



# News Letter

April 14, 2021

News of the field!

Saturday was Jerry's Spring Fun Fly. A great turn out on a slightly chilly day. Seemingly simple tasks resulted in more carnage than usual. Taxi collisions, pole whacking, and of course landing damage didn't stop the eventual winner – Babe Caltabiano! Scott Hudson was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Rich Josephson was 3<sup>rd</sup>. Rich also won best bomber in the damage free bomb drop task. A taco feast followed and we even had a jet turbine exhibition by Scott. Fun day.

At the same time, but in Bakersfield, Sean Mersh was flying at the 2021 "Bear Mountain Wild West Shoot-Out" (25 pilots total) and showing the Southern California guys how it is done!

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1 Sean Mersh	4000
2 Bill Wallace	3890.59
3 Jarvis Johnson	3623.39
4 James Robinson	0963.92
5 Gary Banducci	0



Next Saturday April 17 is the WBC maiden flight day. Another typically fun day. New airplanes are always interesting and there are several unique examples expected. A big turn out is expected for this event also. Remember, the field will be closed to sport flying while maiden flights are taking place.

The following week, April 24 and 25 will be the NSRCA Pattern Contest. This annual contest's date has changed from the fall. Another typically well attended event with entries from several states expected. Helpers are always welcome. If you would like to get involved contact Art Kelly or Sean Mersh.



1 week later, on Sunday May 2, will be our first Glider Gathering. Pure gliders and powered sailplanes are expected. This should also have a fairly large turn out. Slow and graceful is the theme. The field will be closed to normal, powered, sport flying all day.

Skip 2 weeks and the All Scale Contest happens May 14-16.  
1 week after that is the Agate Lake Float Fly, May 21-23.  
IMAC aerobatic contest June 5-6.  
Is this a great club or what!

It is tick season! If you feel something like a small scab in a place you don't expect one, have someone check it out for you. Ticks are sneaky and full of bad stuff that they inject into you.

The Control Line circle project has completed another phase. The circle itself is field turf and any control line plane should be able to operate on it without damage when landing. That includes combat types without wheels. We have a "pits" area that has field turf so you can string out your flying lines without being in the dirt while you get ready.



More is planned but we are taking our time so we make sure that any additions are actually improvements. Positive suggestions are welcome.

The glider runway has been extended and widened. It still needs smoothing and trimming but should eliminate some of the overshoots that happened with the original configuration. Remember to approach from the main runway, not over the pilot stations. If you need help with this – ASK!

Helicopter aerobatics are to be performed on the main runway. No flights are allowed behind the flight line - defined by the line of pilot flight stations.

Where are our instructors?

We need an accurate list of those willing to take on students. The website list seems to be out of date. If you are willing, please reply. If you don't reply your name will be moved to the top of the list. Yes, you read that right : )

Bring water with you when you come out to the field. Dehydration is not good and the weather is warming up. Safety first!

Big wind gusts today! 20' diameter dust devils! Put the chairs behind the fences, take down sun shades, protect your airplanes, etc. Wild! Conditions like this are common during the spring. Anything not protected is likely to be damaged. Garbage cans too. If you leave anything out, or set up, don't expect it to be there when you come back. Be responsible, prepare for the worst!

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