

Radio Control Flyers Unlimited

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The May 9th club meeting has been CANCELLED as well as all club May events due to the field closure.

President' Message-Shawn Lenci

First the question everyone wants answered: When is the flying site going to be open again?

Answer: We don't know. I had a text conversation with Chuck Boday, our park manager, this afternoon and asked him did he think it would happen before or after Memorial Day weekend. His exact words were;

"Not sure, we are meeting weekly to try and determine when."

Obviously this means Stanislaus County officials, county health officers, along with the Parks and Recreation management team. The decision to open will come from those meetings and not from Chuck or the Club. I am pretty sure you all will be well aware of the date when it comes as it will be well publicized in the local media. Once we have an official date I will immediately email out a notice to everyone as well as the new gate combination.

Field Work

With that said, it does not mean nothing has happened at the field since it was closed. Chuck came through for the club and had approximately 150 acres of grass mowed and green chopped on and around our flying site on April 16, 17, and 18. He did not have to do this for us as mowing the field is the club's responsibility per our lease. All the material has been cut and removed so we

should be good on fire protection for 2020. The company that cut the hay was A&K Harvesting out of Oakdale and did a fantastic job; the owners Alvin and Kevin, are a couple of great guys. I asked them if they could do down to the waterline in our float fly area and they said no problem. In 2 hours it was done. The club donated some gift cards to Faresse's Deli in Oakdale as gesture of good will. This was a very small price to pay to have all that work done so timely. Chuck also asked his supervisors for permission for a few of us to access the field for additional maintenance and they complied. Some of the weeds in the runway were 2 feet tall. We had 3 garden tractors out there mowing around the runway and parking lot, a couple of weed eaters and finally we sprayed for weed control around the pit area and on the runway. When we do get out there to fly there will be very little in the way of getting the field ready to fly.

I want to personally thank Allen Cain for bring his personal zero turn mower out to mow as well as spray equipment to spray the herbicide and pre emergent on and around the runway. Brad Clasen for bring his lawn tractor out and mowing. Greg Mariani for bring out the club's mower and mowing. Mike Stewart weed eating and spraying herbicide. Ron Lenci, for picking up the pre emergent and gift cards. If anyone else wants to come to field maintenance let me know. We could still use some weed control and blowing off the runway and pit area.

Land Lease

Our lease is up July 1, 2020. I have also been in contact with the county on that as well. Some verbiage was changed in the lease and now has to be signed off by the South San Joaquin Irrigation District and the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors. Chuck doesn't see any issues but thinks this will be taken care of in June.

I had 3 goals for 2020 when I took over the presidency. #1 was to get the field cut for fire protection. CHECK! #2 was to get the lease renewed. Almost there! #3 was to elevate the status of the club and for all of us to have fun flying model airplanes. I have a way to go on that at this point but I hope we will eventually get there.

I appreciate everyone's patience during the pandemic and certainly understand everyone wanting to get back out to the field. I do as well. I just ask for patience.

Stay well,

Shawn

Treasurer's Report April 2020

Deposits	288.26
Debits	389.20

May 2020 Birthdays

2	Darren Braun
8	Don Cortes
8	Fred Weaver
9	Bob George
9	Mark Maral
16	Richard Belden
25	Gianni Echevarria