



HEADWIND

The Monthly Newsletter of the
Tokay Radio Control Modelers
Lodi, California



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Next Meeting:
Tuesday
January 2nd
6:00PM

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TRCM Events 2018

President's Message Greg Hennefer

REMINDER: ALL of our monthly meetings have been changed to the first TUESDAY of the month at the Lodi Library, opening gavel at 6:00:PM

HAPPY 2018!!!!

This will be my first President's Message this year and I sincerely hope that it will be the start of a fabulous year for Tokay Radio Control Modelers and its members. Looking back on 2017 I'm both impressed and proud of what our club accomplished. We're healthy both member-wise and financially. We have grown the membership to over 70 members with more on the way. We improved our flying site with the runway extension and the pit expansion (Thanks Ken Knowles for ramrodding those projects). We held several very successful club events; Giant-Scale, Warbird fly-in, Fun-fly, night fly, Balloon Burst and, of course, our hosted IMAC event.

Most important to me is that we've been really safety conscious and we have maintained the friendly, helpful, open culture that this Club has become known for. I love to see our members welcome out of town fliers and walk-on spectators. People really do feel welcomed at our field and we should all feel good about that, in fact, we have gained quite a reputation in Northern California for

our hospitality and friendly atmosphere. It's important that we maintain this part of the Club's personality, so when you see a new face please introduce yourselves and share our hobby (errrr addiction) with these visitors.

2018 should be more of the same good things that this club has started. We'll have our traditional activities, balloon burst, Giant-Scale, Warbirds, night fly, Sweetheart Dinner, Summer barbecue and the IMAC weekend. I hope to add a couple of new, fun, events to our calendar.

Since it doesn't look like it will ever rain again, come out as often as possible and enjoy our wonderful site, our fantastic members and some great camaraderie. I'm looking forward to seeing each of you more this coming year.

TRCM Meeting Minutes, December 6, 2017

6:00 pm at the Lodi Public Library

I. Call to Order: Robert Keller – 6:02 PM

II. Announcements from the Floor: none

III. Visitors and New Members:

Visitors: Marlene Curnutt, Marilyn Doucette, Jackie, Leslie, Katy, Kalia

New Members: Lucas Stone

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Mervin Ory, Mark Huntley, and John Giglio got together to give young Lucas everything he needs to operate the nice T34 RC plane he was given. Members voted unanimously to support this effort.

IV. Officers Reports:

President: Robert Keller - Club meets on Tuesdays in 2018. First meeting will be January 2.

Vice President: Randy Laney – not present

Secretary: Don Brown – Reviewed the great year we had. He mentioned the Sweetheart Dinner, the Scale Fly-in, the IMAC Contest, the Night fly, the Balloon Burst and the improvements to the field.

Treasurer: Rob Stanley – Reported a positive balance. Year over year was almost nothing. No dues increase will be needed.

Safety Coordinator: Dick Wareham – no report

Field Marshal: Mike Mancebo – Mowing will start soon.

Web Master: Neil Gates – Added turbine language to on line documents.

Newsletter Editor: Mark Huntley - Name the plane – John Giglio guessed correctly. Newport 17

V. Old Business:

A. Safety fencing - Will be completed along with the extension of the shade structure.

B. Shade structure extension – Ken Knowles stated that metal parts are soon to be welded by Bill Churchill.

C. Nominations for officers for 2018

Safety officer - Dan Wengrin

Web Master – Neil Gates

Newsletter editor – Mark Huntley

Treasurer – Rob Stanley

Secretary – Albert Doucette

Vice president – Mitch Biddle

President – Greg Hennefer

Additional nominations

The above slate was approved unanimously.

D. Balloon Burst/ Turkey Shoot – Randy Laney, Robert Keller – Well run and lots of fun. Mark Huntley and Mervin Ory tied for first.

E. Other

VI. New Business:

A. Sign-ups for 2018 IMAC - Don Brown encouraged potential participants to sign up for our contest on June9-10 and other nearby contests. B. Smoking at the field – The pit area and parking lot are littered with cigarette butts. There are holes in the petromat from careless disposal of cigarette butts. Robert Keller reminded club members of the field rule prohibiting smoking. If necessary, smoking is to be done in cars. Also, Robert reminded club members that bad language is never appropriate at the field.

C. Other – The Giant scale Fly-in was approved for some date in early September

VII. Show and Tell: Bill Curnutt brought his beautiful Waco YMF 5.

VIII. Awards:

A. Ace – Randy Laney, Nick Clayton, Mark Huntley and Mervin Ory

B. Oops! – Don Mayden for missing the 1000' runway

IX. Raffle – Various items and certificates

X. Adjourn Meeting - 7:02 PM

Happy Holidays!

Existing language regarding smoking at the field:

“13. No smoking (If you need to smoke then smoke in your car.)”



Jack Johnson was a long-time member of TRCM and passed away this week. Jack was the editor of the HEADWIND for a number of years and also served as both Secretary and Treasurer of the club.

Jack's funeral services will be held on Thursday, 1/4/18, 11 a.m. at Cherokee Memorial Park, Evergreen Chapel, Hwy 99 & E. Harney Lane, Lodi, CA 95240. Visitation will be held between 9-10:30 a.m. prior to the funeral service. Luncheon will follow at Richmaid Restaurant, 100 S. Cherokee Lane, Lodi.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in memory of Jack Johnson to VFW Post 8358, or charity of your choice.

Checks made to: VFW Post 8358

Send to:
Baldwin Wong, Judge Advocate
c/o VFW Post 8358
58 Las Positas Circle
Sacramento, CA 95831

Thanks to Dennis Campbell for staying in touch with many of our former members.



DECEMBER 6, 2017

LUCAS STONE VOTED IN AS MEMBER OF TRCM

Lucas came to his first meeting of the Tokay Radio Control Modelers on Wednesday, December 6, and after obtaining his AMA card and completing the application prior to the visit, he was voted in as a new member unanimously by the members present. This seems just a simple and frequent activity at the TRCM club meetings but the story behind this young man and how he came to be a member is inspiring and touching.

His mother, Jacqueline Stone, reports that Lucas has always wanted to fly an airplane. To achieve this goal, he needed an RC airplane to fly. Since the family finances are stretched thin, Lucas took his lawn mower around to neighbor's houses and earned enough money to purchase a small electric airplane and controller by mowing lawns in the heat of the summer. After getting the airplane, he taught himself to fly at the local park but realized he wanted to be able to control it better than he was on his own. He searched the internet and found the TRCM web site and came to the field to ask for help.

Mervin Ory and Mark Huntley were among those that listened to his questions and began to help Lucas fly and control his airplane in order to avoid the "controlled crashes" some of the landings had been. Lucas showed amazing talent and continued to display the determination to succeed that had gotten him this far in his project. He was soon flying smoothly and getting the plane down without damage. However, his little "foamie" was susceptible to even light winds but getting a bigger airplane was out of financial reach for Lucas.

Now this is where the story gets good. Merv had a larger T28 foam airplane at the field and he let Lucas fly it. According to reports from those at the field, Lucas flew it with great skill and just fell in love with the handling of the larger and more stable airplane. Suddenly he had his hands on an airplane that wasn't blown all around the sky. It went where he pointed it and now acrobatics entered his life. And like all RC flyers, once you start acrobatics you can't stop. So now Lucas had a new goal, get a larger airplane and a more powerful radio to control the plane.

Once again, Lucas began doing chores and saving his allowance money to get enough to purchase a Spectrum radio. He saved up \$120 and his Grandparents chipped in the rest for a great Spectrum radio. But, he still needed that larger airplane. Time to start saving and working chores again. His mother reports he was totally committed to purchase one of the T28's like he had flown.

Word of his determined plans got around to the club members and like always, TRCM'ers stepped up to make Lucas's plan come true. With the help of some funds from TRCM and the generosity of Merv Ory, John Giglio and Mark Huntley, on the night he was voted into membership, Lucas was given the T28, flight batteries, battery charger, a field box and new batteries and charger for his transmitter. As the picture shows, it was smiles all around for Lucas and his new friends. The latest report is that Lucas has flown the new airplane several times and continues to improve his flying skills.

Who knows where this small kindness will lead? With such determination and skill, one day we may be on a United flight to England and hear from the flight deck, "This is your pilot, Captain Lucas Stone. Welcome aboard Flight 293 from San Francisco to London. We will be cruising....." Dreams are only dreams until they come true.





A few pictures sent in from Becky Metzler. Thanks Becky!



Merry Christmas!



Scott and a few others have taken advantage of some nice evening weather to fly. This year has been exceptional for flying our RC aircraft.



The following pictures were sent in by Mike Wilson. Thanks Mike!



Mike with his Saito powered Einoecker



Dennis with his T-37 twin



Dave with his Extra



Ken with his Spitfire, from an early Aircraft kit



Nick, Dave, Mitch and Ken



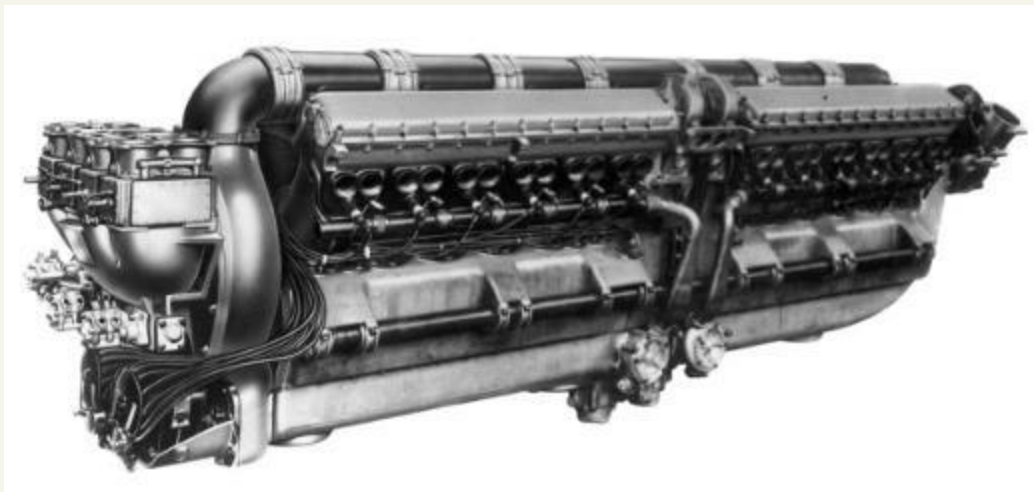
Mitch with his 30cc Sbach

Mark Huntley finished construction on his 40% 3W International Extra 330SC Pat-ty Wagstaff powered by a DLE-170, dual Futaba receiver system using Futaba S9177SV servos. The plane weighed 37 pounds when finish, which was 5 pounds lighter than expected and needed no trim or CG changes on the maiden flight. Plane flew perfectly and flew nine times on the day of the maiden.



Name this plane

Each month I will try to come up with something special or unusual for you to guess.
Your correct answer will win you a free raffle ticket at our monthly club meeting.
You must attend to win. Good luck!





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TRCM members are encouraged to submit articles or ideas for inclusion. Deadline for submissions is two weeks prior to the last day of the month.

Useful Website Links

Of course our TRCM website: <http://www.TokayRCModelers.com>

Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA): <http://www.modelaircraft.org>

Our AMA District 10 website: <http://www.ama10.org>

For the giant scale flyers, IMAA: <http://www.fly-ima.org>

International Miniature Aerobatics Club (IMAC): <http://www.mini-iac.com>

IMPORTANT: Please make sure when you are the last one to leave the field that you lock the gate