

The Windsock

Canyon
Crosswinds
May 7, 2019



Greetings to all,

Spring may or may not be with us. It seems like we get a couple of warm days then the clouds and colder weather moves back in with just enough rain to set the weeds around the field back to growing.

As of the April Meeting the membership is at 75.

The field lease has been paid for 2019. The lease was the same as last year \$2400.

April has been a busy month with commercial shoot, maintenance and improvements at the field.

On April 26th Toyo Tires shot a commercial at the field. Their 4-hour shoot turned out to be 8 hours. That sucked but the club made \$1500 for the day.

In early April the club poured a new large plane starting pad on the south end of the pits. This pad has been a couple of years in the works but it's done now. A lot of members worked on this pad. Thanks to Vice-President Bill Ardizzone for getting the steel square tubing for the post. Thanks to Bruce Picone for picking up the form wood and providing the mixer. Thanks to Lee Buchok for giving Bruce a hand with the digging of the pad. Thanks to Larry DeGeorge for picking up the concrete. Thanks to Bruce and Jim Schwagle for bringing up water as we have none at the field. Thanks to Bruce, Larry, Dan Fellbaum, Bobby Ponek, Dave Vezina, and Norm Teague for giving up their flying time to mix, pour, finish, and clean up with this task.

Thanks again to Bill Ardizzone for running the mower over the weeds.

At the March Meeting the membership present approved

the club buying a DR Brush Hog. This self-propelled machine is designed for brush clearing and will cut up to 2-inch trees. VP Bill brought it to the field and Bill and I put it together. I put it to the test on the south end runway slope and cleared all the brush in a few hours. Next, we attacked the entrance road brush and with the learning curve on driving the machine we were able to knock out in three mornings with 3 guys what use to take about 5 days with 4 guys with weed eaters. This task should be easier next time as we had to clear many rocks as we went along. Thanks to Jack Allaway and Jim Lansen for giving their time to this task.

The last project completed this month was seal coat and striping of the runway, taxiways, and pit area. Its been about 18 months since this was last done. The cost of this task was the same as last time.

The next project that was completed was replacing 7 bad table tops and building 1 new table that was beyond repair due to dry rot. Thanks to your VP Bill for picking up the plywood, the wood for the table, and the paint and materials. Thanks again to Jack Allaway and Jim Lansen for giving up their flying time to help out on these projects.

I wish to again thank all these members that gave up their flying time for these tasks for the betterment of the club.

I wish to also thank the members for the Canyon Crosswinds for going along with the Board's idea on the dues increase to be able to pay for the improvements and maintenance for our field. With your support none of this could have happened. It has been said that the Canyon Crosswinds is the premier flying site in Santa Clarita. I would like to think we

are the premier Club and flying site in LA County. Thank you again to all the members and enjoy YOUR field.

The weather station computer was replaced and it is up and running. Thanks to Doug Wilson for getting the programs moved from the old machine to the new machine. After we got it working Wunderground redid their web site and we lost the camera. We are still working on getting this set back up.

The flier came out for the Memorial Day Warbird Fun Fly to be held on Monday May 27, 2019. This year the Club put out a flier to other clubs and a couple of hobby shops to try to draw a larger group. On the flier it shows a landing fee and a cost for lunch. In keeping with past practice there will be NO charge to members of the Canyon Crosswinds for flying or lunch. So, don't let that keep you home, also this is a "fly what you have" event so no warbird, no problem. Hope to see all of you there.

Nominations for Club Officers opened again at the April Meeting and the current board was still the only nominations for office. Nominations will again open May meeting for anybody interested in running for office. Voting takes place at the June meeting.

The Club's website will be moving to canyoncrosswinds.org. Thanks to Bob Awtry for all the work he has done on the .com site but his schedule doesn't leave him the time to keep up with the site. Thanks you again Bob. The webmaster of the new site is Tom Schaefer and Tom has been working on the site for a while now. If you haven't seen it take a look.

FUEL UPDATE: As of this writing we have 21 gallons on hand. Thanks to Bob for setting up the purchase and getting it to the field. See a club officer to purchase your fuel. The price is still \$20 a gallon.

The Board welcomes your ideas to make the club a better place for all

members. We also welcome your criticism as long as it's constructive criticism.

The next regular Board-General Meeting will be at Mimi's Café, 24201 W Magic Mountain Parkway on **Wednesday** May 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Come join us for dinner or a piece of pie, sorry Bob apple only, cake, or muffin and visiting. We meet at 6:00 P.M. for dinner. All members and guests are invited.

That's it for now.
Take care and stay dry,
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Proof positive that propellers can bite.



Our new wind vane, thanks to Norm Teague.

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Treasurer's Report

As of: Wednesday, April 24, 19

Beginning Balance.....	\$	24,331.79
Ending Balance.....	\$	21,860.18

Debit / Checks:

4/1/19	\$	2,698.98	Field Expense
4/2/19	\$	65.08	Supplies
4/4/19	\$	32.55	So. California Edison

Total: \$ 2,796.61

Credit / Deposits:

4/5/19	\$	75.00	Renewal
4/12/19	\$	250.00	Renewal

Total: \$ 325.00