



Hangar Rat

Spillway Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Chapter 979

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Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Spillway Radio Control Club will be February 10, 2005 at 7:30 PM at the P.A.C.E 750 Union Hall in Norco at 601 Good Hope Street.

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Meeting January 13, 2005

Nathan called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Old Business

Loren provided the Treasurer's Report.

A question of when are Dues due was asked. Dues are due at the January meeting.

Nathan talked about the repairs done to the field by Vic Bonaura (sp?) who we contracted to spread the dirt. In spite of the work, there is still a dip in the field. A number of members (and Vic) put a lot of work into the field including Al and Tim. In spite of all the effort, there is still a dip in the field which will need future attention.

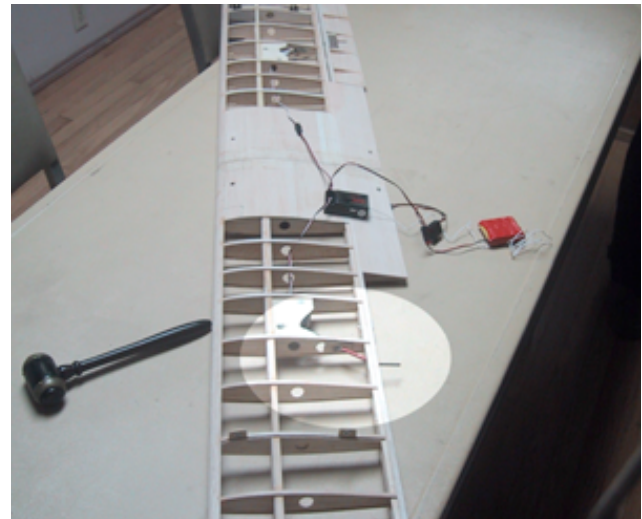
The Christmas party at Airline Motors was seen as a success. Barry mentioned that early club meetings were held there. Nathan suggested that we might want to consider having some meetings there for the sake of variety.

New Business

Al talked about a discussion he had with a member of the Corp. of Engineers regarding grants available for activities

in the Spillway. This prompted a discussion of what improvements we would like to make. There was talk about enlarging the field, but some pointed out that increasing the field size would also increase the expenses. Nathan asked for a volunteer to pursue the grant, and Loren was selected as the volunteer.

Prospective members introduced themselves including Scott Lemoine who flies a Stearman, a Pizzas, an Ultra Sport and a couple of helicopters. Scott said he wants to join mainly to fly his fixed wing aircraft. Another prospective member is Dennis Hymel who flies a number of aircraft.



**Nathan's wing showing the torque drive aileron.
 Also note the gavel...**

New member Mark Delcambre set up a web site for the SRCC at <http://members.cox.net/spillwayrc/>. While this isn't an official site for the club, Mark is happy to offer it.

Nathan volunteered to track the frequencies used by members. Everyone should give Nathan a list of the frequencies they use.

For **Plane of the Month** Nathan brought the wing of a Stearman he is building. What is unique about this project is the ailerons which use torque or rotary drives. A rod is attached to the servo drive. The rotation of the rod translates into aileron movement by the slightly bent end of the rod.

A FINAL WORD ON HELICOPTERS...

After repeated discussions during several recent meetings the SRCC club has reached a definitive position on helicopters. While the field does not offer specific accommodations for helicopters, (such as a remote "pad" for hovering exercise), the club never the less will accept helicopters under the following conditions:

- The helicopter pilot will extend the same courtesy to fellow pilots as would a fixed wing pilot.
- The helicopter pilot will take off and land in a reasonable time, as would a fixed wing pilot.
- The helicopter pilot will fly an appropriate pattern and observe the same boundaries as would a fixed wing pilot.
- * The helicopter pilot will not unreasonably "tie up" the runway by doing hovering maneuvers or otherwise tending to the aircraft while on the runway.

IN ATTENDANCE

Nathan Bivalacqua
Garland Trepagnier
Tim Dabdoub
Loren Bailey
Albert O'Neal, IV

Cary Armand
David Lee
Paul Santangelo
Scott Lemoine
Allen Smith

Joe Simon
Allen Smith
Mark Delcambre
Glen Vicnair
Glen Taylor

Darryl Champagne
Barry Bleakley
Rudy Diaz
Albert O'Neal, III