

THE WINDSOCK - MARCH 2026

GREETINGS EVERYONE!

Happy Easter! Hope you all are doing well. Windy weather has certainly shown it's presents this past month and now there is even a possibility of some rain this weekend.

Our March meeting ended with a great "Show & Tell" put on by Robert MacDonald. He brought his Prairie Bird 50. It has a 49" wingspan and covered with Aloft Hobbies covering. Extremely light. I have attached several pictures of his work to the bottom of this newsletter. Great job Robert!

ACTIVITIES AT THE FIELD:

Just a few things that should be noted: First, we have a new American flag. Thank you to Norm and Larry for installing it.

Second, Last Thursday a last-minute request was sent out for help to put a fresh coat of paint on all the pits prep tables. A big thank you to Larry, Jim and Norm who recently finished rebuilding and repairing several of the tables. It all went very well with Norm, Larry, Jack, Steve and Bruce, (Bruce is one of our favorite out of state members who just happened to be visiting just at the right time.

RECAP OF THE MARCH MEETING:

We had a great meeting with lots of very good and constructive discussions.

SPECIAL ATTENTION ITEM: It was voted on and approved to exhibit at the soon upcoming annual Home and Garden Expo to be held at the Santa Clarita Central Park on Saturday, April 25th and Sunday April 26th. Literally thousands of people attend this big event. With our membership down this past several years we want to see if having more club awareness would help bring our numbers up. We will need club volunteers to help set up on Friday anywhere from 8 AM to 5 PM and then have club members help showcase our club Saturday and Sunday. We will have a 10' x 20' booth with pop ups, a display table with a three-board picture display, room to display model aircraft and hundreds of small glider give-a-ways for the kids, (Donated by our illustrious VP – Bill). Valarie has put together a very easy-to-use sign-up system that will greatly facilitate organizing our booth

representatives. Here is the link below. Just copy and paste it to your browser and select the various time slots when you can help us. Let me know if you have any questions or need help signing up. Thank you in advance.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C44AEA828A2FC1-63191443-ccwbooth>

See Valerie's meeting minutes below:

CCW March 25, 2026 Meeting Minutes

12 attendees at Black Bear Diner

Financial Report by Jack Allaway - Checking account is \$3,723.35, which is lower than previous years. We are getting ready for renewals. - This year would typically be the year we resurfaced the runway but are considering just sealing cracks and skip the professional resurfacing due to the lower balance.

Note: Resurfacing usually costs \$10,000, but fluctuates with oil cost. Another reason to delay now is the high cost of oil. Resurfacing typically happens in October or November.

- CD will be due to renew before our next meeting.
- Club total is \$30,369.95.
- Scott has been purchasing weed killer to use along the driveway. Club offering to reimburse him.
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See Treasurer's report next page.

CHECKING

Beginning Balance					\$ 3,723.35
Additions	Date		For		Amount
Total					\$ 3,723.35

Expenses	Card/#	To	For	Amount	
	3/2/2026 Debit	ATT	Internet	\$ 64.25	
	3/4/2026 Debit	SCE	Electric	\$ 55.30	
	3/5/2026 Debit	Home Depot	Paint	\$ 286.61	
	3/19/2026 Debit	Andy Gump	Porta Potty	\$ 64.28	
	3/23/2026 Debit	WalMart	Flag	\$ 39.66	
TOTAL				\$ 510.10	\$ 510.10
Checking Balance					\$ 3,213.25

CD	3 Month CD			\$ 27,108.12	
	Interest			\$ 48.58	
	Total			\$ 27,156.70	

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Club Total					\$ 30,369.95
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New Field Flag - Steve Killian purchased a new, heavy-duty flag because the previous flag was tattered. Norm and Larry hung it.

Patching and Painting Tables - Larry was almost done patching tables at the time of the meeting and needed a few guys to come out and help paint in the morning. - Larry has paint and handles and Steve will pick up rollers.

Review of Flying Events in 2026 - Memorial Warbird Fun Fly on Saturday, May 23 (weather permitting) Bring your warbird to fly! BBQ lunch beginning around 11AM.

- Float Fly scheduled for September 12, 2026: County is assessing us an event fee this year of \$393 as well as parking fees. Consider increasing landing fees to offset the event fee. - Open House: late July or Early August - invite community to come up and see what CCW is all about - Fun Fly BBQ (or Food Truck) Saturday, October 10 for members

Membership - Membership has decreased. Discussed ways to increase membership. - We're getting a booth at SCV Home and Garden Show at Central Park on Saturday, April 25 and Sunday April 26. Set up help needed on Friday, April 24. Club members are invited (encouraged) to come out and work the table to inform the public about the club and promote the hobby. Some planes may be brought for display as well. Fee of around \$220 for booth. There is a sign up to help with the show attached. Copy and paste this link below to your web browser.

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- Motion to purchase a booth at SCV Home and Garden Show carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Show and Tell - Robert shared a Prairie Bird 50, 2 channel light plan he made. He said it was fun to build!

FUEL UPDATE:

If you wish to purchase more fuel, just contact one of the Club officers and we can help you. Bill recently purchased 2 cases of 15% for a few dollars less than our last batch. That puts our current count at 26 gallons. We were charging \$48 per gallon but this new purchase was a little less per gallon so we can lower the price to \$45 per gallon. **KEEP IN MIND THIS INVENTOR AND PRICING OF FUEL IS INTENDED**

FOR CANYON CROSSWINDS CLUB MEMBERS ONLY. As a benefit to club members, we are selling the fuel at \$45 per gallon which is at a small loss, but this will help make it easier to make change **SO** - Please bring the correct change for your fuel or write a check.

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, April 22, 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

SEE PICTURES OF ROBERT'S PLANE BELOW





