

# ***THE CHINO FLYER***

The official **American Model Airport Association** Newsletter

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## **February Newsletter**

Start Time: 10:25

Members in attendance: 12

**Secretary Report:** More updates on the web page. Need articles to place in web page, building tips, product reports etc. etc.

I still have several members shown as NOT PAID on their dues. IF you have not paid your dues I will be forced to drop you from the club roster which means that you would not have access to the club field unless you pay the \$10.00 day use fee and this wonderful and informative newsletter.

Now if you have paid your dues and still haven't received your club member ID card contact me and I will try and sort out the problem, I will need some form of proof of payment i.e. canceled check or the payment stub from the membership sign up card or any other form of payment.

Speaking of dues I sent a Club member ID card to Mr. Joe Bridi, of Bridi aircraft fame, who is a "life time" member and does have to pay dues, well, he sent a check back for the dues anyway. I sent the check back to Mr. Bridi reminding him that he is a "Life time" member and he sent the check back to me to use as a donation with a letter stating "I enjoy being a member". Thank you Mr. Bridi.

I have been in contact with the club web page server and just found out that they had us on the wrong server. We are being upgraded to a new and faster server and should be up and running by Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March. I have done some updating on the web page but if anybody sees room for improvement let me know and we can make this web page even better than it is now. We can add more content and description to help better present our club to the world and possible new members.

We are still taking donations for the "field maintenance fund" so if you would like to donate some money just contact any of the club officers and we will gladly receive the donation.

### **Club meeting itinerary:**

1. Vote on changing the club rules pertaining to dogs at the field, the proposition is on case by case bases on whose dog will be allowed at the field along with the restrictions to dogs at the field.

### **Up coming Event(s):**

**April 01 ..... T. T'S Fun fly ..... Club field.**

**Old Business:** We might be receiving a 40 foot storage container, Mr. Hill is looking into it, and all we will have to pay for is the relocation of the container. We will need to decide on where to put the container and prep the ground for its installation. The container will be set up to store the club trainer with a solar panel to provide electricity to charge the batteries. We can also store the club lawn mower and the riding tractor for moving around the roller and the weed screen and anything else we can think of.

The west runway cable attach pole, on the north side of the runway, has been installed. We are now pursuing ways to elevate the cables off of the runway several inches it would have to be easy to set up and difficult or impossible to remove from the cable. If you have any ideas let us know.

It has been brought up that we are being lax in our communication at the flight line. When retrieving A/C or other items from the flying field we need to announce our intentions to the people on the flight line.

When entering the runway we are to announce "On the runway" loudly and look to see if the people on the flight line heard you if not announce it again. Once you are clear of the runway you will need to announce "Clear of the runway" or something similar. When retrieving an A/C do so as quickly as you can, other people could be waiting to land and may have to do so quickly.

This also applies to when you have to go out into the fields beyond the runway. Announce your intentions to the flight line and proceed as quickly as possible, it is suggested that you have another person with you to keep an eye out for other A/C flying over head, and speaking of flying over head, it is not a good idea when there is somebody out in the flying field to fly over them you need to keep you're A/C away from them so in case of a mishap you don't hit them.

Also low altitude high speed passes over the runway are happening again. If you want to do a low altitude high speed pass you can do it over the edge of the dirt/weed line to the north of the runway. This rule is in place so if there is a problem with the A/C it will be further away from the flight line and help to prevent any injuries.

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**New Business:** The above 40' storage container deal fell through. Mr. Hill has been approached with another deal on a container, this one is a 20' truck trailer with a side door and rear rollup door, this has a price tag of \$900.00, Mr. Talkington made the motion to purchase the container with the motion passing, Mr. Hill will be talking to the owner about the deal and will apprise us of the outcome.

Also Mr. Hill will be coming out with a Rototiller to remove the rocks in the infield and to till in some horse manure, a smelly proposition but the ground and the grass will love it.

We have been approached by the Redlands airport to come and perform at their open house on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May. I will have more information on this event in the near future and will report on it in the next newsletter and on the web.

Just a safety reminder we are becoming lax in our Pre-flight range checks, I'm guilty of this myself, we need to perform these at the start of the day for each aircraft we bring out even if you flew it yesterday it is still a good idea to range check it at the start of flying.

Another safety item just popped into my head, Pre-flight safety checks. We need to perform these each time before we fly our planes. Things do break and come undone during flight and we might not notice it, I have had control link safety keepers break and not even notice it, you know wing hold down rubber bands, engine mounts coming loose, landing gear coming loose, wheels coming loose and falling off etc. etc.

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**Event Report:** I'm still waiting for the results of the MARKS RC club war bird and the Chino flyers Trainer race that was held on the Fourth of March at the club field. I will be posting the pictures and the results of our first club collaboration with the MARKS RC club on the web site and in the next newsletter.

The event went pretty good considering that neither club had flown together in competition. The high winds where a large factor in the racing just like it was last month during the Chino Flyers trainer race. Again Mr. Widmer took out the competition with a mid air; it wasn't intentional it just happens. The trainer field was one of the largest we have had in a while with us running five aircraft per heat. Speaking of the winds it was clocked at 20 MPH with gusts to 45 MPH and the 25 size war birds handled it pretty well the trainers, on the other hand, where getting pushed around pretty good. As for the racing it was close even for the 25 size war birds that where running three birds per heat.

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**New member(s):** Deanna and Heather Bass, Gilberto Juarez Sr. and George Jorge. Lets give them a warm welcome.

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**Soloed Pilot(s):** None this month.

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**Model of the Month:** None this month.

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**Raffle:** None this month.

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**Meeting ended:** 10:45

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**Hints and Tips:** Nothing new this month.

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**Product Review:** None this month.

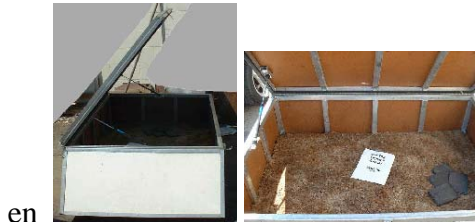
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**For sale/Wanted:**



This is a new Hobbico 920 AC/DC Digital charger.  
Price reduced asking \$40.00 plus shipping for the unit.

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**Car top aircraft or ? carrier.**

This fits on the top of your car. It was used on a Honda Civic hatchback but it will fit any size car of the same size or larger. This is built with welded aluminum framework with plywood outer sheeting. It has rubber feet so that it will not damage the top of your car and a locking latch to protect the contents of the box. Box size: Outer dimensions Length 66", Width 42" and Height 21". Inner dimensions: Length 54", Width 39 1/2", Height 13".

Asking \$200.00 plus shipping.

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**Byron KFIR - C2**

This is a NEW in box, only removed to take pictures, kit with the following accessories:  
Byro-Fan and Rhom - Air pneumatic retract system with scale struts and wheels.

Price reduction all this for \$ 800.00 Plus shipping.

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Well that's it for this months "Chino Flyer" hope to see you at the field.

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Next meeting will be on **Sunday, March 11th**, 0900 at the club field

**L8r's Richard D.**

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