

CLEARLAKE MODELERS CLUB

AMA Club #1275

NEWSLETTER – February 2018

Next meeting – Friday March 2, 2018

First Baptist Church in Clearlake 7:00 PM

14500 Pearl Avenue in Clearlake (at the corner of Pearl and Mullen)

Clearlake Modelers on the Web at <http://www.clearlakemodelers.com>

<p>In This Issue:</p> <p>Minutes President's Flap Meeting Pictures At the Field Tech Note</p>	<p align="center">Clearlake Modelers Club Meeting – February 2, 2018 First Baptist Church, Clearlake</p> <p>Club officers present: Vice President Andreas Muller, Secretary Dennis Locke. Not present: President Michael Dolan, Treasurer Scott Drew The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Vice President Andreas Muller.</p> <p>GUESTS None.</p>
<p>For club dues and other club business use:</p> <p>CLEARLAKE MODELERS P.O. BOX 1693 CLEARLAKE, CA 95422</p>	<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS Steve Abel from Clearlake Oaks has joined the club.</p> <p>Tom Inderkum announced that Hobbico (Tower Hobbies, Great Planes, other brands) has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. They are planning to sell the company and continue operating through the bankruptcy.</p>
<p>ALWAYS USE GOOD FIRE SAFETY PRATICES</p> <p>We have fire safety equipment at the field. Remember to unlock the cabinet so it is ready to use.</p>	<p>PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES The January meeting minutes were approved as published.</p> <p>TREASURER'S REPORT Andreas Muller gave the Treasurer's report for Scott Drew, all outstanding bills have been paid.</p> <p>CLUB BUSINESS</p>
<p>As of this issue all members will receive their newsletter by E-mail. Thanks to those who recently gave up their hard copy. It helps the cash flow and the workload.</p>	<p>Andreas said that David Andersen has not yet renewed his club membership and that the club will consider other weather station options for the flying field.</p> <p>Doug Bradford gave an update on the project to resurface the tables at the flying field. He asked to schedule a work party for Tuesday February 6 to finish up.</p> <p>(Continued on page 2)</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Club Officers for 2018</p> <p>PRESIDENT Michael Dolan mndolan@sbcglobal.net</p> <p>VICE PRESIDENT Andreas Muller andreasario@mac.com</p> <p>SECRETARY Dennis Locke dlocke@sbcglobal.net</p> <p>TREASURER Scott Drew swdrew@att.net</p> <p>SAFETY COORDINATORS Don Wicks, Safety Officer dkwicks@att.com Fred Constantine fredconstantine18@gmail.com Scott Drew swdrew@att.net</p> <p>HISTORIAN Tom Overton toverton@sonic.net</p> <p>NEWSLETTER EDITOR Fred Constantine fredconstantine18@gmail.com</p> <p>WEBMASTER Mike Giancaspro gian.mike@hotmail.com</p> <p>FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS Paul Biehler pjb@pacific.net Scott Drew swdrew@att.net Richard Bachman bachmanr2009@gmail.com</p>	<p>Minutes (cont. from page 1)</p> <p>Andreas reviewed proposed changes to the configuration of the main runway and pilot's area to allow for mixed use of powered and glider aircraft.</p> <p>Jon Pettus said that he would like to start weed spaying at the flying field sometime within the next 30 days. A motion to fund \$200 to get started was approved.</p> <p>SHOW & TELL Andreas showed a parallel battery charging board that allows charging of up to four LiPo batteries on one charger port.</p> <p>Andreas showed his new FrSKY Horus X10 transmitter.</p> <p>Andy Bandy showed his newly acquired three-meter winch-launched sailplane, designed and built by Mark Triebes.</p> <p>Tom Overton showed a hollow core molded sailplane, available from HobbyKing for \$299.</p> <p>MOVIE TIME Tom Inderkum showed part 2 of a video of Shuttleworth, a collection of vintage aircraft and automobiles at the Old Warden Aerodrome in Bedfordshire, England.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Dennis Locke Secretary</p>
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President's Flap March 2018

Dear Modelers.

Excuse me if I ramble a bit, but I'll admit, I'm off my game and I have waited 'till the last minute to write this "Flap" and get it to Fred. Thankfully I had the support of our VP, Andreas, to lead the last meeting. Furthermore, I also usually have the benefit of having a board meeting the week before our club meeting, but this time we had to put it off until after the newsletter deadline, so the fresh material that is always supplied by the meeting of the board is not there. Between the current cold spell and the fact that I've had some personal down time, there is not a lot in the way of hot topics on my plate.

The one consuming modeling activity I have been involved with is the assembly of a large (80+" B-25 ARF from Hangar 9. In this case ARF cannot possibly stand for 'almost ready to fly', as the instruction booklet is 75 pages long! I'm hoping some of you will be similarly involved this winter with building projects and can bring them to show-and-tell. I intend to have the B-25 at the March 2nd meeting!

In the meantime, as spring approaches, get ready for more fun and games out at the field. We will be clearing out the sheds, prepping the field, extending the pits, accommodating the glider pilots with new approach and landing zones, repairing the roller and doing whatever else needs to be done in the way of maintenance and improvements. And, of course, flying!

Furthermore, if you have any ideas about reaching out to the community this year please don't be shy about bringing them up. I would like us to be expanding our outreach to schools, in particular. If you know of a group, school, or individual who might be interested in learning and flying RC, let's see if we can make it happen. I suspect there are quite a few more pilots and potential members out there.

Thank you one and all for your support and friendship. See you at the meeting, I hope.

Happy flights!
Michael

Meeting Pictures



Andy brought his new 3 meter sailplane. Iridescent green should be highly visible! (photo by Dennis Locke)



Tom brought his new sailplane. Unique with it's hollow core construction. (photo by Dennis Locke)

At the Field



Here is Jack with his newly completed flying wing. It was partially completed by Michael Dolan and Jack won it at the Christmas Party raffle. (photo by Dee Tatum)



Table Resurface Project - Illmars and Richard attach flashing to keep water from further damaging the wood. (photo by Tom Inderkum)



Table Resurface Project - Andy and Don cut and fit the flashing. (photo by Tom Inderkum)



Table Resurface Project - Doug and Tom cut the Hardi-board. (photo by Tom Inderkum)



Table Resurface Project - Andy and Richard apply adhesive while Don works the trowel. (photo by Tom Inderkum)



Table Resurface Project - With the new tops glued down Illmars and Richard prepare for a glider flight. Did you notice the mid-winter T-shirt weather! (photo by Tom Inderkum)

Tech Note

Michael Dolan has forwarded some useful information on the cause and concerns of **puffed LiPo** batteries. Check out the following website: <http://learningrc.com/puffed-lipos/>