



# Hangar Rat

Spillway Radio Control Club, Inc.

Model

AMA Chapter #979

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## NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Spillway Radio Control Club Will be March 8, 2001 at 7:30 PM at the O.C.A.W. Union Hall in Norco. Hope to see you there.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes and treasury reports were read and accepted by the members present.

Twenty three people present with 2 visitors.

**LOOKING FOR FUEL?** Here are the directions Gary Sharbonno's place of business. Go to Bambridge behind the airport, go 6 blocks to 24<sup>th</sup> street and turn right go 5 blocks to Augusta Street. Turn left on Augusta and, it is the large blue building at 2311 Augusta St. Knock on the door and his secretary will help you. If you need more instructions I am sure Gary will give them to you just call him at 887-8377. The fuel is \$10.00/gal.

Kevin Langley has a site where he has taken pictures with his camera mounted on his airplane. Some were taken at our field. Check it out at [www.kevinlangley.com/rc](http://www.kevinlangley.com/rc)

Royal T's T-Shirt Shop will Screen Print Spillway R/C Club logo on white Golf Shirts. Greg is taking orders and has 12. The Price of the shirt is \$13.75, 15.26/XXL & 16.00/XXXL. He will air brush your name for an additional \$1.00. The club will pick up the \$18.00 screening/setup fee. He has the artwork but was to remake the screens as the old ones were discarded.

David Schwartz talked of his crash and discussed radio communications with the aircraft pilot and checked the airplane's communications. He has determined the airplane's transmitter is too powerful and should be avoided.

The cable on the backside needs to be replaced. It is 3/16" by 150 feet. It is suggested we use short pieces.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Ralph Goodman has applied for membership

Gary announced that he and Jason lost a 27% aircraft, bellied in with servos screaming. Power was still there but no controls to it. Bill Pike then fired up his 1/4 scale... two or three minutes in the air, it crashed. One radio was on channel 28 PCM, one on channel 11 PPM, both Fatuba. Gary called Fatuba technical support at 1-217-398-8970. He asked the tech, "What is the number one complaint"; the response was #1) cell phones, #2) pagers. He also asked if the river could affect the radios. He was also told, #3) "not to fly by the Mississippi River if you expect to keep them in the air". The riverboats transmit with 1000 watts. Gary explains how his boat's radar transmits and interferes. #4) the trains broadcast on 72Mhz broadband. It is possible to check your radio ok on the ground only to find it is in interference with river traffic once the plane gets up higher than the levee.

## GARY ANNOUNCES HIS RESIGNATION AS PRESIDENT AND BILL ANNOUNCES HIS RESIGNATION AS VICE-PRESIDENT

They have given 30-day notice but will be in attendance for the March meeting. They are no longer willing to fly and continue to loose planes at our field, and would rather not fly there anymore. The discussion continues with; #5) the dog people in the area are using radio control transmitters to launch the clay targets to train their dogs. #6) the pond is being used by the radio control boats and is also using remote control radio. It is also possible to get a scanner from the AMA on a loaner for several weeks. It will pick up all transmutations in the radio control freq. and show the hits.

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

Models of the Month -David brought his 1/4 scale with 73" span, powered by a 150 SAIT, SIG ARF kit with a 16/8 prop. Barry brought his Contender. Great planes changed it from the Top Flight design. It has a K&B 61 and is ready to fly. David brought a Hanger 9 pre-built, pre-covered, with the new generation Genome 3.8-1/2 HP 2400 Duralite, JR Fatuba 8103 PCM. It's a 33% with 97" wingspan.

## THERE WERE NO NOMINATIONS IN FEBRUARY PLEASE COME IN MARCH - NEW ELECTIONS

For comments, suggestions call Greg Perkins - 651-7841