

THE WINDSOCK - April 2025

GREETINGS EVERYONE!

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 April Treasurer's Report was presented by our treasurer Jack. See attached. Not much has changed other than a few new memberships and club swag sales.

Our CD will be renewed for a 4-month period at 3%.

Current membership stands at 96.

RECAP OF APRIL MEETING:

- **Online Membership Payments:** We currently are NOT set up yet for receiving membership dues payments through our website using PayPal. We are working out the last bit of detail but hopefully close in making this happen. For now, please pay in cash or check. We will let you all know when this is finalized. There is a new renewal form on our website that you can fill out online and there are also hard copies in the kiosk at the flying field. Please note that we need you to get your TRUST ID# and your FAA ID# and fill that in on the membership form.
- **TRUST and FAA certificates:** We discussed the importance of all our club members to obtain their "TRUST" and FAA certificates. In March's 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. 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 two links, one is "Take the TRUST test and the other is "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 don't let that stop you so **PLEASE LET Steve Killian KNOW** and together we will make it happen. Remember, Steve sent 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. Again, let Steve know if you would like assistance with this. Always glad to help.

- **Nonnominations for Club Officers:**

It is that time of year again and we are open for Club officer nominations 2025-2026. Currently we have one nomination presented that all current club officers be elected for another year. We will be receiving nominations up to and during our May 28th meeting and then voting during that same meeting.

- **Turbine Aircraft Rules for Operation & Certification:** We now have the final draft of our club's flying field rules and flight test for flying turbine powered aircraft at our site. They will soon be posted on our website for you all to read. ALSO: It will be announced via email and posted on our website when flying turbines at our site will not be allowed due to fire hazard conditions. If you are in doubt, please contact one of our club officers. See the rules and regulations on pages right after the treasurer's report.

- **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 24th. 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 14th.

- **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. Currently we have 22 gallons of 15% and 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, May 28, 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 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							\$5,778.38
CHECKING							
ADDITIONS							
	DATE			FOR	AMOUNT		
	4/10/2025			Membership	\$500.00		
	4/14/2025			Membership	\$250.00		
	4/14/2025			Shirts/Hats	\$80.00		
TOTAL ADDITIONS					\$830.00		\$830.00
CHECKING BALANCE							\$6,608.38
EXPENSES							
	DATE	#/CARD	TO	FOR	AMOUNT		
	3/31/2025	Debit	ATT	Internet	\$63.75		
	4/11/2025	1413	Webcam IO	Webcam	\$179.88		
	4/17/2025	Debit	Andy Gump	Porta Potty	\$64.26		
TOTAL EXPENSE					\$307.89		
CHECKING BALANCE							\$6,300.49
SAVINGS							
	6 MONTH CD				\$21,267.73		
	INTEREST					\$115.79	
							\$21,386.68
CLUB TOTAL							\$27,687.17

Turbine Aircraft Rules for Operation at the CCW Field

Note: Some of these rules/requirements are specified in the AMA waiver for turbine model operation but are repeated here for clarity. The turbine waiver will specify class of aircraft, such as jet turbine, turboprop or rotorcraft.

Pilot Requirements:

1. The member must possess a current AMA turbine waiver for the class of aircraft flown.
2. The member must have passed a club administered flight test for the class of turbine aircraft flown.
3. The member must wear his/her official Canyon Crosswinds club issued name tag for identification while engaged in turbine aircraft operations.
4. The member must appear on the current list of Canyon Crosswinds turbine approved members in good standing. The current list must be posted at the field for identification if necessary and must specify the class of waiver.

Operating Requirements/Limitations:

1. The member must follow all AMA turbine aircraft flight rules (as per the turbine waiver).
2. The member may only operate within the dates specified in the club newsletter or by email. These dates are based on current field conditions and are specified by the club board of directors, typically December through March but may vary year to year.
3. The member must only operate with a spotter (AMA waiver req't).
4. The member must fly only to the east of the main runway (jet turbine or turboprop) or in the designated helicopter area (rotorcraft), except for landing.
5. The member must fly no faster than a speed which allows the aircraft to remain within the current Canyon Crosswinds flight area at all times.

Field Equipment Requirements:

The member must ensure that the following equipment is on hand while operating turbine aircraft either in the pit or flight area:

1. CO2 type fire extinguisher for aircraft fires in the pit area. (AMA waiver req't)
2. ABC type fire extinguisher for fire in the field area (15 lb minimum).
3. Full size square tip shovel for fire in the field area.

Aircraft Requirements:

1. The aircraft must meet all AMA turbine aircraft requirements (i.e. brake system, fail-safe etc)
2. Jet turbine class aircraft are limited to a total engine rated thrust of 105 Newtons or the maximum recommended for the aircraft by the manufacturer, whichever is lower (this is to limit onboard fuel load).
3. Turboprop or rotorcraft have no engine size, thrust or power limits.

CCW Turbine Pilot Certification Program

Pilots Name: _____ AMA #: _____

AMA Turbine Waiver #, Class and Issue Date: _____

It is assumed here that a club pilot seeking CCW Certified Turbine Pilot status already has CCW Certified Pilot status and an AMA turbine waiver with a specific class.

The pilot must receive a "pass", during a flight, on each of the maneuvers listed below in order for the pilot to be granted CCW Certified Turbine Pilot status. A certification flight with a jet turbine aircraft will also apply to turboprop aircraft and rotorcraft. A certification flight with a turboprop aircraft will also apply to a rotorcraft, but not a jet turbine. A certification flight with a rotorcraft will only apply to a rotorcraft.

The check flight must be witnessed and signed by a Club Officer or previously certified CCW Turbine Pilot however, a matching class is not required.

The pilot must also receive a safety briefing for fire prevention when operating turbine aircraft.

Maneuvers to be flown:

Takeoff	Pass	Needs more practice
Fly the pattern	Pass	Needs more practice
Touch and go	Pass	Needs more practice
Flat figure eight at altitude	Pass	Needs more practice
Landing	Pass	Needs more practice

I certify that the pilot named above has successfully demonstrated his/her ability to perform each of the above maneuvers as outlined in the AMA manual and as of this date shall be granted CCW Certified Turbine Pilot status for the class of aircraft demonstrated on the certification flight.

CCW Club Officer or CCW Turbine Pilot

Date

I certify that the pilot named above has received a safety briefing involving fire prevention techniques, use of the CCW field fire fighting equipment and safe operation of turbine aircraft at the CCW field.

CCW Club Officer or CCW Turbine Pilot

Date

When a pilot has successfully completed the CCW certification flight this signed form will be submitted to the CCW President or designated CCW Club Officer in order to process their new status with the club as a CCW Certified Turbine Pilot for the class of aircraft demonstrated on the certification flight.