

THE CHINO FLYER

The official **American Model Airport Association** Newsletter

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April / May Newsletter

Start Time: 09:25

Members in attendance: 16

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

As you probably noticed the date for this newsletter is saying April / May that is because I had forgotten to send out the April newsletter.

Club meeting itinerary:

1. Pit area shade; connecting the covers into one long shade.
2. Storage container.
3. Infield grass area in front of the shades.
4. Control line flight circle do we need one?
5. Next years AMA Convention at the Ontario convention center.
6. Schedule another Float Fly for this year.

Up coming Event(s): June 17 ----- Trainer races ----- Club field.

Old Business: It was brought up at the meeting a proposal to extend the pit area covers so that they connect into one long cover which requires the relocation of the flag pole. The flag pole location is still up in the air. One proposal would have it moved toward the runway in line of where it is now. If you can think of a better location let us know.

We are looking for helpers and participants in the "Widmer Glider Contest" which will be held on April 29th at the club field. This contest is open to any Two meter glider.

New Business: Nothing new has come up at this time. If you can think of anything come out to the meetings or contact the club officers.

Event Report: The following report is from Harry Hill.

Float Fly

Sunday May 20th was not only our float fly, it was also the last day of the Chino Air show. We were treated to this fly over of all Grumman Aviation aircraft sometime mid morning. I was standing around watching the war birds fly over when it dawned on me I had a camera, this was the last pass and I almost missed it. As you can see the sky was overcast and dreary but that just kept the day cooler for those of us who showed up. Which wasn't too many of us.



We had more guests than members and they brought some pretty nice planes. One was this Hanger 9 Ultra Stick on floats. It belonged to Oscar Weingart of the Riverside Club. He told us more of his members would have attended if they had known about the event. We heard the same complaint from everyone who attended. We were up in the air about whether or not we would be able to fly because of the air show but in the end we did and because the Pomona Club was grounded for the air show we didn't even need frequency control. I think next year we need to schedule the event to coincide with the Air show. Then we need to step up and let all the local clubs know what we are doing. Everyone agreed the lake is great to fly from and the weather was near perfect. The overcast kept things cool enough to enjoy the flying but it was warm enough for shorts and t-shirts and cubs on floats.



This plane was flown by another guest.



Our club was represented by some nice planes such as this Lanier 120 flown by Richard Rittmiller. Richard showed up well before the park opened so that he could get our registration area set up and everything needed to make this event enjoyable for all concerned. He had the pop up, a frequency board and all the registration forms ready. Then he had to stay until everyone left so we could pack everything up. A lot of work goes into an event like this for the little appreciation the club showed by not attending.



Another guest brought a couple of small electrics, one of which was this GWS Slowstick on floats. The slowstick needed wing reinforcing to handle the extra weight of the floats so it was funny to watch it start to initiate a turn then have the wings flex and turn the plane back on it's original path. I think we'll see it next fall with the necessary improvements. The other problem it had was it couldn't turn against the wind on the water and eventually was flipped when the wind got under its wing.

The same gentleman brought and flew this little Multiplex park flyer, the one on the front of the table.



On his initial flight he put it into a tree across the lake. After a daring rescue by the captain of the Chino Flyers new yacht the plane was returned to its pilot and flew successfully the rest of the day. This little plane handled the water and some wind, much more than I would have thought such a small plane could handle. It's still hard to get used to planes zipping around and not making any sound but sound or not, these new electrics with the brushless motors really get around with no problems. Both these planes lifted off the water with out hesitation and the little multiplex plane handled the floats just fine. The Slowstick just needed stiffer wings, it sure didn't lack for power. One of the great things about these float flies is you get to meet people from all over, all with different interests. This year the Riverside club won't be hosting the float fly at Lake Perris. Which leaves an opening for us.



Doug Orabona showed up with this Lanier 40. seaplanes are really nice models. Everything seems to be top notch about the way they are put together. Both the 40 and the 120 got up on step quickly and lifted off without struggle. If I were looking for a new seaplane I would definitely look at the Lanier planes. Of course I just like having new planes to fly.

The Lanier



This is my seaplane on the left. I got it from Chris Hickok and he got it from someone else or as a raffle prize, I don't remember which. It was really nice until the tail end picked up some moisture and got kind of heavy, after a porposing take off I struggled to keep it airborne and could tell it was tail heavy so I landed it and put it away for the day. I think it's time to recover it and make sure it stays dry inside next time. It's really scary to fly a plane that has suddenly doubled its tail weight.

Tom Bright was also with us at the lake but I can't seem to find a picture of his little float plane. It's a cute little kit plane with home made floats and it was just zipping around the sky doing all kinds of stunts. Tom is another one of our members who always attends

our events, even if it means spending half the event sitting at a frequency board at the Pomona field so everyone else can fly without a radio conflict. Tom was our club president for five years or so. He was also the club instructor when I first came into the club. He needed a break from those duties for awhile and I don't blame him. It is a taxing job to be at the field every week with the club trainer and no one should have to do it without help. The nice thing is now that Tom has had a break from training I watched him, this last week or so, helping a new flyer learn to fly.



I like the last picture with the plane reflecting off the water. It gives you a pretty good idea about how calm the water was in the morning. I'll see y'all next week at the field.

That's it for this report. Those of us who were there had a great time, those who weren't there were missed. I'm hoping some of our members made it to Gilman Springs for the trainer races. I think the weather may have been clearer at that field than at Prado Park but I don't think there were P-38's doing fly bys.

We had a crew show up for the sprinkler pipe installation and it's all in, now all we have to do is get the manifold in and get some grass planted and we'll have a nice grassy picnic area. If I haven't already thanked them I want to thank **Lee Silvester, Terry Talkington, Floyd Phillips, Rick Bass, Jim Wilson and Lee's friend Larry. Floyd Phillips** has offered to install the manifold for the sprinkler valves and then we'll need to have a grass planting party. If anyone remembers to bring one we need to get some rakes to the field in order to get everything leveled off. I'll get a roller out there and a tractor so we can grade the runway area again. Watch your mail box for my next call for volunteers for another work party. Harry

New member(s): Alejandro Estrella, Larry D. Hodge and Carlyle McDunnah, let's give them a warm welcome aboard.

Soloed Pilot(s): None this month.

Model of the Month: None this month.

Raffle: Magnum .61 XL Won by Mr. Herbert Hanss, In the April meeting, what a nice going away gift, as this was the last meeting that Herbert would be attending as he is moving away, and Rick Bass won the Electrofly flat-out Zero in the May meeting.

Meeting ended: 09:45

Hints and Tips: Nothing new this month.

Product Review: None this month.

For sale/Wanted:



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



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.



Byron KFIR - C2

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

Price reduction, all this for \$800.00 Plus shipping.

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

Next meeting will be on **Sunday, June 10th**, 0900 at the club field

L8r's Richard D.

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