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Travels and Time with your President / Phil Goodwine

Here we go on to the month of March. Three months into the year and we need to get stuff done. It's not like the 2011 PVMAC Board of Directors have been sitting around. We have already had three board meetings, dozens of discussions and hundreds of emails floating around the internet these days. The Board of Directors to date this year have been more active and more aggressive on getting answers and getting things done then I recall in the last 5 years, and we are going to keep it going.

I won't be the one to say our weather has been perfect for our hobby or would I want to be the weather person predicting the weather. Although the days that we have been able to be outside are absolutely beautiful and

you need to get out to the fields and utilize them.

Your PVMAC has been accepted as an "AMA Gold Leader Club". This is great news and very important to your clubs status amongst other clubs and this also means a lot to our local community and to the San Bernardino County Parks Department. I would like to specially "Thank" club members Tom Marcure, Greg Stockdale, Steve Parola, Joni Whitsitt, Sam Wright and others in helping get this accomplished.

Things that are under way at your fields. The club has ordered 15 gallons of material to repair cracks in both runways at Norton and Prado. This material will fill the cracks and stop anymore weather from getting under the black top at these points and doing damage. This material has a very low modulus black content that will not crack the black top when it expands. We have verified that this material can be slurry coated over in the future when the club decides to resurface the runways. This will be a time consuming process that we will work on later in the afternoon and allow it to dry overnight, to not disrupt flying too much. We will try and post notices of when this will happen.

The club is purchasing a new griddle

for the snack bar. We are purchasing a better unit than your average store bought unit, hoping it last our club longer. This is a griddle not a BBQ grille. We have decided it will better serve our event snack bar customers with this. We will be able to cook hamburgers, hot dogs, carne asada, pancakes, grilled sandwiches and not burn them with an open BBQ flame. We also feel that a griddle is a safer unit for our volunteer cooks.

Our Board of Directors has had lots of discussions and emails in regards to this next issue. Our club with the size of our membership, the size of our events and status of our fields needs to look and be more professional at our events. This encompasses the snack bar area. We are discussing the possibility of enclosing the picnic area with a fence. Installing grass, trees, sprinklers and a concrete foundation to set up our snack bar during events or even the possibility of a building for the snack bar. We feel that if we close in this area and install grass and trees that this can serve our members and visitors as a dog run area and a nice area for others to come out and sit down and read a book. This will also help maintain any dirt or dust issues when having the snack bar open. Our club has also welcomed the Bassett Hound club and the Daschund club. These are both dogs clubs that can

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utilize the facility as a dog run when they are holding events at Prado. This also helps show our landlords that we are a park environment.

Our club will be installing a water drip system at the trees. We will be installing sprinklers and hose bibs on the entry road and pit area to control dust. The water tank is has been hooked back up to a water supply with cooperation with the farmer to the north east of our Prado facility. We are also looking into the possibility of getting water from a well that is in the local area. We can surely utilize any and all water to our facility.

Next up would be for Prado to have a canopy over the pit area. This would take lots of discussions, designing and raising the money to do it. My belief is with all of these above mentioned improvements our facility would not just be one of the finest in California but also one of the top in the country.

PVMAC involvement not at the airfields.

March 19/20, 2011

your club will be manning a booth at the RCX Show at the Pomona Fairgrounds in conjunction with the AMA. Members interested in helping at the RCX Show need to contact Charlie Mitchell or myself.

Charlie's Email:

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April 8/9/10, 2011

Some of your fellow club members will be assisting Joni Whitsitt at the Orange County Youth Expo. Members interested in helping out need to contact Joni Whitsitt or myself. Joni's email:

rwwjo@aol.com

April 16, 2011

Saturday we will welcome any "Youth Expo" pilots that want to come to Prado and try our hobby out. Members interested in helping out with buddy cord flying need to contact Charlie Mitchell or myself.

Upcoming events at Prado.

May 14, 2011

"Early Spring Swap Meet" this swap meet will be Saturday only. All swap meet sellers will be required to set up on the second row closer to the container. This leaves all pit parking to members that will be flying and require pit access. Swap meet hours will be from

7:00 a.m. till the last PVMAC member leaves the field. We will print flyers for this event. Any questions contact Bill Johnson or myself.

June 4 -5, 2011

"5th annual "Scale Squadron of Southern California" fun fly. We will have flyers posted at several locations and information on our clubs website. This event really starts off our flying event season. So let's see lot's of participation from our PVMAC members. Any questions you can contact Randy Wilbur, Sam Wright or myself.

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FAA Information

Now here's what our club, our hobby needs help from you as an AMA member and a PVMAC member. Many of you have probably already heard or even sent off your letters. The FAA is developing new regulations that may place onerous and unnecessary restrictions on the hobby, sport and educational pursuit of model

aviation. It is extremely important that all aero modeling enthusiasts stand up and tell Congress to protect model aviation from pending federal regulation by the FAA. By you going on this website

<http://amagov.modelaircraft.org/4077> and following the directions for a sample letter that will be emailed to your district Representative and state Senators. Congress requires that all electronic forms of communication include your name, address and email to verify you as a constituent. Your information will remain private and confidential. There have already been 70,433 other AMA members do this. I've done it, Beth has done it, Kyle and my daughter have all done it. Don't be lazy, help save your hobby, help protect our rights as a model aviator.

Road Work

Richard Smith was at Prado last week doing more tractor work on the entry road. We should all "Thank" Richard for his hard work and "Thank" Carrie Concha (Richard's better half) for donating the tractor rental. I feel sorry for both of them that it rained the very next day and washed some of his hard work away.

Being the Bad Guy!

Now here is the part of my presidency that I really don't enjoy, but it has to be done.

Wasting my time and irritating me. The PVMAC membership card was derived for two good reasons. The safety and longevity of your club and its fields. It seems as if some members just want to be childish and immature about wearing it. The 2011 "Green" membership card will now be required to be worn on the upper front torso (chest area) in an exposed

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NORTON FIELD REPORT

NORTON FLIERS by Paul Smith

We have recently had the opportunity to welcome a lot of new fliers at the Norton field so let me take this opportunity to review some of the operating procedures unique to the Norton site.

The wire cables we stretch across the runway to “close the field” are to comply with an airport requirement. The purpose in limiting access to club members is so we can assure that all fliers belong to the AMA and that they have read and will comply with the club safety rules. These rules are part of our agreement with the airport.

The locks that secure the cable poles in place were originally at ground level but dirt and grit quickly fouled them.

We added the chains so that the locks could remain up off the ground. When unlocking the poles let the chain fall to the ground but keep the lock in place on the eyelet and carry it away with the pole.

The colorful flags on the cables are to make them visible and avoid any injury (and club liability) that could occur if someone inadvertently ran into them. The flags will last a lot longer if we don't drag them on the pavement so please keep a little tension on the cable as you swing an arc and carry the pole to the fence.

Anyone who hasn't been to the field lately will be surprised at how good it looks. The airport folks have been mowing the field all the way up to our pavement and doing it more frequently. We also plan to add four more airplane benches to the six we already have.

One final note. We need to lock up the outhouse. We tried leaving it unlocked but it has apparently become too popular with non fliers so

If you are the last person leaving the field please put the lock on the door (after assuring no one is inside, of course).

The combination is 0182.



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easy to see area. It is obvious that some childish immature members think it's funny to put them inside their hats or on their shoes so that they cannot be easily identified as a current 2011 PVMAC member.

I have instructed all PVMAC field marshals and San Bernardino County Parks Department Rangers to ask any pilot that is not wearing his 2011 "Green" PVMAC membership card correctly to stop flying immediately and to show proof of their membership or that they have purchased a PVMAC day fee pass. If any pilot at either of our facilities, member or not disrespects our field marshals or any individual from the San Bernardino County Parks Department, Army Corp of Engineers or Department of Fish and Game you will be asked to leave our facilities immediately and will be asked to attend our next Board of Directors meeting to discuss your flying privileges!

Now the Fun Stuff

On to my fun stuff. The Goodwine family has traveled once already to Tucson Arizona for the TIMPA / IMAC event. Kyle finished second flying in his first "Unlimited" event. Then only five days later Kyle and I turned the truck and trailer around and drove out to Phoenix to meet Peter Goldsmith from Horizon Hobbies. Peter drove from Champagne, Illinois, to meet us in Phoenix to bring Kyle his F-16 jet. Kyle will be flying the F-16 jet at Top Gun in the Pro Am class for Peter. This past weekend if you were sitting on the side of interstate 5 heading north you would have seen us. We loaded up the truck and trailer with jet fuel, planes, people and food. Beth, Kyle, Ken McSpadden



Kyle Goodwine beaming with his Top Gun Invitational Entry in the Amateur Class in Lakeland, Florida April 26-May 1, 2011. The Sky-master F-16 was painted by Peter Goldsmith and is powered with a Jet Cat P160 turbine.

and I all took a short simple little drive north to Buttonwillow this last weekend. Ken McSpadden did the honors of helping get Kyle up to speed on his turbine requirements, for his turbine waiver. It was another awesome weekend as a father seeing that grin on Kyle's face from ear to ear when he got the sticks to that jet. This upcoming Saturday we will be doing the same trip to Buttonwillow with Kenny McSpadden to help Kyle get his turbine waiver and more stick time for his competition. Sunday will find us most likely practicing with Kyle's IMAC plane for the upcoming "Cactus Classic", which is being held March 26, this year in Appachi Junction, Arizona. Then April 9th we will be traveling north to Salinas for their annual IMAC event. Once we return from Arizona and Salinas it will be all hands on deck practicing with the F4F Wildcat of Frank Harris's and the F-16 turbine of Peter Goldsmith's for "Top Gun" that we will be traveling to in Lakeland,

Florida in the middle of April.

Until next month, be safe, have fun flying, enjoy your friends, enjoy your family.

Remember life sometimes is too short to not enjoy it.

God Bless,

Phil Goodwine / PVMAC President

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AMA Works to Amend Reauthorization Bill Providing Relief for Model Aviation from sUAS Rules

M U N C I E, I N – Sen. James Inhofe, OK, successfully sponsored S.223 in the Senate yesterday with an amendment specifying a “Special Rule For Model Aircraft” that provides an exemption from regulation for model aircraft operating within the following parameters:

- Flown specifically for recreational, sport, competition, or academic purposes;
- Operated in accordance with a community-based set of safety guidelines within the programming of a nationwide community-based organization;
- Limited to 55 pounds or less unless certified through a design, construction, inspection, flight test, and operational safety program currently administered by a community-based organization.

“On behalf of our 140,000 members I want to thank Senator Inhofe, Chairman Jay Rockefeller and Ranking Republican Kay Bailey Hutchinson for their leadership in shepherding the FAA reauthorization bill through the U.S. Senate,” said Academy of Model Aeronautics President Dave Mathewson. “Aeromodeling is an exceptional family recreational and education activity that has traditionally been a stepping stone for our children to careers in aviation and aerospace. With the Senators’ help we hope model aviation will continue to help provide that impetus for future generations of engineers, pilots and astronauts.”

The bill now moves to the House of Representatives, which is expected to rule on the matter in the very near future.

AMA has contended that the purpose and operation of model aircraft flown for recreational purposes is uniquely different from the operation of the growing number of commercial small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) for which the FAA is drafting regulation. Aeromodelers operating under AMA’s guidelines have earned a reputation of being one of the safest, if not the safest users of the National Airspace System. This exemplary safety record spans more than 75 years.

The Academy of Aeronautics, founded in 1936, charters 2,400 clubs across the country, sanctioning more than 2,000 events and competitions as a member of the National Aeronautic Association. It is dedicated to promoting aeromodeling as a recreational, competitive and academic pursuit.

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