

The Windsock

Canyon
Crosswinds
December 6, 2017



Happy Holidays to all,

The new asphalt has been laid at the field. It came out looking good. We were not sure as this process took a day longer than planned due to several screw ups on the contractor's part, the asphalt sub-contractor did a good job laying the material but also had a screw up that required he return one more day to correct. Needless to say we will not be using this contractor for the seal coat and striping of the field. With the new overlay the runway ends and the taxiways are higher than before. If you make a short approach of cross the end field area expect some damage to your plane.

The new seal coat and striping contractor will be out Thursday and Friday December 7th and 8th, 2017 to finish the runway. The main runway, taxi ways, and pit area will be closed from 7AM Thursday December 7th until the afternoon of Friday December 8th. The seal coat needs 24 hours to cure so we ask that you not use the above areas during this time. The Heli/Park flyer area will be open for use on these days.

Thanks to Jack Allaway and Larry DeGeorge for sticking around on all three days. Thanks to Jim Schwagle and Mike Pitaro for coming up when they could, thanks to Vice President Bill Ardizzone for hanging out up there with me and thanks to Bob Awtry for getting the material paid for and getting the contractor paid as he could not cash a check. This is the first time I have ever had to pay for the material up front that a contractor was going to use on a job. I knew something was up with this guy!

This runway work sure hurt the Club Treasury so the Club may be very limited on what we can do in 2018. There are still many projects that we would like to finish at the field and I would like to stay away from any more assessments. So with that in mind starting early next

year the Board will come up with a dues increase plan to present to the membership for approval that will both bring the Club income up to match our bills and allow of improvements at the field. More on this early next year.

The Club was contacted by The Friends of Castaic Lake about using our field again for parking trailers for the upcoming Spartan Race at the lower lake. We currently have three trailers on site. These trailers will be there until February 20, 2018, the other seven trailers will show up about December 13, 2017 after the Spartan Race on December 9th and 10th 2017 is over and they pack up their trailers. These seven trailers will be on site until January 18, 2018. We will try to park them with the least interference for our activities. The Club is being paid \$2500 for this parking and both The Friends of Castaic Lake and the Park Management were hoping we could help out.

The last word I got is that 73 members paid their assessment. We thought it would end up somewhere between 70 and 80 members. Thank you to all of you and thank you to those of you that sent in extra. To those of you that did not pay the assessment you still can pay it and remain a member in good standing. As the membership year ends on December 31, 2017 the Club will be changing the locks to the field on January 1, 2018. I will be at the field with new keys and a member in good standing list. If your name is on the list you get a key, if not you will be asked to leave the field, simple as that.

With this being December, it is time to for you to start making plans to renew your membership if you haven't done so. The renewal period officially starts **NOW** and runs through January 31, 2018. On February 1, 2018 a \$10.00 late fee is assessed as per the Club Constitution. On March 1, 2018 any member not paid will be dropped and the full new member fee will be required as per the Club Constitution.

The dues are the same as last year. The Dues are Adult/Family

\$75.00, Senior/Junior \$60.00. Senior is 65 years and older, Junior is 18 years and younger. **The application is on the web site, click on the PayPal tab and the link is there to download.**

When you renew the club needs a **COMPLETE APPLICATION WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CLEAR AND LEGIBLE AND A COPY OF YOUR 2018 AMA CARD OR PROOF OF PAYMENT OF 2018 AMA DUES.**

The Club needs the application to make sure that you get credit for paying your dues on time especially those of you that use PayPal. We did have a member get lost by using PayPal and not sending in his application. If you fail to send in an application and proof of your AMA then the club will not accept payment until all items are received. **IF ALL REQUIRED ITEMS ARE NOT RECEIVED BY MARCH 1, 2018 THEN YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP AND WILL BE TREATED AS A NEW PERSON WISHING TO JOIN.** I know it seems like a pain but so is taxes and death. If the club ends up with a waiting list you would have to go to the end of the list. It's really not that hard to send in all the required paper work with your dues and it makes our paper work job a lot easier.

We still have some Power Master 15% nitro fuel. The fuel is in 1 gallon sealed cans and is available for \$20.00 per gallon, cash only. See any of your elected Club Officers and they can get it for you.

The next regular Board-General Meeting will be at Mimi's Café, 24201 W Magic Mountain Parkway on Wednesday December 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM. This meeting is a week early **(the third Wednesday)** to miss Christmas week. Come join us for dinner or a piece of pie, cake, or muffin and visiting. We meet at 6:00 P.M. for dinner. All members are invited. Hope to see you there.

That's it for now, have a great Holiday Season.

Take care and stay safe,

Jim Desautels