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LVSC Newsletter



Las Vegas Soaring Club

January 2010

The next regular meeting of the LVSC is at 9:30AM on Saturday, January 9th, 2010!

Happy new year to all. From Frank and all the newsroom elves & helpers.



President's comments:

Dave High
President

Hi everyone,

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a great Hanukkah. The day was an awesome day for flying. Very little breeze, a bit chilly, but it was beautiful. I was able to fly my brand new Walkera CB100 heli at the field. Flies great in my living room, but even better at the field (but it is great for tormenting my dog)! :-). Thank you Santa!

Couple of things for the New Year: - this is sort of a long email but pretty important, so please take the time to read it.

1. We will have a club meeting on 1/9. We will also be having a swap meet so plan for about 20 minutes for **the meeting at 9:30**, and flying/swap meet after. PLEASE NOTE - This is a time change for the meeting - normally we have the meeting at 10:00 but this way we can meet up, get the club business over, and fly/swap. If it is cold, I will bring my propane heater and we can circle around it.

2. GATE CODE CHANGE - Normally we wait till February to change the lock code on the gate, however, AMA renewals are due 12/31 for 2010 so this year, we change the code on 1/9/2010. The reason for this change is that after 12/31, if you have not renewed your AMA, then you do not have insurance. (That is why we require members to be AMA members) Therefore by 1/9 you are REQUIRED to have renewed your AMA AND your LVSC membership - otherwise you cannot fly at the field until you renew. This change simply makes sense for the security of the club. So please plan to renew AMA and LVSC on or before 1/9/2010. If you RENEW AMA, but have not received your card, we can validate your renewal on the AMA site. If you are a NEW AMA member, you MUST show either Doug, Frank or Dave your receipt or card for 2010 to be allowed access to the field after 1/9. I will be updating the email list for current members as of 1/9 and will send out the gate code at that time so if you have not renewed, you will no longer receive emails from the club email list. If you attend the meeting on 1/9 but have not renewed, you will be asked to step away when we give out the gate code.

3. Membership cards - I have membership cards for the local members who have renewed already and will bring them to the field each week. Anyone who renews prior to 1/8 will have a membership card at the field on 1/9. If you renew AFTER 1/9, I will be making cards in batches therefore you may have to wait up to a month for a new card.

4. Gun Club Presentation - Originally I had planned to present to the Gun Club on the "What does the Soaring Club Do" on January 5th. I postponed it to February due to our change to quarterly meetings. So the first Tuesday in February some of us will head over there in the evening to give them a presentation on what it is to fly R/C. We will talk about it more at the meeting on 1/9.

5. We need to figure out a way to secure the winch equipment at the field. John Wynn has been an awesome quartermaster but asking him to be at the field every Wednesday and Saturday is going above and beyond. When he is not available it is getting harder and harder to find members willing to take the equipment. Also, most flying clubs have the ability to store gear at the field. Yes, I know, things get stolen, but most flying fields are at remote locations with no security so some sort of a very small building/container with a lock seems to be possible. Not a simple padlock, but something that you cant break into with bolt cutters needs to be figured out. I am doing some research on it, but would love to have some other ideas on what we can do. We dont need a huge storage container, rather we need something small enough to not be glaringly obvious, that we can perhaps cover with a dirt "bunker" only

showing the door that is just big enough for the winch gear and perhaps a small generator. Maybe building something small with cinder blocks and figuring out a very secure door? Please don't reply in email telling me why we cant do this, lets try to think about how we can do this and discuss ideas for securing it at the meeting.

I think that about does it. 2009 was a challenging year for many of us. According to the news (ha ha) things are turning around so lets plan for a much better 2010. The club is strong, we have some great members, are in a good financial position and the carpet is in great shape after over a year of use. What else can we ask for besides calm winds, good thermals and sunny skies?

Thanks! and Happy Flying. See you all at the field!

Dave, President - LVSC - 2010.



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<http://www.silentflight.org>

The following link shows a super easy and correct method of installing CA Hinges from a RC Universe article. There is a short video included.

http://www.rcuniverse.com/magazine/article_display.cfm?article_id=1180

There were a few club members flying today (12-27), which happened to be the LAST Saturday of the year! Some were even flying their new Christmas gifts.

Swap Meet: The swap/trade/buy/sell event will be held on the second Saturday of January - 1/9/2010. Our January club meeting will also be held that day. Pres. Dave High will have several interesting items to discuss including (Dave's post here).

The swap meet will be a club function but will be open to any of your friends looking for modeling 'goodies'. We will have a couple of folding tables probably loaded with airplane stuff. If you have a folding table and can bring it please do.

I have been cleaning out my workbench, drawers, closets, etc. and found way too many good items I'll probably never use again so I'm bringing them along. New Li-Po batteries, used speed controls, sailplane models, 3-D kits, partial rolls of Monocote and so on.

I hope the weather cooperates as I think the swap meet will give everyone a chance to increase or decrease their supply of modeling "stuff".

Ray DiNoble
LVSC

Contest Saturday.

Good contest on December 19th with 7 participants and the following results:

1ST	Ray DiNoble	1044 points
2ND	Tod Anderson	822 points
3RD	Mike Dantonio	733 points
4TH	Mac Crockett	726 points
5TH	John Wynn	707 points
6TH	Tibor Marton	627 points
7TH	Geary Keilman	413 points* *

Gary only flew 3 flights because of mechanical problems. Congratulations to all who flew today and lets have a good turn out for the first contest of 2010. I'm sure Ray will have a good and interesting contest for us in January.

Mac Crockett

LVSC meeting minutes: Frank Drake - Secretary
The next QUARTERLY meeting is on January 9th, 2010.
Submitted by Frank Drake, Secretary



From the Editor's Desk:
Frank Drake

At the flying field.....

Happy new year!! **WHAT??** Where did 2009 go? I know that things are supposed to happen fast when you're having fun, but I am not sure I had THAT much fun. Well, flying **has** been great fun. I've met many great members and the club is still growing. We now have 26 PAID members with another three on the "taxiway" to becoming members. We are well ahead of the growth we had at the end of 2008.

The great thing I see is that we are getting YOUNG members as well. The LIFE BLOOD for any club is to instill the fun aspect of any hobby to the kids. In this day and age of computer games and activities, doing that takes a lot of work. It may not seem like work but it doesn't happen accidentally! We have to show **that** the time spent with us and the flying we do is WORTH their time over the time they spend on their computers WITHOUT leaving home. Seeing how many new members we have, NOT just renewals; tells me we are doing **that** something right! I know it is the friendliness at the field and the warmth we give to everyone we meet there. I have watched as everyone greets the people who visit and those who come to fly for the first time.

I know it was like that when I was new here and THAT made me want to come back. **Therein lies the key!** We have to make the visitor WANT to come back and be happy to tell others they are ONE OF US! When we do that we guarantee growth. That is one of the reasons I do the newsletter. I am proud to tell others about the kind of people I associate with at our flying field. I see another great year ahead and YOU guys are why. Thanks for letting me be part of it.

Until next month, fly safe and land happy.

Frank

Newsletter deadline for the February issue is Feb 6th, send submissions to: sirdrakejr@AOL.com



LVSC Field Safety Officer
Marco Barajas

Respecting Boundaries-

I'm not talking about cuddling up to Dave on the flight line, although I think he might have something to say about it if you did. I'm talking about understanding and respecting the flying boundary lines that have been established by our club and that wonderful organization we pay dues to, Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). Over the past several weeks several members have raised concerns about models being piloted over Hwy. 160, just south of the field. After reading the latest article in "Model Aviation" Magazine, I can say that I have a greater respect for the guys that catch thermals and fly their gliders with minimal power or no power at all for long periods of time. I am aware of the fact that the best thermals are found over heated surfaces like an asphalt highway. We cannot, however, overlook the rules that have been laid out for our own good. The field use and AMA regulations state the following:

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"NO flying over pits, cars, or Route 160 to the south."

"In addition to the Local Field Rules listed here, all flyers are to be familiar with the AMA Safety rules, and follow them."

AMA

" 1) All pilots shall avoid flying models over unprotected people"

" 3) At all flying sites a safety line or lines must be established, in front of which all flying takes place...Intentional flying behind the safety line is prohibited."

The boundary line established by our field is just south of the winch and north of the parking area. Everyone north of that invisible line should be associated with flying an aircraft or accompanied by a club member. Observation should be kept strictly to the parking area.

Have fun and I'll see you at the field!

Marco



Treasurer's Report

Doug Bush
Treasurer 2010

This is my first report and is the last one for 2009. We ended the year with the checking account balance higher than we started. This means for 2009 the club took in more than we spent. On 12/17/09 I reconciled the account with the bank's statement dated 11/30/09. Our income for 2009 came from 2009 Dues, 2010 Dues, Donations & Name tags (Money market interest not shown in check book). Our expenses for 2009 are grouped under Field Improvements, Winch, Reacquiring Annual Fees: AMA, PO Box etc. & Miscellaneous. If anyone has any questions about this report please contact me at the field or phone 702-580-9937. "E" to: cdbush@cox.net or mail to Doug Bush 2719 Chokecherry Ave. Henderson, NV 98074.

Doug Bush
LVSC Treasurer



Doug & Bill round up Doug's "re-kit"



And Doug is STILL a happy flier!



Lunch time!! The one person who is sure of what he is doing. :)



The flying field BEFORE anyone shows up! Actually this WAS a Saturday morning, Dec 12th at 8:45AM !

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