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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF

THE CIRCLE CITY FLYERS

P.O. BOX 78732, CORONA, CA 92877

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE — FEBRUARY 2021

IF YOU HAVEN'T YET RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021, PLEASE DO SO NOW. IF YOUR DUES HAVE LAPSED BEYOND FEBRUARY 1ST, CCF CONSIDERS YOU INACTIVE UNTIL YOU RENEW.

Even at \$75 CCF is still the least expensive club to join if you want to fly. Don't delay - Renew Now!!!

We've lost another RC brother. Al Bronder passed away on February 22, 2021. RIP Al. I will miss all his stories about his adventures of going from RC field to RC field and hearing about all the cool stuff he saw and the great deals he got. He also had many cool stories about hot rods and cars that he saw during his life. He will be greatly missed around Deleo Field.

The Bronder Family will be gathering at Deleo Field on Saturday March 6th at 12 noon to hold their Celebration of Life Memorial for Al. Finger foods & drinks will be provided by the Bronder family. Anyone that would like to attend is welcome to join the celebration. If you have any personal stories about Al, the Bronder's would love to hear those stories during the celebration. Hope to see everyone there.

Regarding Al's services on March 6th: Our facility is outdoors; however, everyone needs to be wearing masks and distancing as much as possible for this gathering. We expect as many as 25 Bronder family members, many of which will be traveling from out of state, plus many CCF, Hemet RC, etc. club members to be in attendance. Al had friends far and wide so we're not exactly sure how many will arrive.

Flying will be going on in the morning, though once folks start arriving, to keep everyone safe, the CCF BOD asks everyone to be respectful and not fly during the memorial.

We are still asking our members to donate to the slurry fund. We are very close to having enough money to fund this project that costs well over \$10,000!!! To help get us to the finish line, you can do your part by donating cash or check to any board member OR you can send your donation directly to CCF by using your credit card to send your donation directly to the club's PayPal account at this email - circlecityfliers@yahoo.com.

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2021 CLUB OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES

- President: Rick Tucker
- Vice-President: Eric Ische
- Secretary: Ethan Marsh, 714-637-4418
- Treasurer: Don Ralston
- Member-At-Large: Travis Bonner
- Editor: Ed Bialon
- Web Admin: Brent Peterson

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Tidbits

**\$50 MEMBER
DONATION
SLURRY SEAL
OF RUNWAY.**

Effective in January 2018 all members were asked to donate \$100 to slurry seal the runway. The donation was broken in two annual payments of \$50 in 2018 and \$50 in 2019. Please donate your share so that we can do our needed runway repairs! Don't forget to pay your portion today. REPAIRS ARE NEEDED.

**IMPORTANT FOR
2021**

**FAA REGISTRATION
NEEDED FOR 2021
CLUB MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL.**

**Our next club meeting
is scheduled for**

March 20, 2021.

**Further Information
will be sent to mem-
bers.**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT'D.

We submitted CCF's AMA Site Improvement Grant application at the end of January 2021 & we hope to hear back from AMA sometime in April. This isn't guaranteed, so every dollar helps. Please donate and give back to a great field that has given each of us so much enjoyment over the years. Let's get this done! Thank you for donating!!!

THE NEXT CCF BOARD MEETING IS AT DELEO FIELD on the 3rd Saturday of March (March 20th). Stay well and see you at the field!

On final approach - Rick

MEETING MINUTES DRAFT—February 20, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Tucker at 11:11AM at Deleo Field.

The minutes for the November 21, 2020 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT will no longer appear in the newsletter. Contact Secretary Ethan Marsh with any questions regarding the report. Treasurer Don Ralston reported the balance amounts in our checking, Slurry Fund and PayPal accounts. The information was submitted to the club.

OLD BUSINESS

- PAINTING. President Rick reported that the painting of the field shade cover is completed except for the poles. This will be completed at a future date.
- ROOF REPAIR. President Rick also reported that Marshal Davis has repaired the shade cover roofing, but it now needs more repairs. Marshal said he would repair it again. Rick also asked Marshal for an estimate to recover the whole roof with new rolled roofing.
- WEBSITE. The club's website was discussed and Erich Ische will follow up on improving the site.

NEW BUSINESS:

- PO BOX. President Rick reported that the PO BOX 78732 had been renewed for 2021.
- FAMILY MEMBERSHIP CHANGE. After a discussion on Family Membership, a motion was made to eliminate Family Membership and to allow family members under the age of 18 wishing to be included as members for one membership fee. Motion was voted on and approved.
- CLUB APPOINTMENTS. A motion was made to reappoint Ed Bialon as Club Newsletter Editor and Brent Peterson as webmaster for 2021. Motion was voted on and approved.
- PORTA-POTTY FEE: President Rick reported that RIGHTWAY has been paid \$1061.76 for weekly pumping of the porta-potty for the year.

MEETING MINUTES DRAFT—February 20, 2021 - *Continued*

- LIABILITY WAVERS. The need for liability waivers from members was discussed. Erich Ische made a motion to create a liability waiver for the Club so it can be posted on the new website. Motion was seconded by Rick Tucker. Motion was voted on and approved.
- RAFFLE EXPENDITURE. President Rick reported that he bought some items from Bob Gillam's estate sale for future Club raffle prizes.
- FIELD USAGE REQUEST. A request was discussed to use our flying field for a drone demonstration for the U.S. Navy and Marines for March 2nd by a local software company, VROTORS. A motion was made, voted and approved.
- FAA DRONE REQUIREMENTS: President Rick reported on some of the requirements of FAA remote ID for 'drones' (our airplanes). CCF will apply to become an FAA FRIA site with the AMA's assistance when registration opens so pilots can fly at Deleo Field without an ID transponder.

SHOW AND TELL: None.

RAFFLE: None.

Meeting adjourned 12:08 PM.
Submitted by: Ethan Marsh
Acting Secretary — Circle City Flyers



CELEBRATION OF LIFE MEMORIAL for Al Bronder

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We have the unfortunate task of informing our members, yet again of the lost of another club friend. Long time member, Al Bronder, passed away on Monday February 22, 2021. Al will be missed by many CCF members, local clubs, swap meets and flying buddies. Our sympathies, condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

I personally knew Al for about 16 years beginning with my association with the now defunct Corona RC Club. Al was one to build, fly, buy, trade, and sell just about anything he could get his hands on. We would tell each other the when's and where's of the next swap meet, and discuss what we bought or saw. Al was happiest when he would walk away with deals that he found, especially if they were cheap and something that he liked. One time he told me that he was at a swap meet looking for a specific engine and saw one in a box that a guy was carrying. He asked the guy 'how much?' He replied it wasn't for sale. He later found out that the guy was given the entire box of parts, engines, servos, etc., from some guy who just wanted to get rid of everything and he just happened to be the lucky person to get that box. Al was mad because he missed out on the freebies by only seconds. For 'bargain hunters' the hunt for things is more fun than the things you buy.

Al had as many flying and buying stories as he did airplanes and engines. Sometimes I would drive to Deleo Field just to see if I could catch up with Al. I always enjoyed talking to him but he had one bad habit. Al would hardly wear his hearing aids! *OMG*. He would complain that he couldn't hear anything at the meetings but then he wouldn't wear his hearing aids. That was Al.

I remember many times that Al, his wife and daughter would come to club meetings at the KOUNTRY FOLKS Restaurant just off the 91 on La Sierra. This was years ago. We would sit together, visit and talk before the meeting. Al liked to talk.



When news came about Al's passing many members joined the email traffic and commented about him. They were all praises. He was more than well liked. Al was a down to earth kind of guy, played it straight, and told it like it was!

Al enjoyed reading the club newsletters and got upset when he didn't get one. Actually he got the newsletters but had problems locating it in his inbox. I think he never got the hang of computer technology. Here is an interview that I did with Al in August of 2009. It gives a little personal insight about Al, then and now. The last time that I talked to Al which was just a few weeks ago, he thanked me for writing the club notice on the recent passing of Bob Gillam. I wasn't expecting to write another club notice this month. I wasn't ready to write about Al. Well my friend, I hope you appreciate this issue as much as the last issue!. Maybe even more! - Ed Bialon, Editor.

Corona R/C Club Pilot Profile

By: Ed Bialon

Each month the Flight Box writing staff will try to feature a profile of one of its members. This month we are happy to interview Al Bronder



This month's selected member is Al Bronder

Q: How long have you been a member of the Corona R/C Club?

A: About 14 years

Q: Why did you decide to become a member of the Corona R/C Club?

A: After visiting all of the local clubs I decided the Corona RC Club was the best one around. Al went on to say "There always something happening, you can't get bored with our events, meetings, parties, or raffles. Everyone is very helpful"

Q: What got you started in the radio control airplane hobby?

A: One day I was driving past the Ontario Mills center and saw some guys flying. I said to myself I just have to do that. So I went out the next day and bought an airplane and have been enjoying flying ever since.

Q: What was your most memorable airplane?

A: It was a Global Kit plane called the Sky Raider. It took me three months to build and was powered by a Saito 91 4-stroke.

Q: What was your most memorable crash?

A: It was my first trainer that I purchased from a guy. I was flying the airplane and the next thing I knew it came apart in the air. I couldn't believe it. It was a total loss. The guy didn't glue the airplane together very well. The next day I went and bought an ARF which I put together myself. It flew great.

So, what makes this member of the Corona R/C club stand out? In the last five years that I've belonged to the Corona RC Club I can remember seeing Al at the field, at events, and at our meetings. Most recently Al turned me on to some local swap meets where he is a common fixture. He mostly concentrates on either buying or selling engines. Al mentioned that he enjoys attending all of our club's activities.

According to Al he would rather build a kit than an ARF. He appreciates and takes a special satisfaction that kit building provide especially when the instructions are not correct. It challenges him to improvise the build in order to get the job done.

Al also says that building a kit provides a certain personal appreciation. You start with a bunch of balsa wood sticks and turn it into an airplane that actually flies like a dream in the air. His current project is a Bel-Air Bi-plane kit that he got from somebody. Unfortunately the box has not label so if anyone knows anything about the kit let Al know.

When asked about his stash of airplanes he says that he has about 20 but admits to having more (who doesn't). Al favors 3D and scale airplanes but war birds are his definite favorite with the P51 leading the list. Al doesn't have any electric or gas powered airplanes nor does he have any helicopters. He loves the smell of glow fuel in the morning breeze. But it seems that Al's real passion is engines. For any of you guys out there with sick or broken engines contact Al with your engine problems especially if you need parts. From the sound of it he is "the engine parts man about town".

Well, that wraps up this month's pilot profile. I would like to thank Al Bronder for spending some time with me and for participating in the Pilot Profile.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE MEMORIAL will be held for Al Bronder on Saturday, March 6th at noon. Please read the announcement located elsewhere in the newsletter for additional information. Editor

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS — MARCH 2021

Pat
Schreffler
March 5th



Ed
Bialon
March 24th



CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE

At the November meeting motions were made, seconded, voted on and approved to

- 1) Increase the club's yearly membership fee to \$75 from \$50 effective January 1st, 2021, and
- 2) Drop the Club Initiation fee of \$60 for new members for 2021. [*Editor Note: This continues the same action to drop the initiation fee for 2020.*]

- - - RENEWAL REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS - - -

Don't forget to pay your 2021 AMA Membership Dues and Circle City Flyers Membership Renewal Fee. Also you will need to submit a copy of your FAA Registration. <https://faadronezone.faa.gov> Please send everything to:

CIRCLE CITY FLYERS, P.O. BOX 78732, CORONA, CA 92877

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2021

- **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ARE MANADORY AT THE FIELD.** Please bring a fire extinguisher when you fly.
- **WEAR YOUR CLUB BADGES AT THE FIELD.**
- **CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES, APPLICATION FORM, AND FAA REGRISTRATION NEEDED.** Your 2021 Club Membership Dues must be paid prior to February 1st if you want to maintain your membership in the club and flying privileges. You can give your payment to the Ethan Marsh, Club Secretary, pay on the website, so send a check (not cash) to CIRCLE CITY FLYERS, P.O. BOX 78732, CORONA, CA 92877. Please fill out and submitted your application form with any updated information. Don't for to include your AMA and FAA Registration Number. Once you pay your membership dues you will receive the new gate lock combination for 2020.
- **SLURRY FUND.** If you haven't paid your Slurry Fund Donation of \$100 then please do so. The Slurry Fund was initiated in 2018 and some members have not contributed to it yet or have not paid the full amount. You can pay on GoFundMe website, or give your check to a club officer, or mail it to CIRCLE CITY FLYERS, P.O. BOX 78732, CORONA, CA 92877. The monies collected will be used to slurry the runway which is estimated to cost between \$6k to \$7k. **We need to make the repairs now before we find ourselves without a runway! It was reported that only 6 out of 62 members have paid the full \$100 amount.**
- **CLUB MEETINGS.** Our club meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month and held at the field. Meeting time is 11AM and it usually lasts for 1 hour. Most of the time we have a small raffle. There is no flying permitted during the club meetings. If you have any issues or concerns then please come to the meeting and express them.
- **NO INITIATION FEE FOR 2021.** Our club approved to drop the \$60 Club Initiation Fee for 2021. This makes joining the club a great deal for new members.

**NEXT CLUB MEETING:
SATURDAY, MARCH 20, AT DELEO FIELD, 11 AM.**



HELPFUL FIELD AND CLUB HINTS WHILE AT THE FIELD

- Obey all AMA and Club Safety Rules.
- In case of fire at the field, call 911 immediately. If fire crews appear, either by truck and/or by air, immediately cease flying and ground your aircraft. All emergency responders, fire and law enforcement, are given priority to combat any and all threats that endanger life, property and the safety of individuals. Please do your best to assist and not be part of the problem.
- All members are required to have an ABC Fire Extinguisher at the field when they fly located in the pit area. Fly safe and be safe. Bring a First Aid Kit as added protection.
- Our field is in an area populated by wildlife including snakes. Please be aware of this danger and act accordingly when walking in the brush.
- Please pickup your trash before leaving the field and dispose of it in trash containers or if needed take it home with you.
- Fly with a buddy! Sometimes having an extra set of hands and eyes are helpful.



CIRCLE CITY FLYERS CLUB #1862

CLUB MEETINGS & NEWSLETTER

At a recent club meeting a motion was passed to have our monthly club meetings on the third (3rd) Saturday of the month unless otherwise noted in the meeting minutes. This to increase club participation. All members are encouraged to attend! There is no flying during the club meeting.

The newsletter is published monthly and sent via email for the benefit of its members. It is also available through our website.

Guests and potential new members are always welcomed to attend club meetings and to visit DELEO field.

Ed Bialon, Editor

Circle City Flyers is a group of people who love RC flying.

Normal folks, who find the utmost joy in creating and flying wonderful machines that inspire awe and put just a bit of color in the sky.

CCF is a non-profit, AMA affiliated flying club.

The CCF has one of the best flying facilities in Southern California. We are located just south of Corona, California, just a few minutes from the 15 Freeway.

The club is well established and member's interests range from helicopters to 3D Planes. We fly gas, turbines, electric, glow, scale, profiles and combat wings. We have RC pilots who have flown for 40+ years, and beginners who are just learning the joys of flight. Got a question? Just learning? Curious? Come on down!

You can find folks flying most days, with the weekend mornings being very popular. Mornings are calm with winds generally increasing throughout the day.

Come to our field, and check us out! Visit our website at:

<http://circlecityflyers.com/index.php>

