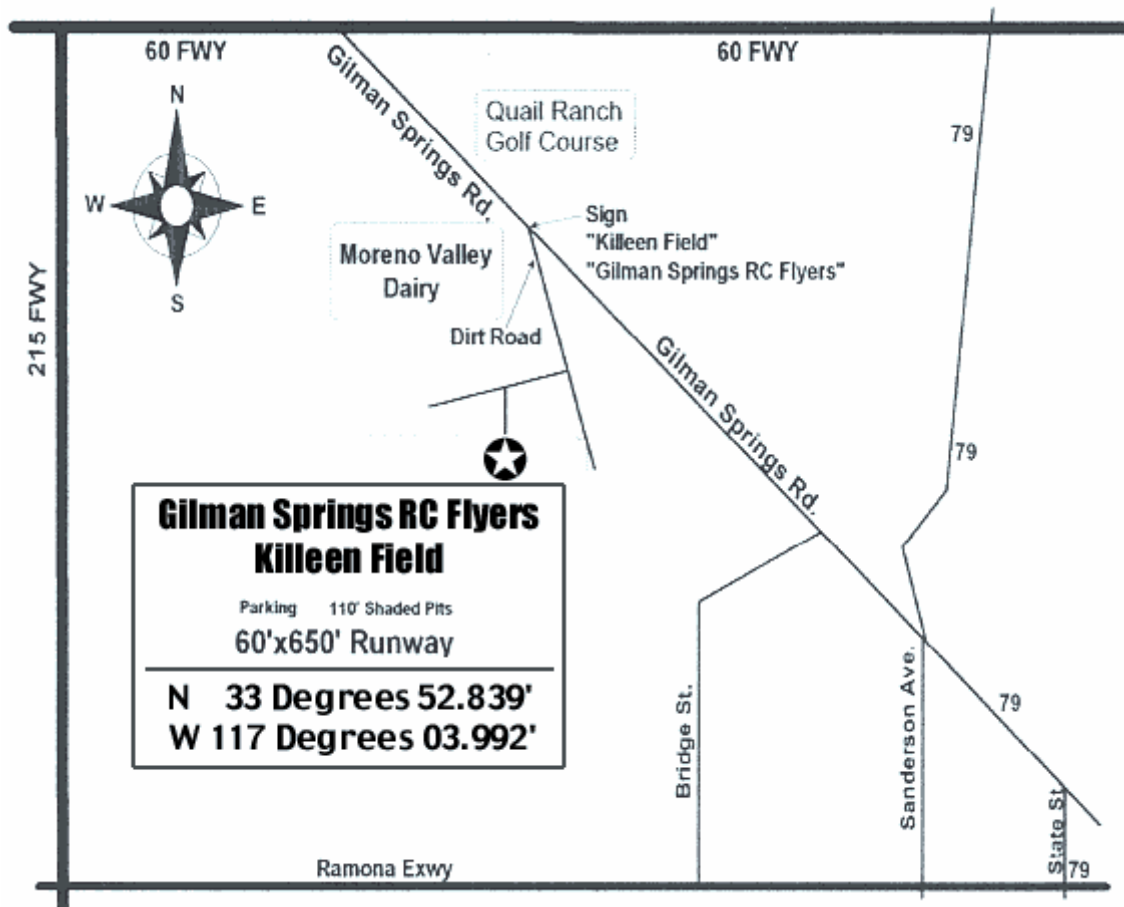
Due to the condition of the Greenspot field, our March race will also be held at the home of the Gilman Springs Flyers. Please see the attached map for directions to their field. See you at the races!

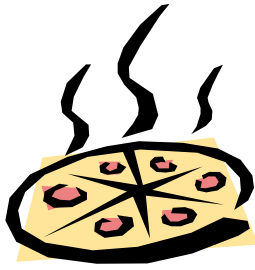
*Next Pylon Race*  
*Saturday March 5, 8:00 a.m.*  
*Gilman Springs Field*



Above: Our four finalists. L to R: Jeff Vanderpol, Doug Medore, Dan Payne, Robert Burgess.

Below: D.J. Steir guides his ship around the East pylon.





## Last Meeting....

Thanks to John and Trish who supplied the pizza for last month's meeting. Everybody seemed to enjoy the food and soft drinks while George Manning got the meeting started. After some discussion, the club will have a presence at the upcoming Redlands Air Show including static displays and flight demonstrations. There were two candidates for Model of the Month. Woody Mummery brought in an old red box Top Flite P-51 that he completed. Jerry Calvert brought in his high performance electric RV4. Woody took top honors.

The MARKS editors apologize for leaving off the February birthday list from the last newsletter.

David Becar 2/4  
 Phil Gallegos 2/4  
 Earl Gates 2/4  
 Woody Mummery 2/7  
 Henry Meyer 2/8  
 Jim Blackburn 2/11  
 Jim Viero 2/14  
 Jeff Claunch 2/15  
 Steve Skochinsky 2/15  
 Steve Richardson 2/26

## Federal Education

In response to President Bush's federal "No Child Left Behind Act" (NCLB), it is proposed that students will have to pass a test to be promoted to the next grade level.

In the hope that this proposal will be uniformly adopted by all of the states as well as in Iowa, the new test will be called the Federal Arithmetic and Reading Test, or FART.

All students who cannot pass a FART in the second grade will be re-tested in Grades 3, 4, and 5 until they are capable of passing a FART score of 80%.

If a student does not successfully FART by grade 5, that student shall be placed in a separate English program known as the Special Mastery Elective for Learning Language, or SMELL.

If, with this increased SMELL program, the student cannot pass the required FART test, he or she can still graduate to middle school by taking another one semester course in Comprehensive Reading and Arithmetic Preparation, or CRAP.

If by age fourteen the student cannot FART, SMELL, or CRAP, he or she can earn promotion in an intensive one-week seminar known as the Preparatory Reading for Unprepared Nationally Exempted Students, or PRUNES.

It is the opinion of the Department of Instruction for Public Schools (DIPS) that an intensive week of PRUNES will enable any student to FART, SMELL, or CRAP.

This revised provision of the student component of the House Bill 101 should help "clear the air" as part of the "No School Left Standing" Act.



Above: Here's a picture of my new countertop, sink and faucet group. Oh yeah, Spencer Payne is about 5 months old.

## Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 5:

Pylon Racing at the Gilman Springs Flyers field  
 Sign-in begins at 8:00 am. See attached map.

Saturday, March 12:

MARKS Float-Fly at the Greenspot (Koch) field.

All day. (Anyone with an R/C boat will be promptly sacked!)