

# THE WINDSOCK - March 2025

## GREETINGS EVERYONE!

We had another good turnout for our February Club meeting at the **Black Bear Diner, 23626 Valencia Blvd, Valencia**. Thank you all for coming.

## **ACTIVITIES AT THE FIELD:**

Even though the barriers are still up , indicating that Lake Hughes Road is still closed you can go around them and get up to the flying field. Otherwise, everything is pretty much back to normal.

## **FINANCIALS:**

The March Treasurer's Report was presented by our treasurer Jack. See attached. Not much has changed other than one new membership and fuel sales.

Current membership stands at 96.

## **RECAP OF THE MARCH MEETING:**

- Steve K. gave an update on a possible option for insulating the Club's office building. If we use an insulation material called Rockwool and cover it with ½" drywall would cost around \$500. A motion was made and seconded to approve spending \$500 to buy the materials for this project.
- **Online Membership Payments:** We discussed further establishing a method to accept membership payments through our website using PayPal. Jack indicated we are very close in making this happen. If you decide to renew online it will cost an additional fee of \$8 for each adult club member, making it \$258 and additional \$3 making it \$83 for junior membership. If paid in cash or check it would stay at \$250 for adults and \$80 for juniors. We will let you all know when this is finalized.
- **TRUST and FAA certificates:** We discussed the importance of all our club members to obtain their "TRUST" and FAA certificates. During our meeting, Gary Dunger verified there is a real law requiring RC pilots to have these two certificates: **48 United States Code Section 44809**. Bottom line it requires RC pilots that fly recreational operations of unmanned aircraft, (fixed wings and rotor) to have two things: 1. They need to have taken the "TRUST" test and, 2. Register with the FAA to obtain an FAA ID number. **Now** before you let your blood pressure go off the charts let me put out there up front that this is extremely easy and a simple exercise. The TRUST test is super easy, and you are guaranteed to pass and getting the FAA ID number is simply filling out a very brief application and paying them \$5. To start just go to the AMA website and look for the links for "Take the TRUST test and "FAA Drone Zone". I am sure most of you will figure it out but because it all needs to be done online some may not have access online so **PLEASE LET Steve Killian KNOW** and together we will make it happen. Steve will also plan to send out to you all in a separate email step by step instructions on what he has found so

far to be the quickest and easiest way to complete this. You ask why now, why do I need to do this? Twofold: First, it is the law. Second, if we were to ever have an incident with one of our members at the flying field or at a Club run event and if the member involved has not complied with this law, it could and most likely will negate the club's and club member's insurance coverage. Again, it is very easy and won't take much of your time. We appreciate you doing your part to help preserve our Club's existence. Steve will get instructions to you in the next day or so.

- **Turbine Aircraft Rules for Operation & Certification:** Not all of the members involved with fine tuning the Turbine Aircraft Rules for Operation and the certification process were able to be at the meeting so we will hopefully be finishing this soon.
- **Flying Field Events:**
  - It was mentioned as a reminder that we will be holding our annual **War Bird Memorial Weekend Fun Fly** on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. The current plan is to have our own crew grill burgers and hot dogs and provide sodas and water.
  - Also, don't forget our **Float Fly for 2025**: Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Show & Tell:** None this meeting.

### **FUEL UPDATE:**

If you wish to purchase more fuel, just contact one of the Club officers and we can help you. We recently sold out what we had in stock for 15% fuel but fortunately were able to get a new batch. Currently we have 24 gallons of 15% 4 gallons of 10%. Because shipping costs have gone up, we now must charge \$48 per gallon. We are selling the remaining 4 gallons of 10% for \$35. Please bring the correct change for your fuel but knowing the \$48 is going to require a combination of smaller denominations we will try to keep some change at the field but please plan ahead and bring the correct amount.

**Reminder:** As most of you know any aircraft that uses Lipo type batteries, electric or gas, has a potential risk of starting a fire if involved in a serious enough crash that would damage the Lipo battery pack. Because we are in a high-risk fire zone and given the vegetation is extremely dry we insist any pilot that is involved in such a crash needs to take action immediately and get to the crash site as soon as possible to prevent or put out any flames. If it appears that you will not be able to extinguish the fire immediately, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE and call the Fire Department and/or 911.

### **SHIRTS, AND SWEATSHIRTS:**

We have great-looking polo shirts in stock. We also have Tee shirts and sweatshirts and hats available at the field. They are all looking good! The cost is \$35 for Polos, \$20.00 for tee shirts and hats and \$40.00 for sweatshirts. See a club officer for yours.

The Board welcomes your ideas to make the club a better place for all members. We welcome your criticism as long as it's constructive criticism.

### **MEETING UPDATE:**

Our **NEXT** regular Club and Board General Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, April 23, 2025** at the **Black Bear Diner, 23626 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita**. A number of us will be there at 6:00 PM for dinner and if you would like, please join us. The regular meeting starts at 7:00 PM. There are always a lot of great discussions while we eat.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** I am always looking for anyone who wants to participate in a simple "show & tell" at our meetings. If you have a new "Flying" project or new piece of RC equipment that you would be willing to show, please let me know and bring it to our meeting. If you have any questions, you can always send me an email at [stevek4him@gmail.com](mailto:stevek4him@gmail.com) or call my cell phone 661-755-9721.

On behalf of the CCW Board, stay safe! We hope to see you soon at the flying field. **Happy landings!**

Steve Killian

President

Beginning Balance \$ 7,030.17

## CHECKING

Additions	Date	For	Amount
	3/10/2025	Hat	\$ 20.00
	3/10/2025	Membership	\$ 125.00
	3/10/2025	Fuel	\$ 225.00
Total Additions			\$ 370.00
Checking Balance			\$ 7,400.19

Expenses	Card/#	To	For	Amount
	2/26/2025	1407 AMA	Charter	\$ 215.00
	2/28/2025 Debit	ATT	Internet	\$ 63.75
	3/10/2025	1411 Smith Bros.	Fuel	\$ 1,129.78
	3/20/2024 Debit	Andy Gump	Porta Potty	\$ 64.26
	3/25/2025	1412 Dual Rates	Website	\$ 149.00
Total Expenses				\$ 1,651.79 \$ 1,621.79

Checking Balance \$ 5,778.38

CD 3month CD \$ 21,310.85  
Interest \$ 49.76

Club Total \$ 27,138.99