

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

## Canyon Crosswinds RC Club - May Meeting

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### 1. Financial Report: Jack Allaway presented

- Treasurer's Report: Current checking balance is \$17,525.77 and total, including savings is \$38,949.38
  - 47 membership renewals so far, which is a little over half way to the goal.
- Discussed upcoming expenses for June "Float Fly Event."
- Discussed the need to renew Club's current CD in August. If membership is adequate, Jack suggests adding \$8,000 to the CD when it matures (8/24/25).
- Discussed future expenses: Every other year the Club re-slurries the runway. That happens next year.
- Bill Ardizzone discussed expenses for "War Bird Event." We spent about \$600 on food this year to do a BBQ. People liked it, but he noted catering is more cost effective and suggested we try something new next year; perhaps a food truck with brunch.

### 2. Secretary Position:

- Thanks expressed to previous Club Secretary for his hard work.
- Bill Ardizzone nominated Valerie Krog for the Secretary Position.
  - Nomination was seconded.
  - Vote was unanimous in favor.

### 3. Altitude Flying Limits:

- Steve Killian discussed an article in this month's *Modern Aviation* magazine regarding new altitude flying limits. Specifically, it noted that all group "G" airspaces, which our club is, has increased limits. Steve research matter and contacted AMA for clarification. He received a "Certificate of Waiver" by DOT that allows members

to fly up to 1,200 feet. The said certificate has been printed and placed in the lock box near the battery charging area. Steve noted that club members may access it with their key and that if law enforcement has a complaint simply show them this document.

- Discussion about various altitudes ensued...

#### 4. Nominations for 2025/2026 Club officers:

- Steve Killian opened floor for nominations for any officer positions.
  - No other nominations were made.
  - Existing officers will remain.

#### 5. Update on setting up online membership payments:

- Steve Killian shared update: Club is still working out tax exempt status for Federal. State has been approved. Therefore, Club is not yet ready to take online payments.
- Noted the need to add Valerie Krog as Club Secretary on documents...

#### 6. Special Events:

- Recap of War Bird Memorial Day Fun Fly held on Saturday, May 24:
  - It was a successful event.
  - Don Schelling shared the history of the War Bird Memorial Day Event: He noted it used to take place on Memorial Day (Monday), but thinks it is good that the Club moved it to Saturday because it allows for more participation. He believes 20 is a good turnout and hopes that this event will continue.
  - Bill mentioned (during Financial Report) that attendance is low because of the holiday weekend and that having the event catered is more cost effective.
  - Expressed desire to try something new re food next year - Discussed hiring a food truck to serve brunch next year...
  - Steve discussed keeping it as our own Club event because if we were to get it "sanctioned as an AMA event" and charge participants then Parks & Rec would

get a percentage... Steve talked to a contact at AMA and they recommended we not do it as an AMA sanctioned event.

- Float Fly on Saturday, June 14:

- Ventura Comets Club has it on their calendar, but otherwise an invitation hasn't been extended.
- Discussed letting Park enforce driving and parking...
- Signage needed: Krog family agreed to make and post signage.
- Discussed set up of equipment: Apparently last year people were not allowed to drive their vehicles onto the beach to pick up their equipment and it was problematic for some.
- Steve will ask Hector, Superintendent of Parks at Castaic about their expectations and policy for the parking lot.

7. Posting Turbine "No Fly" Dates for season:

- Announced that turbine engines are not allowed to fly until further notice.

8. Next Meeting Wednesday, June 25

9. Show and Tell:

- Clark Conrad discussed using buckets with sand and bricks for battery safety. He's hoping to put the bucket he brought in the shed. He noted the need to discharge batteries before disposing of them and the importance of not leaving batteries in the field.
- Gary Boyer is a prospective member who was present. He discussed his desire to resume RC flying and his interest in Club membership.
- Don brought in a beautiful scratch-built Four-Star 20 plane he made with AutoCAD and cut with a Cricut 3. He's had about 8 flights.

