

DIRECT CONNECTION MONTHLY



AMA District 10

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Presidents Message:

We're getting this to your inbox a couple of days later than normal. **The first important event to remind you about is this weekend's 2-day Toys-4-Tots contests at Whittier Narrows.** The price to join the fun is a new toy valued between \$10 and \$20. Weather may affect us on Saturday, but the schedule of events should be:

- Saturday & Sunday: Speed, including Torquette and Hollow Log ; plus Combat Matches
- Sunday Only: Racing Events and 1cc Stunt Event

Today, I recalled Howie and John talking about a Fox 35 "speed" event at previous meetings. Then I remembered I do have a Ringmaster that has a Fox 35 motor for power. Howie confirmed the planes are flown on 60-foot lines (which I also have). All I need do is get a 1 to 2 oz. tank mounted; see if I can find neutral with a handle; and I can enter my first "speed" contest.

The second most important event to remind you of is the KOTRC Holiday Gathering at Black Bear Diner on Saturday, December 15. Festivities will start at 5 PM. The address is 7005 Knott Avenue, Buena Park. The Black Bear Diner will seat us in the covered, heated patio. This is not a buffet style dinner, we can order from their menu. I was

advised by the manager that it's in our best interest to select 5 or 6 entrees for the group to expedite the service. That said, you may order anything on the menu, but it may take longer. Sorry to say, they do not serve alcoholic beverages.

I need to contact the manager on December 8 with the approximate size of our group. Please do two things for me: 1) Visit their website: blackbeardiner.com to review their menu and select your most likely entree. 2) Email me the number of people in your party and your party's entree selection(s) so I can discuss the general selections with the manager. Please email me before noon Saturday Dec. 8.

The AMA Expo came and went. I'll share my thoughts about it in my last sermon of the year. There were no articles, photos or contest results sent to us this month, so this Direct Connection is a candidate for shortest newsletter ever. No matter what you fly, have fun and fly safely.

Knights of the Round Circle Meeting Notes:

**KOTRC is an AMA Chartered Club, Charter # 2389
President- Mike Jones; Vice President- John Wright; Secretary-Larry Renger; Treasurer-Mike Alurac; Safety Officer-Joel Chesler**

ATTENDING MEMBERS: Mike Jones, John Wright, Clint Brooks, Mike Meadows, Mike Alurac, Howard Doering, Warren Walker, Dave Kick, Paul Wescott

VISITORS; There were no visitors at this month's meeting.

President Mike Jones called the meeting to order. Howard Doering led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Jones presided over the meeting and attempted to take meeting notes due to the absence of Larry Renger and his alternate-Joe Brownlee.

SHOW AND TELL:

Clint Brooks displayed his latest free-flight trophy-a very nice beverage mug. He placed 1st in the Electric Powered Category at the 22nd Annual Southwest FAI Challenge held at the El Dorado Dry Lake Bed in Boulder City, NV.

John Wright attended the 2nd Annual Las Vegas Stunt Challenge held this year at the Radio Control Club's field outside of the city. John didn't fare well in the Old Time Stunt Event due to poor engine runs; however, he took 1st Place in the Profile Event flying a Challenger.

Mike Meadows showed his "almost completed" Veco Brave he obtained from a friend of Mike Alurac. I believe he installed a K&B Torpedo. He also displayed a Rabe P-51 Mustang he obtained from Lucky Pyatt at Mile Square Park many years ago.

Mike Alurac brought his Johnson 36 Combat Special for us to fondle while he noted Russ Graves posted a video on Facebook of Don Repp's aircraft in a tree after the lines separated from the handle or the plane at the Red Flag Combat Contest in Arizona.

Don Repp described the numerous issues that plagued the pull test activities at the Red Flag event.

Howard Doering displayed his OS 25 LA as he described the extensive modifications he's made to the motor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer Mike Alurac stated that the KOTRC treasury balance remains strong. It's that time of the year for collecting dues for calendar year 2019.

Mike Jones noted AMA's EXPO West appeared to be successful; however the indoor net enclosure where the one (yes, one) ET Training Session was to be held was small it was impossible to turn a circle using 15 foot lines. Therefore, there were no indoor ET training sessions at this year's EXPO. John Wright noted the outdoor control

line "demonstration area" only allowed flying on 50-foot lines. Since the show had to go on, John, Mike Meadows, Joel Chesler and Joe Brownlee; and even Bob Harness put up lots of flights over the 3 days of the EXPO. The good news is Tony Stillman, AMA Flying Site Coordinator, is very interested in improving both flying areas at next year's EXPO. Additionally, it was nice of the AMA to promote the Knights as a "proud partner" of the EXPO.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Jones noted that we obtained a new member during the EXPO. Dan Armstrong from Tehachapi completed the application/paid his dues at our Booth. Mike recalled that Clint Brooks, Bill Maywald and Greg Pawloski also joined the club in recent months.

Mike also reminded attendees that this year's "banquet" is at the Black Bear Diner in Buena Park (southwest corner of Knott Avenue and Orangethorpe Avenue).

No new nominations were made for the offices of President or Treasurer. By a show of hands, attending members voted Mike Alurac and Mike Jones as the next President and Treasurer respectively. John Wright will continue as VP and Larry Renger will continue as Secretary for 2019.

Mike Jones noted he had been copied on emails from Ron Duly encouraging the addition of Carrier Events at the Palmer next year. Palmer 2019 CD, Warren Walker foresaw no problems and agreed to add Carrier events to the Official Sanction Request.

Members were reminded about the Toys for Tots Events December 1st/2nd at the WN field. Events for Speed, Racing, Combat and 1/2A are scheduled.

There being no other issues brought forward for discussion or action, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.