

# MARKS Club Newsletter

**November 2011**

Editor Joe Augino

## *Greetings from your President;*



Greetings Members,

I sure hope everyone is preparing for the holidays. Writing their letters to Santa Claus asking for that new Plane or Heli. I'm excited for our Christmas Party coming up on Dec. 8th. I think we are going to have a great turn out. We have all had a sample of Jim's cooking, so we know its going to be good.

As this year comes to close I want to thank all of our members for this great year. One member in particular is Joe Augino. He has given us a great news letter ever month this year keeping us informed on what's happening in our club and other events. He is always looking for pictures and a few words from others to post in it.

We started this year with a spring cleaning day at the field with some repairs of the runway and painting and it has held up pretty good. This spring we were graced with the release of water from the dam that provided

us with a lake to fly from and play with our boats. But the water kept coming out of the ground for a while and through the runway, but with not to much damage. We acquired our own port-a-potty this year which is now stating to save the club money every month. We even had a few guest speakers at our meetings, the Vice-president of Hobby People and Evan Dietrich an insurance agent. This year in our meetings we have brought back door prizes and added 50-50 drawings. In August we had our first ever Night Fly & BBQ event and I would have to say it was a big success. So much that we had a second night fly. With the advancement of the L.E.D. we plan to making it a monthly event next year. This year we had our own celebrity, member Don Giandomenico, he was the star of a show on the NatGeo channel. The show "The Mad Scientists" did a show around his Jet bike.

For our club I think this was a great year.

In January we will be at the AMA expo again. As always we need people to man the booth, we have some volunteers but we can never have enough to represent our club. Also we will be having club elections. We have a few vacant positions that need to be filled. It doesn't take much to hold a position in the club, there are many benefits.

So lets finish this year great. We are having a great Christmas party this year, as it looks it might be our biggest turn out in many years. I hope I have served you well as your President this year.



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So lets keep putting them up in the air my friends,

**Happy Holidays,  
Steven Lumpkin**

### **Meeting Notes:**

Meeting Start 19:12 November 10, 2011.

Andreas, Treasurer's report excepted as read

Sanford, Flight School:  
One student showed initial interest but he did not return e-mails after that

Woody Mummery, Safety officer:  
Everything clear

Robert Boehm, Educational Directory :  
He established two more contacts, one with the Mentone Elementary School and the other with Grand Terrace 5th grade. The goal is to go there once a year and do presentations about aviation & aerodynamics.

Robert wants to create an RC club at a school in Mentone. He thinks Mentone would be a good place because of the proximity to our field.

Miscellaneous:

Sanford reported being stung by bees when flying at the field.  
Bill Alvord also reported bee problems. While he was attempting to enter through the gate he was attacked by very aggressive bees.

AMA Show:  
Sanford, Jim, Joe, Robert, Oscar, Ken Thurman, Henry will all be setting up and manning the booth.  
Sanford will bring his big DR1 for display, Robert will bring two planes as well.  
Members that want an exhibitor badge (good for three days) can purchase one for \$8 per day, payable in advance by check to the treasurer.

Christmas Party:  
Jim reiterated the menu.  
Discussion of what to serve and how to pay.  
The traditional gift exchange will again be hosted by Joe Augino. The max gift value should not exceed \$20.

Steven:  
Proposes to get new keys and locks in 2012, to "encourage" members to become legal and renew their membership.  
Steve also proposed to hold a Saturday Night Fly once or twice a month.

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Robert checked on shirts:  
Prices for a polo shirt is \$22, order by sending Robert a check payable to Robert Boehm. For questions call (951) 966-1042 or e-mail: [rcav8r@rocketmail.com](mailto:rcav8r@rocketmail.com)  
Good quality shirts (65% poly, 35% cotton).

Steven wants to know what members want to do next year.

Oscar was wondering if we could restart pylon racing.  
Joe said Pomona started pylon racing with good success (ParkZone Flyers and some Formula One) planes.  
Oscar will research race options and Joe will put it in the newsletter.

Robert wants a Piper Cub day, a fun fly event with other clubs and a Scale Day. Robert also wants to put down polymer under the shade area. Discussion about the pros and cons.

Stanford wants a seaplane event and a helicopter day.

Sanford also would like to extend the shade left and right under the cables.  
Meeting ended at 20:26.

## 50/50 Winner



Chuck Comstock  
A Very Happy Winner

## Model of the Month



Robert Boehm  
Pacific Unger



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### *In The News*



#### **Only One *Liberty Bell*: But Now She's Dead** by Robert Boehm

June 13, 2011 was a very sad day for aviation history. The B-17 Flying Fortress, *Liberty Bell*, owned by the Liberty Foundation, was destroyed. Shortly after takeoff from Aurora Municipal Airport, IL, en route to Indiana, as part of the Liberty Foundation's tour schedule, an in-board fire forced the *Liberty Bell* to make an emergency landing in a nearby field. All seven people on board escaped from the wreckage, but the plane was destroyed beyond any possibility of repair when it became engulfed in fire.

It was the pilot of the T-6 Texan chase plane who first spotted flames coming from the left wing and immediately reported it to the crew. It took only one minute and 40 seconds for the emergency landing. The unfortunate circumstance that doomed the historic plane was

the fact that recent rains had made the field very soft. Thus, emergency trucks and equipment could not traverse the soft ground so could not reach the burning *Liberty Bell* in time to save it from destruction.

When one considers the unique history of the B-17's survival through WW II, along with the dedication of hundreds of people in the Liberty Foundation who helped to restore and maintain the *Liberty Bell*, as viable flying vintage airplane, it truly is a huge loss to aviation history.

For more details, go to: <http://www.libertyfoundation.org/index.html>

#### **Events coming to a Place near you:**

##### **MARKS Club Event;**

##### **Annual Christmas Party December 8, 2011**

##### **Start time 6:30 PM at Highland Community Senior Center**

##### **Menu**

*Smoked turkey and Ham  
Baked turkey and ham  
Mashed potatoes & gravy  
Yams, Corn, Green beans,  
Cranberry sauce,  
Tossed green salad w/dressing,  
Dinner rolls, and Pie for dessert*



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### AMA Sanctioned events:

#### December

12/3/2011 - 12/4/2011 -- S El Monte, CA (AA) TOYS FOR TOTS SPEED AND RACING. Site: Whittier Narrows Park. Howard Doering CD PH: 714-394-5304 Email: [hdoering@socal.rr.com](mailto:hdoering@socal.rr.com). Event 301-310, 313, 606-607(JSO). All speed flying within fenced circle. Sponsor: CL SPEED FLYERS OF SOUTHERN CA

12/3/2011 -- San Diego, CA (C) MIRAMAR RC FLYERS TOYS FOR TOTS. Site: Miramar Marine Base. Curtis Kitteringham CD PH: 760-746-5913 Email: [cak11@cox.net](mailto:cak11@cox.net). Visit: [www.miramarrcflyers.com](http://www.miramarrcflyers.com). This is to support the Marine's Toys for Tots. Landing fee one or more toys, lunch will be served. Fly what you bring to the club site for a day of fun and a great cause. Sponsor: MIRAMAR RADIO CONTROL FLYERS

12/4/2011 -- Chino, CA (C) PVMAC 13TH ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS AND SWAP MEET. Site: Prado Air Park. Stephen Parola CD PH: 951-532-3034 Email: [saparola@verizon.net](mailto:saparola@verizon.net). Visit: [www.pvmac.com](http://www.pvmac.com). Swap meet starts at 7AM, fun fly at 9AM. Sign in event fee - unwrapped toy valued at \$20 or \$25 cash. AMA sanctioned event. All participants must be current AMA members in good standing. Sponsor: POMONA VALLEY MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB INC

12/4/2011 -- El Monte, CA (C) TOYS FOR KIDS. Site: Club Field. James Riccio CD PH: 626-963-3696 Email: [trwjim@gmail.com](mailto:trwjim@gmail.com).

Sponsor: SAN GABRIEL VALLEY RC LEAGUE INC

12/11/2011 - 12/12/2011 -- Fallbrook, CA (A) PEARL HARBOR CLASSIC. Site: Johnson Field. Darrell Albert CD PH: 760-741-2505 Email: [prcfstudent@aol.com](mailto:prcfstudent@aol.com). Event 760(JSO). Sponsor: PALOMAR RC FLYERS

12/11/2011 -- Lake Balboa, CA (C) TOYS FOR TOTS OPEN TO ALL SIZES. Site: Apollo Xi. Robert Smith CD PH: 661-298-2614 Email: [flynbs@socal.rr.com](mailto:flynbs@socal.rr.com). Sponsor: SAN FERNANDO VALLEY RC FLYERS, INC

12/18/2011 -- San Diego, CA (AMA record Trial) MONTHLY RECORD TRIALS. Site: Otay Mesa. Larry Miller CD PH: 858-292-1434 Email: [lmiller1@ureach.com](mailto:lmiller1@ureach.com). Events Cat III 101, 102-3, 104-5, 101C, 102-3C, 104-5C, 124, 140, 142, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 55, 156, 157, 158, 160, 161(JSO). Sponsor: SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS

#### January 2012

1/8/2012 -- Ontario, CA AMA Convention



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## *Do You Know This Plane?*



If you guess what plane this is and you attend the next club meeting you will receive an extra raffle ticket for the door prize drawing.  
Email your guess to the newsletter editor at [Newsletter@rcmarks.org](mailto:Newsletter@rcmarks.org)

## Come and Support your club

Our next club meeting is our Christmas Party on December 8, 2011 starting at 6:30 PM.  
Location: Highland Senior Center  
3102 Highland Ave.  
Highland, CA 92346

See link for map;

<http://www.rcmarks.org/clubmeeting.html>