



# Channel Islands Condors June, 2007



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**Next meeting: Wednesday, June 6, @ 7:PM @ Camarillo Airport in the Educational Service Center Building, 570 Airport Way**



The 19<sup>th</sup> annual Gathering of the Giants on April 28 & 29 was a Giant success. There were 50 pilots and around 80 planes that ranged from Piper Cubs to big C-130 4 engine electrics that participated in the event. Weather was good and the wind cooperated with us.

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Newsletter articles or pictures should be sent in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. "For Sale" ads will run for two months.

For membership info call Bill Shatz @818-340-2180.

**Regular Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Camarillo Airport in the Educational Service Center Building, 570 Airport Way. Off Los Poses Road. The July, August and Sept. meetings are held at the Condor's field where we usually have fun-fly's and night flying.**

## President's Message

The Gathering of the Giants was a great success and I hope that everyone that went had as good a time as I did. I received many complements on the quality of our field and the great time that they had flying and visiting us. What a great way to share our love of flying with others. The event went smoothly and everyone that helped I say



Thanks! Chris and his crew did a great job with the food. Everyone loved the tri-tip on Saturday, and the hamburgers were very good on Sunday. Bill, Dave and Harry did an outstanding job of registration. The flight line was manned by Chuck, Jack and Ken. Mark and Mike sold hats and shirts. Chris did a great job announcing. Bill and Frank started each day with a flight of their 'big birds'. Gene, Wesley, Nate, Darryl and Javier got the field and building in great shape. To all that I missed: I THANK YOU.

I just returned from an Electric Fun Fly in San Diego. It was a well attended event and everyone who was there had a great time. The event had a number of Condor flyers from our club and we all flew every day and represented our club well. Every time I visit another club I think about how good we have it at our own flying field. I still think that the Condor flying site is one of the best sites that I have every flown from. We have a great facility and a good group of members. The San Diego club had a good turn out of members helping to make the event a success. With this said, Andy Portman will need help from us in making our IMAC event in July just as successful. Please let Andy know that we are behind him and see what you can do to help him out with the upcoming contest.

We need to remember that there should be no alcoholic drinks consumed at the field. A couple of trash cans on the flight line had a two or three empty six-packs in them. This has not reoccurred since then and I hope not to see it happen again. No Drinking while flying or while visiting the field.

June will be the last month at the Cowman Center. July, August and September meeting will be at the field and night flying will be the order of business.

See you all at the next meeting!

Happy Flying  
[aeronca@roadrunner.com](mailto:aeronca@roadrunner.com)

*John O'Brien*

## **Vice President's Message**

We had a good turnout at the May meeting, at which I sold almost all the Condor hats (only 3 left) \$10. Still have your Condor shirts (all sizes available) \$20. If you want one, simply Email me at [msema@att.net](mailto:msema@att.net) and I can deliver it to the field any day. Thanks again to Nate for exposing some of our great membership, as they briefly spoke of their flying experiences, these members where indeed courageous and had an exciting past. June speaker will be Steve Johnson from Batteries Plus, who will be talking a little on Li Poly safety. This meeting is a must if you have not yet purchased your DX7 Spectrum Radio raffle ticket, I predict we will have sold enough tickets to announce the lucky winner! See you there.

*Mark Sesma*

## **CHANNEL ISLANDS CONDORS**

CIC Meeting May 2, 2007

From: J T Nemit

John O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM with 45 members being present.

### **New Members and Guests**

Ed Sutton retired USAF.

The Messianic Temple donated 60 chairs for the field.

Thanks Ed!

### **Old and New Business**

Treasurer reports that the club has 240 paid members with 9 honorary members.

This years Gathering of the Giants was an outstanding success with 50 pilots and over twice that many aircraft. The food and weather was outstanding and a good time was had by all that participated. Many thanks to all the members who pitched in to make this an outstanding event. Special thanks to Chris Brashears for the two days of cooking.

All members were reminded that the speed limit for the entry road is 20 mph. We need to keep the speed down for safety as well as keeping the road in good shape for the year.

The BOD recognized Gene Norman with a lifetime membership for his tireless contribution to the club and particularly the facility upkeep and improvements.

The club now has a large vice mounted near the fence for field maintenance, motor testing and fixing bent landing gear, an all too familiar activity.

Our speaker this month was Nate Rambo. He introduced the many outstanding members in the club who each then presented a brief on their experiences in aviation.

- Phil Watt described his career in the Navy flying over 200 combat missions in an A-4 Shyhawk. Phil filled us in on what it took to deliver ordinance without the help of all of today's advanced electronics.
- Ed Hotelling also a Navy A-4 pilot.
- Tony Brown many years of building and flying Ultralights as well as full size civil aircraft.
- John O'Brien soloed at 16.
- Gene Norman started working at Oxnard airport at 16 and soloed in the same year. Also owned and flew a midget racer.
- Ray Cannon flew a seaplane in the 50's doing ASW as well as ocean surveillance.
- Chris Spangenberg described his experience building the Scout Homebuilt as well as experience in the service learning to fly helicopters.
- Barry Dallwig born and raised around airports and with guidance from his mother, a former WASP, maintained a successful career in aviation even after suffering severe injuries in an airplane crash.
- Nate Rambo with a long time career in aviation design including, time with the NACA.

Don't forget IMAC is coming upon us quickly as a June event.

## **SHOW AND TELL**

John O'Brien presented the A123 batteries that he purchased on the Internet as a tool battery pack that is now converted to RC use. More robust and somewhat heavier than Lipo's with the advantage of a 15 minute quick charge.

Darryle Bergstrom presented his highly modified Sr. Telemaster, which has leading edge slats and is suitable for STOL. Powered by a G-23 the aircraft weight is a mere 15 pounds.

## SHOW & TELL PHOTOS

Gene Norman presented his ME260 twin ducted fan jet. Aircraft is powered by two inrunners with overall power input of over 200 watts and a weight of 27 ounces.

### **Special Raffle:**

Due to the popularity of this type of Raffle, the club initiated the special raffle again in April. Will you be the luck winner of the new generation RC unit at the June meeting?

#### Raffle Results:

Mark Sesma- Ball wrenches, thread lock, plane stand  
Steve Probert- Fuel, flow mix epoxy  
Richard Hodgson- Fuel, foam rubber, foam CA  
Gene Norman- DVT, plasti-coat  
Bob Simmons- Big Stick, Zap, Zap kicker  
Max Dally- Free flight plane  
Mike Bruegger- Bi-plane  
Crystal Morgan- B-25 Model  
Harry Sanchez- Pushrod connectors

*Jeff Nemit*

### **GUEST SPEAKERS for the night**

Nathan Rambo introduced several of our club members that gave a thumbnail review of their experiences about flying full size airplanes. Those members were Phil Watt, Tony Brown, Gene Norman, Ray Cannon, Chris Spangenberg, John O'brian, and Barry Dallwig

John O'brian gave a discussion about A123 batteries for drill motors that can be used for electric planes.



Darryl Bergstrom with Sr. Telemaster



Gene Norman with his electric ME 260



# Safety

## NEWS from CPSC

# U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Office of Information and  
Public Affairs

Washington, DC 20207

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**Firm's Recall Hotline: (800)  
576-5811**

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638-2772

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## Estes-Cox Radio Control Airplanes with Lithium Polymer Batteries Recalled for Fire Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, has announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of product:** Radio Control Model Airplanes (Models 4153 and 4161) with Lithium Polymer Batteries

**Units:** About 66,000

**Distributor:** Estes-Cox Corp., of Penrose, Colo.

**Hazard:** The airplanes can overheat while recharging the battery, posing a fire hazard.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Estes-Cox has received nine reports of overheating, including one report of a plane catching fire and resulting in a minor burn injury.

**Description:** This recall involves Sky Squadron Model 4153 (sold at RadioShack) and Sky Rangers Model 4161 (sold at Wal-Mart) radio controlled airplanes with rechargeable lithium batteries. The airplanes have a wingspan of about 18- to 20-inches and a polystyrene foam fuselage. Model 4153 is a blue Corsair single engine airplane with a Number 15 decal and a black and blue transmitter/charger. Model 4161 is a red twin

engine plane with an all-black transmitter/charger. The model numbers are on the box and instructions.

**Sold at:** RadioShack stores nationwide sold the Sky Squadron Airplane from December 2006 through February 2007 for about \$35. Wal-Mart stores nationwide sold the Sky Ranger Airplane from January 2007 through February 2007 for about \$30.

**Manufactured in:** China

**Remedy:** Consumers with the recalled airplanes should stop using them immediately and contact Estes-Cox for instructions on returning the airplane for a replacement product.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact Estes-Cox at (800) 576-5811 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. MT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.estesrockets.com](http://www.estesrockets.com)



The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$700 billion annually. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard or can injure children. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette

lighters, and household chemicals - contributed significantly to the 30 percent decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at [www.cpsc.gov/talk.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html). To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to [www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.asp](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.asp). Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

### **Note:**

Be sure to sign in at the field. There are a number of people not signing in for unknown reasons.

**Everyone** - and that includes guests and visitors to the field - and flyers with 2.4 GHz radios needs to sign in.

### **Random Pix**

Mike Pontelle's latest creation.



### **Comments to the Editor:**

From Nathan Rambo.

A number of months back I bent my 35% Extra 300. The picture below shows the pieces that I saved to make a later decision on whether or not to repair the model. Regrettably the DA 100 engine was in similar size pieces. Do you think I should glue the whole business back together?

*Nately*



Well Nately,

That depends on how much time you have left and how you like puzzles!!

If you start the re-construction process now, maybe you could finish it up in 10 years. ☺ ☺ ☺

I've crashed my share of airplanes and reconstructed them with pretty good results but they never fly the same (and some actually fly better). The penalty you pay is how much Time, Energy, Glue and materials you want to put into the project.

*Ron.*

### **FOR SALE**

1) **WILDHARE 25% EDGE 540T** READY TO FLY INCLUDING: OS 160FX ENGINE WITH PITTS STYLE MUFFLER, HITEC, HS 5645 SERVOS ON ALL SURFACES, HITEC HS 5945 SERVO ON RUDDER. HAS FROMECO 2400MAH LITHIUM-ION BATTERY, JR 7 CHANNEL RECEIVER, TRU-TURN SPINNER, HARDLY USED - IN AS NEW CONDITION.

NEW COST APPROX- \$1100

**WILL SELL \$650**

2) **30% EXTRA 330S ARF BY PERFORMANCE UNLIMITED AIRCRAFT** (PREVIOUSLY BME AIRCRAFT) BRAND NEW IN BOX. INCLUDES ALUMINIUM SPINNER.

NEW COST = \$620 PLUS TAX & SHIPPING

**WILL SELL-\$535**

CONTACT STEVE DAVIS ON 805 298 6192

If you would like to list something, Call or E-Mail me before the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month at the following:  
[RONSCOTT@DSLEXTREME.com](mailto:RONSCOTT@DSLEXTREME.com) or 805-522-5455

## **WANTED**

### **Webmaster for our Club website**

[WWW.CICONDORS.COM](http://WWW.CICONDORS.COM)

We need a person that can take over or redesign our website. Our present webmaster has dropped out of contact and we cannot find him.

Please contact Chris Brashears @ 805-647-3513 or John O'Brien 818-991-2139 for further information.

## **Giant Scale Event Photos**

Photos provided by Rich Cox, Mark Sesma, John Gonzales and myself. Thank you all!





An unfortunate accident (this is a good reminder to check your flight pack batteries before you fly).



The last act for this squirrel!



Funnies of the month



# SANTA BARBARA RADIO CONTROL MODELERS

## 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CACHUMA LAKE FLOAT FLY

**8-9-10 JUNE 2007**



**Camping under the Oaks at the usual spot next to Mohawk Shores**

**Lot's of good Raffle Prizes**

**AMA Membership and current card required**

**Narrow Band Radios only**

**Float Fly Fees - \$ 20 for all 3 days**      **Fly 9 AM – Dusk on Friday**  
- \$ 15 for 2 days      **Fly 8 AM – Dusk on Saturday**  
- \$ 10 for Sunday only      **Fly 8 AM – 2 PM on Sunday**  
(Plus Cachuma County Park Admission)      **No Preregistration**

**RV Hookups are available in the park**

**BBQ Lunch Saturday and Sunday \$8.00**

**Contact CD Lloyd Gibbs For information:**  
**805 688-4855 or E-mail [RCNut@BigPlanet.com](mailto:RCNut@BigPlanet.com)**



## COMING EVENTS

- June** 2-3- IMAC @ Oakdale  
3- Electric Fun Fly & Glowpower  $\leq .15''$ . + BBQ @  
Comets Field. Club members only.  
8-10 Float Fly - Lake Cachuma – Santa Barbara R/C  
Modelers  
10 Giant Scale Fun Fly – Valley Flyers  
10 Slope Racing @ Cajon Pass ([www.socalsloperacing.com/](http://www.socalsloperacing.com/))  
17 Fathers day  
23 Quaker Fun Fly – Comets – Lake Casitas  
24 Fun Fly, BBQ & Swap Meet @ Simi Valley Flyers  
23-24 Q40/Q500 Pylon rasing – Western Championship–  
Valley Flyers

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