

JULY 23, 2025

THE WINDSOCK - JULY 2025

ACTIVITIES AT THE FIELD:

Nothing new or eventful at the field which is a good thing. The large Road Closed barriers are gone but there are “No Left Turn” signs that just say ROAD CLOSED 2 MILES AHEAD. We still have access to the field.

TRUST and FAA Certificates:

If some of you are hesitant to renew your membership because you don't want to go through the process of getting both the Trust and FAA certificates - NOT TO WORRY! Go ahead and renew and Steve K. , our president will help you through it. The TRUST certificate is super easy. The FAA has become easier thanks to our very own Robert McDonald talking directly with AMA's in house representative for the FAA. He listened to Robert and took action on making a few changes to make it easier and clearer on getting the FAA certificate. Call Steve at 661-755-9721 and he will get you through it.

FUEL UPDATE:

If you wish to purchase more glow fuel, just contact one of the Club officers and we can help you. Currently we have 19 gallons of 15% at \$48 per gallon and the 10% is sold out. You must bring the exact change or write a check.

REMINDER:

I know this sounds like a broken record but as all of you know our fire season is getting to be almost all year. Any aircraft that uses LiPo batteries has a potential risk of starting a fire if involved in a serious enough crash that would damage the LiPo battery pack. PLEASE take immediate action and get to the crash site 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 911 or the Fire Department.

SHIRTS, CAPS AND SWEATSHIRTS:

We have great looking polo shirts, caps, Tee shirts, and sweatshirts available at the field. Costs are \$35 for Polos, \$20 for Tee shirts, \$20 for hats, and \$40 for sweatshirts. See a club officer for yours.

MEETING UPDATE:

Our NEXT regular Club and Board General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at the Black Bear Diner, 23626 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita. A number of us will be there at 6:00 PM for dinner so please join us for that or be there at 7:00 PM for the regular group meeting.

SPECIAL NOTE:

We are always looking for anyone who can participate in a simple "Show & Tell" at the end of our meetings. We have had many great participants that have brought RC projects that are in the near completion phase and those that are fairly new or even not yet had their maiden flights. Always an educational and fun time.

On behalf of the CCW Board, stay safe and we hope to see you soon at the flying field. HAPPY LANDINGS!

Steve Killian

President

June 2025 - Canyon Crosswinds Meeting Minutes

1. CCW Secretary, Valerie Krog was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Minutes were taken by Steve Killian. Hurry back Valerie!

CUB MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

Here is the latest for many of you who have been waiting for your 2025/2026 plastic membership cards. The system/program that we had been using is creating many frustrating challenges lately. It is an older program and difficult at best getting it to cooperate. Valerie has been trying to figure it out. In the mean time she came up with a great idea of creating a digital membership card. She sent us several examples and they really look good. The digital card can be easily sent out to each member which can then be stored on a cell phone. We discussed switching completely over to this digital version during our meeting. All agreed in our meeting that this would be very economical and efficient way to go. From here out Valerie will be just producing digital cards. If you still like to have a physical copy you can just print out a paper copy.

2. **Financial Report:** given by Jack Allaway, CCW Treasurer

- See attached Treasurer's Report.
- Membership currently stands at 77.

- Our CD is up for renewal at the end of August. The plan is to renew it again.
- Club Tax Exempt Status: Jack indicated there are additional forms that are required to make application for getting the Club's Non-profit Tax exempt status with the Federal Government. Getting this would allow the Club to then be able to set up an account with PayPal so members could be paid there dues with on-line payments. Steve K and Jack will work together to get this completed in the next few weeks.

3. **Possible Gate Key changes.**

- We continued the discussion of alternate options for club keys (keys are pricey...) such as a digital option shared by a member present at the June meeting who is also a member at an RC Club in Glendale where they use a digital lock unlocked by people's phones. Jack indicated it would be approximately \$300 for an electric lock and the app is free to download to a cell phone. It was agreed in the meeting that we would conduct a trial having a hand full of members that use the field regularly use it to confirm it will work before we do a complete conversion. It is very expensive for changing keys so if this works it could save the club a large amount of money plus easier to manage year to year.

3. **Float Fly:**

- The possibility of another Float Fly at Castaic Lake in September or October was discussed. Steve K. Will discuss it with the Park and Rec Dept to see what if any dates would be available. This is purely in the pre planning stage so it may or may not happen. Those present at the meeting were in favor of it as long as it is kept toned down and simple.

4. **Grounds Maintenance at the Flying Field:**

- As was discussed at the June meeting the grounds maintenance at the field takes a lot of work to mow and maintain. Bill Ardizzone has been doing the lions share of mowing and cleaning up of the grounds for a

long time and this is not sustainable long term. Bill and Steve discussed putting out a request for volunteers to help Bill. Steve put out an email asking for such and with great success we have eight guys willing to be put on teams to tackle this responsibility. This will save the Club a ton of money compared to if we were to contract it out. In the near future the eight volunteers will be assembled into three to four teams that can rotate month to month. Valerie has already come up with a great calendar program to help organize the teams and their schedules. A big THANK YOU! To those who volunteered.

5. SHOW & TELL:

- We had a great exhibit by Robert MacDonald. He brought a model that was copied after what was originally offered by Hobby Lobby called the "Mini Telemaster". Robert created a set of plans that he reduced from the original 48" wing span down to 42". He said it amounted to a 13% reduction. This allowed him to use an O.S. 10 FP engine which he already had. The plane came in at 2 lb. 10 1/2 oz. And get this, it only took him one month to SCATCH build! It came out beautifully. Thanks Robert for sharing. See pictures attached to this email.

Our next meeting is scheduled for August 27 at Black Bear Diner.