

THE WINDSOCK - JANUARY 2026

GREETINGS EVERYONE!

Hope you all are doing well. January went by like a rocket, almost as fast as Alex's turbine jet. The hills and fields around our flying site are as green as can be. January has been windy but there have been a few terrific days sprinkled in there which a number of us have been able to enjoy.

ACTIVITIES AT THE FIELD:

If you have had a chance to get to the flying field in the last 3 weeks you have seen our new gate. All is well with it being smooth and easy to operate but there has been some confusion in the daisy chain lock setup where the club lock has been hooked mistakenly into the Fire Dept. and Edison locks making their locks useless after the last person locks up. So, to prevent that we are going to be going back to the multipin configuration that we had on the old gate. Hopefully that will be done in the next week or two.

A huge shout out to Scott Marnoch! Scott has spent many hours cutting down the roadside brush and cleaning up the dirt along both sides of the road going up to our field. Those darn gophers! Fantastic job Scott. A big THANK YOU from all of us.

RECAP OF THE JANUARY MEETING:

We had a great meeting with lots of very good and constructive discussions. As always, Valerie did a great job of recording details of the many items discussed. She also volunteered to create a fantastic flyer to post on our new Instagram site which she also created and will monitor. If you have something you wish to post please let her know. Read all about it in her meeting notes attached below and see the flyer attached as well. Great job Valerie!!

FUEL UPDATE:

If you wish to purchase more fuel, just contact one of the Club officers and we can help you. Currently we have 14 gallons of 15%. The current charge is \$48 per gallon. Please bring the correct change for your fuel.

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, FEBRUARY 25, 2026** 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

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Canyon Crosswinds January 2026 Meeting

- Meeting began at 7PM, 12 Present

Steve passed out a flyer from Ron Scott with a 2026 Calendar of Local R/C Flying Events

Treasurer's Report - Jack Allaway

- CD renewed for another three months
- Our primary expense this month was the permit (our lease) for use of the field for the year to LA County. It's \$4,900.
- Jack gave Valerie Krog a printed copy of the approved permit for files

Gate Replacement Completion Update

- The gate is done and looks great.
- We're having trouble with it being locked improperly and risk getting locked out.
- Plan to get gate changed over to the pin system like before versus the "daisy chain" as it is now.
- Club member Robert will provide fitted pieces with hole and we will hire a mobile welder to come out and put it on with the pin in it.

Special notes of thanks: We appreciate you!

- Note of thanks to Jim Desautels for mowing the field area to thoroughly.
- Note of thanks to Scott for all his work on cleaning the road and clearing out the drain and digging up the dirt covering the curbs.

AMA Introductory Pilot Program

- AMA offers insurance to cover beginners, while they're learning and for 90 days, who don't yet have an AMA membership. It is something we could add on.

- Discussion regarding whether requiring learners to have an AMA membership is prohibitive to getting started. Cost especially for kids is pretty low. But with the cost of everything being higher perhaps not having to pay out until a person knew they wanted to pursue flying would encourage some to try...
- Discussed that if we are going to host events for the public it might be prudent to have this type of coverage in place. Otherwise, the typical student learning to fly would probably be alright with getting at least a temporary AMA membership.
- Decided that if there isn't any additional cost to us then we should move forward with it.

Payment Options for Club Dues

- Fed Tax ID finally went through and Jack received documents in the mail.
- Jack and Steve updated our bank records with tax ID information.
- Jack is in the process of setting up PayPal to use for online payment of club dues. It is still being set up and requires testing, but we are hopeful to have it as an option when it comes time to renew memberships.

CCW Flying Events for 2026

- Memorial Weekend Fly - War planes and BBQ
- Float fly: Discussion about whether to host in spring and in fall or to just choose one. More present opted to host a single event in September. Steve will coordinate with Lake to get date set.
- Do we want to do an Open House event in spring or summer? Discussion about communicating an invitation to the community to come up and see what CCW is all about. Simulators on computers could be set up for people to try to fly and members could do flying demos, talks, etc. More discussion and research to continue.
- Fun Fly BBQ in October - tentatively set for October 10 as a club social event. We discussed getting a food truck.

Club Membership is Down: What should we do?

- We have 68 adult members this year. 60 is the magic number that we need to maintain in order to be able to continue our current and recommended maintenance of the runway and field, etc.
- Discussion about why people may not have renewed? Did they move? Is it the cost of the hobby? Are they no longer able to fly due to advanced age or health concerns? Why aren't more kids flying? Conjecture...
- Membership dues: Are the cost of dues preventing people from renewing? Jim and Bill discussed the history of raising the dues and the cost and the recommended maintenance schedule for runway paving.
- What can we do to draw in new members and maintain our current membership?
- Discussed hosting boy scout/girl scout events
- Discussed how best to target different potential members - trade shows, family events, home school credit class, social media, community radio and magazine ads
- Valerie will set up Instagram - people may look online to get information about CCW and having a social media presence will connect with some.
- **Post meeting note: We now have an Instagram account! Follow us @Canyon_Crosswinds_RC_Club. If you'd like to suggest photos or videos to have posted please send them to Valerie at socialmedia@canyoncrosswinds.org. Thanks!

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at Black Bear Diner



WE WERE ALWAYS SOCIAL,
BUT NOW WE'RE SOCIAL ON
SOCIAL MEDIA



Follow us and fly with us!

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Canyon Crosswinds RC Club is located in Castaic, California
and is an AMA Chartered Remote Control Airplane Club.

CHECKING

Beginning Balance \$ 9,704.68

Additions	Date	For	Amount	
	1/26/2026	Membership	\$ 125.00	
	1/26/2026	Fuel	\$ 48.00	
Total			\$ 173.00	\$ 173.00

Expenses	Card/#	To	For	Amount
	12/31/2025 Debit	SCE	Electric	\$ 39.25
	12/31/2026 Debit	Andy Gump	Porta Potty	\$ 64.28
	1/2/2026 Debit	USPS	PO Box	\$ 248.00
	1/16/2026	1425 LA Parks	Lease	\$ 4,900.00
	1/22/2026	1424 S. Killian	CA filing	\$ 35.00
	1/22/2026 Debit	Andy Gump	Porta Potty	\$ 64.28
				\$ 5,350.85

TOTAL \$ 5,350.85

Checking Balance \$ 4,326.85

CD 4 Month CD \$ 26,870.47

Interest \$ 133.00

Total \$ 27,003.58

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