

October 22, 2025

THE WINDSOCK - OCTOBER 2025

ACTIVITIES AT THE FIELD:

Nothing new at the field. Nice and peaceful .

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 16 gallons of 15% at \$48 per gallon. You must bring the exact change or write a check.

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:

Typically we do not have any Club meetings during the months of November and December however if any issues need to be dealt with our Board of Directors will hold a special meeting. Our NEXT regular Club and Board General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at the Black Bear Diner, 23626 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita. A number of use 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

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Wednesday, October 22, 2025

CCW October 2025 Meeting Minutes

13 present

- Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Steve Killian
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Treasurer's Report

- Steve Killian delivered report as Jack Allaway was not present.
 - Expenses of \$1,980.70 this month: camera replacement related, ATT for Internet, Andy Gump for Porta Potty, SCE
 - Checking balance: \$10,994.09
 - CD total: \$26,762.51
 - Club Total: \$37,756.60
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Gate Update:

- Recap: Gate was vandalized and left dysfunctional. We've made a temporary fix. This happened right as Hector, our contact at LA County Department of Parks & Recreation ("Parks & Rec."), was leaving his position. Hector said initially that Parks and Rec. would take care of repair and relocation of the gate, but then said that they would not. Steve has been in regular communication with Parks & Rec. regarding the matter and who will cover the costs. Chris Mowry, the interim replacement, is our new contact.
- Updates: Steve Killian and Chris Mowry discussed what Parks & Rec. is willing and able to do regarding getting a safe and working gate installed. Mowry took the gate specs that Killian had previously received to the Parks & Rec. shop. Mowry determined that the shop could build the gate if CCW purchased the materials. Killian secured a bid for materials, including shipping of \$1,078. Mowry confirmed that Parks & Rec will build and paint the gate. Steve sent a check for \$1,078. Supposedly we'll have a gate in a month or so... But we don't know when we'll actually have it done and installed.

Membership Decline: The club membership declined by around 20% this year. Why?

- Discussed possibilities for decline:
 - Expense of hobby could be prohibitive for some...
 - Price of receivers has gotten high because technology trying to keep people from crashing is expensive.
 - Are more people moving away or aging out...?
 - Are our membership fees too high?
 - Should we offer renewal incentives?
 - Would online payment options for membership make the process easier and thus make people more likely to join/renew?
- Discussion about how to recruit new members and maintain current membership:
 - Host Open House(s) and advertise in local media, etc. - pick a weekend and make a clear itinerary of events and invite people to come up and see what we do.
 - Host more special events and publicize invitations.
 - Instagram/social media presence sharing what is going on at CCW (Valerie Krog offered to do this, if we're interested). Families may be more open to visiting if they have a preview.
 - Target recently retired people or empty nesters to learn a new hobby. Many people are looking for engagement opportunities. They may have more disposable income and time than younger families. Perhaps we could write something up in Santa Clarita Magazine.
 - Offer SCV Seasons classes: These are community classes and programs hosted by CCW but through City of Santa Clarita. There are adult class and youth class categories. These offer an exploratory route and let the public know we're here. Logistical considerations re simulator, weather, etc.
 - Post meeting addendum: Valerie Krog had a conversation with a woman who owns a business that connects Charter School funds/programs with community enrichment programs. She thinks CCW could be a great fit for a Charter School program. Many of the students have a "homeschool

schedule” so could fly in the morning. The educational and enrichment benefits are obvious. Teachers get paid through Charter School funding. She also recommended doing some Open House events to inform the community about the club and hobby.

- We will keep exploring these options and suggestions. What do we want to pursue?

Next Meeting is January 28, 2026

Meeting Adjourned.

