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MINUTES OF THE MEETING/BREAKFAST: MARCH 2026

First up, a delicious breakfast served up by President Mark Carlson, Treasurer Bill Korn, and Griddle Master Jimmy Corcoran. Pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice started the daylight savings time “spring forward” meeting.

President Mark Carlson opens the meeting with the American flag at half-staff and a moment of silence in honor of our brother Steven Bircher who is no longer physically with us, but we feel his presence in spirit. He held many roles in the club: author of the newsletter and Minuteman, detailing the events of each monthly meeting, as well as manning the Giant Scale event registration table, to name only a few of his roles as a distinguished club member. As remarked by many in attendance, his shoes will be so hard to fill. For those who wish to attend his services, they will be held on March 21 at St. Louis de Monfort on Clark Ave. in Orcutt, Rosary at 10:00 a.m., funeral Mass at 10:30, with reception to follow in the Parish hall.



TVRC is hosting a float fly at Lake San Antonio on March 14. Mark's wife and he will kick off the day with homemade egg McMuffins and later a Maine-style shrimp boil dinner with all the fixings, vegetables all served up on the table on butcher paper. Yum! The weather is supposed to be spectacular, so don't miss out.

Jimmy Corcoran has requested all members' email addresses so they can be placed into the database of the website. Bill Korn is working on streamlining our website in order to hand off the newsletter duties to Dave Cogley. Chuck Barnes took the floor as our AMA ambassador and reports he has renewed our charter member names into their database. He noted that some of our members have donated generously, which he and we are all extremely grateful for. And we are grateful for his work as well!

Jody McCoy has recruited Dave Cogley as newsletter author and Craig Barnett as the secretary taking minutes of club meetings, and Rod Gibbs will handle Giant Scale event registration table. Jody also has set up a field workday on March 28th. Please attend that day. We may have several yards of wood mulch to lay down in the parking lot. He has also began building a Balsa USA Sopwith Camel to be raffled at the next Giant Scale event. What a craftsman. It will be beautiful. He estimates the total cost will be 1K, and at the end of the day from generous donations, we think we have about \$600 towards the goal. It will be the Giant Scale raffle plane, so the club will benefit greatly. He also outlined that we must stay within the boundaries of the field when flying. Please do not fly across the street of Hetrick Road.

Safety officer Mike Noble has also given direction as to how many planes or helicopters are allowed to be in the air. A total of four planes at one time should fly pattern conforming to the prevailing wind direction. As far as helicopters, he's working on concrete pads that will be poured at the west and east ends of the field so two helis can go up at once. Of course, we will test this arrangement to make sure everyone is safe.

It was noted by El Hefe that the ladies' raffle at the Giant Scale event is hugely popular, so put together a basket that can be raffled off. Those ladies still love us.

It is reported that our bank account is doing pretty good at 17k

Then we had the 50/50 drawing. Rod Gibbs drew the winning ticket and Barry won, to which he threw his winnings back to the club! Excellent!

For the raffle plane today, Jim McKean had a Flex Innovations Mamba. Jimmy Corcoran drew the ticket. Jim McKean won it and sold it to Jody. We look forward to the maiden!

Jody announced that we have a new trainer and radio coming for buddy boxing. We need to get the kids involved to keep this hobby going, and here we have it.

Dave Cogley and Mike Noble have partnered to get a buddy box helicopter going. More to come on that.



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