



Hangar Rat

Spillway Radio Control Club, Inc.

Model

AMA Chapter #979

Founded 1972

Officers: President: Gene Thornton 887-3044
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NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Spillway Radio Control Club will be April 12, 2001 at 7:30 PM at the O.C.A.W. Union Hall in Norco.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes and Treasurer Report total \$3773.56 were read and accepted by the members present.

Seventeen people present with 2 guest.

WEB SITE WATCH www.kevinlangle.com/rc
<http://spillway.homestead.com/rcflyer.html>

FOR SALE: OS FS 91 4-stroke Surpass – asking \$135.00
 Contact Dale Dutt at 764-6364 to have him bring it.

The shirts from Royal T's T-Shirt Shop will be ready
 Come on by and pick yours up.

Use caution the use of cell phones on the field and in the pit area or on the flight line.

Gary reports on the Fatuba repair of the receivers including the PCM. They ask him why he had so many receivers sent in at one time. And he told them he had been loosing aircraft with Fatuba radios and he's been getting aggravated with them. They started questioning him and as it turned out he spoke too much by telling them that he flew by the river. It **voided** the warranty on the PCM receiver. He made a deal by forcing to talk to the manager and they halved the price of a new one based on dealer cost. He also got it tuned for \$10.00.

GARY AND BILL ANNOUNCE THEIR RESIGNATION AS PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT. SINCE THERE WERE NO NOMINATIONS IN JANUARY OR FEBUARY, GARY HAS APPOINTED EUGENE THORNTON AS PRESIDENT AND GENE HAS APPOINTED WILLIAM SMITH AS VICE-PRESIDENT.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ralph Goodman is voted in for membership.

Al Smith went to the Corps of Engineers and spoke to the Supervisor of the Spillway – Kurt Jackobs and told him about the dog people and the use of their radios. He recommended we talk to the ranger. We need the park ranger to be aware of the problem we are having and to have the ranger check to see if they are using ground frequencies. It was suggested that we invite the ranger to our meetings. The park ranger is in charge of recreation. Every time we renew with the Corps of Engineers for a permit we have it stipulated that we have the sole authorization control of the air radio frequencies. If we had gotten hold of the park ranger he would have made a move. The problem is we cannot find him when we need him. He travels around and is not always in the office. If Al Smith could get the Rangers name and the cell number we could call when we need him to police the area. Several attempts by members to have them move have run up against stiff resistance. In this instance the ranger was notified and he had the dog people move. In the Tower magazine they have the frequencies listed for ground, air, and cars. If we could supply the ranger with the frequencies, he would be better informed. We have the authority in that area. We also have an agreement with St. Charles Sheriff's office for the use of our field as a heliport for emergency medical evacuation.

Gary told us that he was in Mike's the other day and Kevin Langle had a hand held scanner that you carry in your pocket. You can set it to the frequency you want it to listen to or you can set it on all frequencies. It sold for a \$155.00; you can use an earpiece and tell when you detect one or more radios that are in use on your frequency.

Loren showed the New Orleans Airplane Club flyer and it shows their fly in April. For directions to the field, see <http://members.aol.com/nomodelac/>

The final list is updated with 27 members and we are now submitting the re-charter with the AMA.

Raffle was held from what Bill Pike picked up from Mike

For comments, suggestions call Greg Perkins - 651-7841