

- **Safety Officer: (Lance) Beware of rattlesnakes! We found one at the field under a chair on Tuesday. Always look under/around items before reaching under and be careful out in the pastures (if you happen to have a reason to be walking around out there). And please be aware of increased fire danger, the grass is drying out quickly. Shovels tend to be the most effective tool if a fire starts in the dead grass. Craig added some snakebite tips: Call 911, keep the bitten area below the level of your heart, and stay calm (to slow the spread of the venom).**
- **Newsletter: Todd is still filling in to create the newsletter.**
- **Website: Tom is keeping our website updated, don't forget to clear your browser cache if the data looks out of date. Tom also noted that several other clubs are still showing events from 2024 on their websites.**
- **Club Raffle: The offerings included a glow engine, an airplane stand, some epoxy, CA glue, a heat gun and a cheesecake (thanks to Marsha)! It all looked delicious, um, useful that is.**

8. Committee reports:

- **Events: The control-line combat event was successful, in spite of some miserable weather. There were 14 pilots on Friday and Saturday, with 11 sticking around through Sunday. Also, our county supervisor (Dan Epperson) happened to stop by and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the time he spent watching and visiting with folks. The 2025 Spring Fun Fly was also successful, with about 12 pilots participating in most of the events (including some of our junior members, who did quite well) and about 20 people coming out to watch. Thanks to everyone who helped make these events an enjoyable experience for participants and observers alike.**
- **Promoting Flying: Fred participated in the San Andreas Airport Appreciation Day and had another nice turnout for his flight simulator. The simulator seems to be a great way to generate interest in our hobby.**
- **Field Maintenance: The field was in great shape for recent events and still appears to be doing well. It will likely need another round of mowing in a couple of weeks. Thanks to everyone who helped with mowing/edging and general clean up. The port-a-potty is scheduled to be cleaned on Thursday, May 8th.**

9. Announcements / Pertinent correspondence:

- **Alan received the official notification from AMA that our field has been granted a 700 foot altitude limit (replacing the previous 400 foot limit).**

10. Discussion of old or continuing business:

- **Todd has contacted 3 separate fencing contractors regarding the installation of gates to replace our wooden stiles (stairways), but has received 0 bids thus far. He will continue to reach out to other contractors, but it seems this job may be too small to interest them. Maybe it will need to be a DIY project?**
- **Runway donations are standing at \$7,000 so far. The lowest estimate for adding 10 feet in width to the existing runway is \$18,000, so we still have a ways to go. If you are interested in donating, please contact Alan Ross, or you can give checks to Todd/Craig at the field and they will get them to Alan.**

11. Discussion of new business:

- **A discussion was held about setting a deadline for collecting donations for the runway project. It was decided to give it another month before considering an actual deadline.**
- **Fred Carter has agreed to be identified as an “Introductory Pilot” for our club. This is a special designation through AMA that allows Fred to teach a student for up to 90 days, and that student will have all of the benefits of AMA insurance without having to actually purchase coverage. Thank you, Fred!**

12. Presentation of member’s modeling projects:

- **None**

13. Dummy of the Month: **Candidates were:**

Todd – for watching the ping pong ball fall to the ground instead of keeping his eyes on the airplane while testing the ball drop system for the fun fly event. The result... the ball landed successfully and the airplane smashed into the ground, still inverted at 2/3 throttle.

Jon Teeling – for doing the same thing Todd did, but he did it during the actual event (see the photo of Jon’s plane at end of this document).

Craig – for taking his airplane out of SAFE mode and trying some 3-D moves. We don’t have a photo, but it apparently didn’t end well.

John Stoney – for crashing not 1, but 2 airplanes, back-to-back on the same day.

And the winner is... Todd, by an unusually high margin of votes!

14. Club Raffle: **Congratulations to all of the winners... Lance, Fred, Craig, Mike B., and especially Dan C. for winning the cheesecake (which most of us considered to be the Grand Prize).**

