

PCC NEWSLETTER

PENINSULA CHANNEL COMMANDERS INC.



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Next Meeting:

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WHAT'S HAPPENING @PCC



The rain is finally here!! It's the perfect building weekend! Break out the floatplanes!

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Dennis Lowry

January 15, 2014

Call to Order: By Mike Solaegui, the PCC President.

Tickets were sold @ \$30 each by Ray Squires for the Annual Holiday Banquet at Harry's in Redwood City. The Big, big prize this year is a QX Quad Copter with a bunch of SQ minis as the Not So Big, big prizes behind.

Guests: None.

December Minutes Were Approved.

Raffle Prize: A Multiplex Park Master. Coffee and Donuts are provided from the raffle, so buy, buy, buy.

THANKS to JOHN BASSETTO and ERIC EINARSON for continuing on as Raffle Masters. It requires effort to consistently go to the store prior to meetings. Thanks Guys.

Membership Report: 96 or more.

Safety Report: No Rain in December means NO TURBINE flying until there's some rain. (The secretary predicts rain in February.)

Flight Proficiency: Rich Symmons presented Nathan March with an "A" and "B" certificate for flight proficiency. Way to go Nathan! Nathan says, "The hardest part was the barrel roll." Good going young man, keep it up.



Nathan receives his Level B Certification.

Field Report: It's in pretty good shape.

Events: No Contests

Old Business: Peter Liu will commit a space at one of his local restaurants for meetings if the club decides to do that.

New Business: A quick discussion was had regarding paving the runway. As the landlord restricts against that in our agreement, it was dismissed as not a viable option in our current location.

A Motion was made by Ray to use his old P-51 as a weather vane. Nobody objected.

New Land Search A new site would require 2 acres of runway, pit, and parking area, with 40 to 60 acres of fly-over space, and away from any housing developments.

The Holiday Party is scheduled for the Saturday, January 18. Tickets for the dinner are \$30 from Ray Squires.

The Officers are still elected for this year. (Whew!)

Hits and Misses Eric had a Tower Hobbies glow starter that sucks. Speaking of sucking, young Matt says that his turbines suck up debris from our astro turf runway. (And after the coyotes finish their business some of the debris on our runway IS disgusting.)

Sad Stories – Franciscan Hobbies is gone. They were a great bunch of guys and have donated to the Oceana High School Interim project in the past. **All Speed Hobbies** is also gone.

Show and Tell:

Steve Williams showed a quad copter he had purchased at the AMA convention in Anaheim. He allowed eager onlookers fly it after adjournment. It looks like lots of fun.



Steve flew The Proto Quad at the meeting.



That's the Proto on a normal sized hand!

Matt Abrams showed a new RTV photographic glider designed for a go-pro camera. It's relatively big in white foam and has a five to ten mile radius. It's a \$295.00 item from Range Video.Com. Matt is totally into aerial videography.





Al Alongi had a high wing beauty (an Ugly stik) with a classic .61 motor in it. Mike Nadler had given it to him, but Alonzo Richardson had built it some years back. Al had not flown it, and felt it should go back to the club, so he put it into the raffle.



Ken Adlawan brought in six or seven U-control combat planes, and apologized for using language above everyone else's heads: He was saying stuff like VooDoo, Altered Super Tigers, Bladder Tanks, 90-100 Miles Per Hour, 17 to 18 Thousand RPM's. He may be on to something here. It certainly looks like it could be fun.



Nathan March had a Cessna Corvallis. It's a nice airplane ready to go get a "C" certificate with.

Adjourned:

Roger won the classic Alonzo Richardson beauty, and Nathan won the Park Master. Perrrfect!

Ellsworth walked away with the donuts.

Minutes by Lowry.

THANKS to **BRIAN CHAN** for continuing on as editor of this great newsletter. (Thanks Brian. dl.)

Dennis

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

- 14 *Valentine's Day, don't abuse your flying privileges.*
- 17 *President's Day. Public holiday. Carpool lane enforced.*
- 19 **PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Rm, Millbrae**

March

- 9 *Daylight Saving Time begins.*
- 17 *Saint Patrick's Day, Corn Beef and Cabbage, anyone?*
- 19 **PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Rm, Millbrae**
(meeting location may change, if it is, you will be notified by email or phone call.)

April

- 5 *Tomcats Swap Meet, SCCCMAS, Morgan Hill.*
- 16 **PCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave Chetcuti Rm, Millbrae**
- 25-27 *Los Banos Sacle Funfly, SBSS, Los Banos Creek.*
- 27 *Pacific Coast Dream Machine @ HMB Airport, HMB*

PCC HOLIDAY PARTY

Ray Squire

The Holiday Party was held on **January 18th, 2014** at **Harry's Hofbrau**, Here are some photos of the event.



V.P. Rich welcomes the members and gave a state of the union address, as Pres Mike was away on business.



Ellsworth was enjoying the party, the food!

Some of the winners,



Geppetto and Dave, Winner!



The prizes, from J&M Hobby House.



Geppetto and Dennis, Winner!



The folks from J&M Hobby House, Rico and his wife, and Ian.



Steve with prize, Winner!



Nathan with his prize, and Geppetto. (Cepernich photo.)

Drawing for the Grand Prize.....



Ray, Geppetto and Mrs March, Nathan's mom. (Cepernich Photo.)

And the winner is.....



Lew won the Grand prize of the 350 QX Quad



And the 50/50 winner is Oliver!

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CLUB COLORS.

Brian Chan

I have located these patches and decals in the club procession. The water transfer decals are still good. I think there were made about 15 years ago, these are 3" in diameter. Also there are some 3" diameter cloth patches and a few larger (7.75" diameter) patches. The larger cloth patch is \$10.00 a piece, the small cloth patch is \$2.00 a piece. The water transfer decal would be 2 for \$1.00. Let me know if you are interested in getting some to put on your flying jackets. I also have some self-sticking decal, the decals are about 2, 3 and 4 inches in diameter. These are a little thicker about 0.02" thick.



Call or email me if you want some. I can mail them to you for a minimal postage or pick at the field or meetings.

RENEWAL TIME AGAIN!!

If you have not send the club dues to Greg the treasurer, you are very late in paying dues! Do it before March 1st or you will have to rejoin.

Send your money to to:

**PCC Treasurer
1779 Woodland Ave., Ste. #28
Palo Alto, CA 94303**

Or bring your AMA card and a check (or cash!) to the next PCC meeting. Dues are \$120.00 + \$25.00 if paid after February 1st!

PACIFIC COAST DREAM MACHINE

This year the event will be held on April 27, Sunday. Yes, it is back to one day only. PCC will have a booth at the usually place and volunteers are needed to man the booth and also supply models for display. Planning meeting will be held soon and both Mikes, Soleagui and Klass, will be attending the meeting to obtain more information. Rumor has it there will be some flying demonstration at the field during the day, weather permitting.

HOW TO SHRINK A B-17

*Reggie Dell Aquila
From Servo Chatter, SCCMAS.*

Scale B-17 Will Fly Soon

The work that has gone into this unique aircraft project is nothing short of AMAZING. We'll be watching for first flight and final paint scheme....

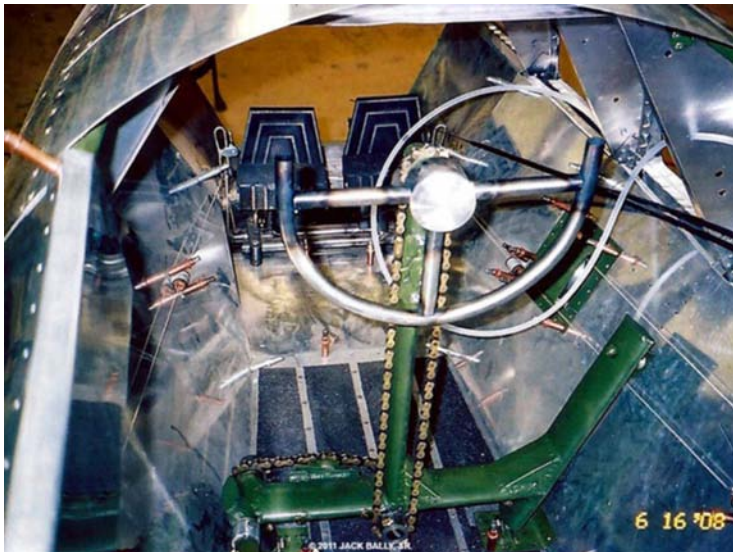
Note: This is not an RC aircraft!! This is a fully flyable, experimental aircraft with four engines, retracts, and a total of over 240 hp. This would be considered a complex category of airplane and require a special certification on your pilot's license to be allowed to fly it. It sure looks like it would be a fun one...

The project was started back in 1999 and is just now nearing completion. The airframe is all scratch built (of course) and made out of aluminum. The main gear retracts just like the real B-17, and has proven to be the most complicated part of the project.

The engines are the Hirth 3002 4-cylinder 2-stroke that usually have a reduction unit and make about 80 hp. Jack chose this engine because of its size... it was small enough to fit inside a properly scaled nacelle. However, to make it fit properly, the reduction unit is removed which will bring the power down around 60 hp each, with the engines spinning the 46.4" diameter props at about 3,300 rpm.

This project, coming to life in Dixon Illinois, has to rank as one of the most fascinating home built aircraft projects of all time. It's the kind of idea that weird people like me dream up but rarely does anyone actually follow though. With an estimated 20,000 hours of labor required to build this cute little beast, it's understandable why. With a 34 ft 7 in wingspan, estimated 1,800 pound weight and four 60 hp engines for a total of 240 hp, the Bally Bomber is just pure awesome!

*Be sure to check out the hundreds of pix from the build process along with additional info at TheBallyBomber.com
Go to <http://theballybomber.com/> for more information.*



The front office aka cockpit of the B-17!



Working on the cowling.



There is a giant in the cockpit!!



Pushing out for a photo session.

JUST ONE MORE!



The B-17 in it's hangar.



Our own Micro Henry!

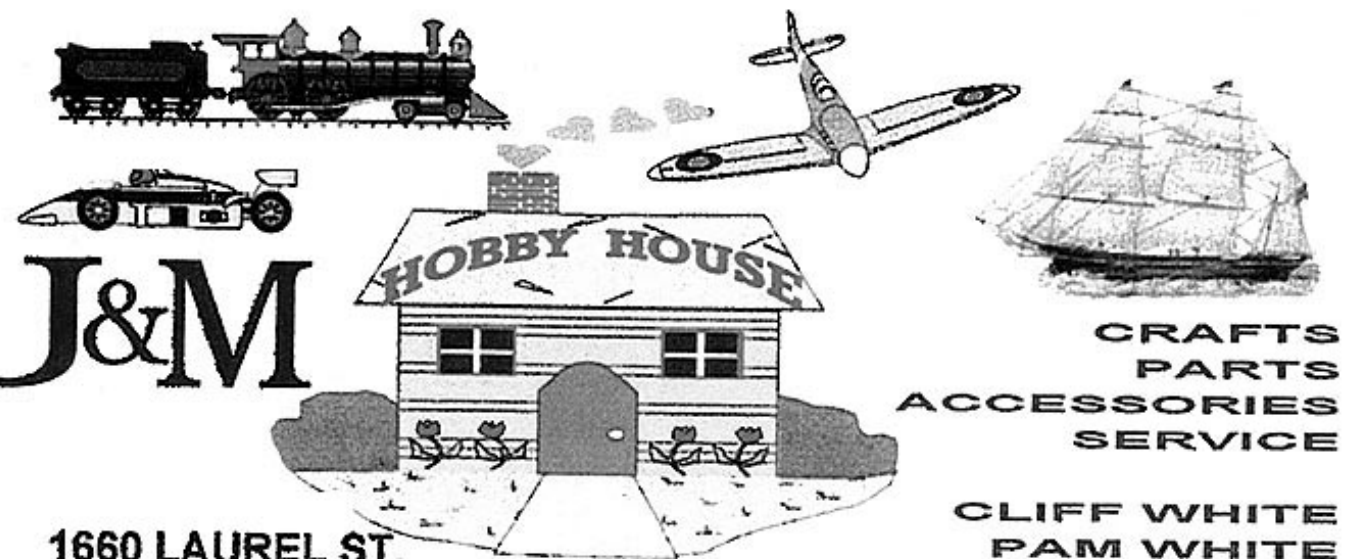




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