



# THE PLANE TRUTH

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF

## THE CIRCLE CITY FLYERS

P.O. BOX 78732, CORONA, CA 92877

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE — MARCH 2021

**IF YOU HAVEN'T YET RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021, PLEASE DO SO NOW. IF YOUR DUES HAVE LAPSED BEYOND FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 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!!!

I regret to inform the members that Wally MacKenzie, one of CCF's founding members and a CCF Honorary Lifetime member, passed away on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021. Wally worked tirelessly in the early days to establish CCF and with the help of a few of his friends, they got together with Jerry Deleo and built Deleo Field. On March 27<sup>th</sup> 1990 Circle City Flyers was chartered with the AMA and the rest is history. In order to build a better future, we must not forget our past. Rest in Peace Wally.

Keep your eyes & ears open for an auction announcement. Sandy, Wally's wife, has agreed to let CCF auction off his entire model airplane collection. Mrs. MacKenzie has agreed to split the proceeds 50/50 with the club so whatever the auction brings in it will be a super generous donation to the club. Thank you, Sandy!!!

The March 6<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Life for Al Bronder at the field, hosted by the Bronder Family, was a wonderful way to remember our friend Al. Many members of the extended Bronder family were present as well as many of his friends. The family displayed a 5-tables long picture collage of various moments from Al's life. Many people spoke about all the funny and cherished memories they shared with Al. Hot Diggidy Dog, one of Al's favorites, was there to feed everyone. CCF will always remember Al.

Big announcement: CCF is working on a new website. Your board has been working tirelessly behind the scenes to bring our club into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Stay tuned!!!

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!!! In fact, the Radio Control Bees just donated \$2,500 to the fund. Thank you, Bees!!! Please continue to 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!!!

CCF BOARD MEETINGS ARE AT DELEO FIELD on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 11am. The next meeting is on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Say well and see you at the field!

On final approach - Rick

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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

# MEETING MINUTES DRAFT — March 20, 2021

**\$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  
April 17, 2021.**

**Further Information  
will be sent to  
members.**



The meeting was called to order by President Rick Tucker at 11:09AM at Deleo Field.

The minutes for the February 20, 2021 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** President Rick announced that an Orange County RC Club, Radio Control Bees, has decided to donate \$2,500 to Circle City Flyers for the slurry fund in exchange for granting each of their six to ten members, a five-year membership in Circle City Flyers. This was discussed, a motion made and seconded to accept the donation. The motion was voted on and approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **PAINTING.** President Rick reported that the painting of the shade cover poles is still in progress.
- **WEBSITE.** Erick Ische reported he has made good progress on the new website. This was followed by a long discussion on the websites. Rick Tucker made a motion to accept the new website at an additional cost of \$159 per year, and to phase in the new website and phase-out the old website. The motion was seconded by Ethan Marsh. The motion was voted on and approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **MAIL CHIMP UPDATE.** President Rick reported that he updated Mail Chimp with our current membership list.
- **VROTORS.** President Rick reported that Vrotors found a different site for their last month's flight demonstration and did not use our flying site.

**SHOW AND TELL:** None.

**RAFFLE:** None.

Meeting adjourned 12:11 PM.  
Submitted by: Ethan Marsh  
Acting Secretary — Circle City Flyers





### Wally Mackenzie

It is with great sadness that I must report the loss of a prominent member of our club, Wally Mackenzie. The club has not only lost a dedicated member, but also one who has inspired so many to join our hobby and inspire beginners into the field of model airplanes. Wally along with other members worked to establish our club, build our field cover, and make Deleo Field a premier airport for model aircraft. In the early years he served as President and was recently designated an honorary lifetime member by the club.

Wally never failed to enthusiastically help a newcomer or experienced member of the club. Wally was an expert with Glo engines and could troubleshoot the problem almost every time. I think he enjoyed this part of the hobby even more than flying; well maybe not. He paid attention to details and I kiddingly would say "He read the fine print and remembered it".

Wally did take a few years off to explore other interests such as "Brewing his own beer" and "motorcycle riding". When he returned back to the club he found his new interest was "electric flying", and again Wally approached this interest with his usual dedication. He again made sure he knew and understood every phase of electric flying. His knowledge grew and he once again became an expert in the field. In some circles, club members would refer to Wally as "The Professor".

In recent years, Parkinson's disease affected Wally's ability to fly, but Sandy his wife and soul mate, would make every effort to get him to the field. She was a real trooper and a participant in Wally's hobby as much as anyone.

We were fortunate to be his friends and I (Jesse) had the opportunity to learn from the master. Those who knew him and I will miss him very much; God Speed, Wally!

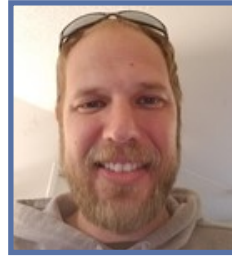
Jesse and Bob

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS — APRIL 2021

Mayco  
Castillo  
April 1st



Eric  
Ische  
April 4th



Ronald  
Mullins  
April 4th



Augustine  
Adzaho  
April 6th



Marco  
Nasser  
April 7th



Rick  
Tucker  
April 11th



Erick  
Whitcomb  
April 13th



Brandon  
Shade  
April 24th



Keith  
DeRienze  
April 27th



### **- - - RENEWAL REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS - - -**

Don't forget to pay your 2021 AMA Membership Dues and Circle City Flyers Membership Renewal Fee (\$75). 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**



## R/C EASTER SUNDAY STORY

By Ed Bialon—Editor

On Easter Sunday, when I was a kid, my parents dragged both my brother and I to church. Then afterwards we would visit both grandparents for Easter lunch and dinner. We dressed up in our best leather shoes (shined), suits, long necktie and hat (not a baseball hat!). It was a long day, and that was a long, long time ago. You can say it was another life.

Here I am today going to the field to see who was flying. Not unlike the other weekends that I visit but totally unlike the Easter Sundays that I spent as a kid. I was hatless, wearing my oldest pair of tennis shoes and blue jeans (no suit). A far cry from my childhood days. But while driving to the field I couldn't shake the thought of those childhood days of Easter egg hunts, Easter Baskets, going to church and attending Easter mass, gobs of candy, and the annual pilgrimage to my grandparent's homes.

I arrived at the field early on Sunday. As I was driving down the road I noticed that someone was already flying. I looked and looked but couldn't see anyone, just an airplane in the sky. I parked my car and started to walk to the runway when I saw him. I rubbed my eyes in disbelief. "Could it be him, could it be my old friend?"

I grabbed my camera and approached quietly. All of a sudden he turned around. It was my old friend Peter Cottontail. "Where did you come from?" I asked. Peter answered "Oh, I just walked down the bunny trail, hippity-hoppity all the way down to the field. I brought you a present. An East Basket full of Easter Joy". I said, "Peter, my doctor will kill me if I eat all of those jelly beans, chocolate Easter Eggs and Yellow Marshmallow Chickees! Besides couldn't you have given me an ARF or engine instead?" Peter replied, "Well I get a lot of that these days about the candy but they are low-calorie, low-sugar jelly beans and dietetic chocolate. Hey, I have an Easter Orchid for your wife as well. I bet you forgot to buy flowers for your wife again. As far as the ARF or engine you will have to wait for Christmas. That's a Santa thing!"

Wow, I couldn't believe my old Easter buddy was here. We talked for a little while about old times and such, reminiscing of days gone by. I couldn't stop thinking that things didn't change that much like I thought. Peter asked, "Are you doing the things that you should be doing to be extra good?" I knew I had to tell the truth, so I replied "Well for the most part. I can't tell you how much of a surprise this is".

Before I could finish my sentence someone else was driving down the road. Surprised, Peter said that he had to go and to give others a Happy Easter Day. "Can't you stay a little longer Peter" I asked? Before I knew it Peter was hippity-hoppity down the bunny trail, but I heard him say "I'm always here on Easter Sunday bringing Easter cheer. You just have to find it!"

I turned around and walked back to the shade structure and wondered if all of this really happened. Was it just a dream? The president got out of his car and asked "What's going on?" I said that I just was talking to Peter Cottontail. "Sure Ed, and I'm Gene Autrey!" We laughed and went about our business. When I got home I downloaded my photos and looked at an old photo album. I found something that I completely forgot about, a photo of my old friend Peter and me.



Now most of you are probably saying at this point that I'm losing it. To that I say NO! But maybe I was taken back to yesteryear and thinking of a different time and place. We all do it from time to time. However, come this Christmas if I see Santa Claus and Rudolf flying airplanes I will get their photos as well and sign them up as new members! It's the only right thing to do if they are going to use our field! Anyway, I hop, I mean, I hope everyone has a Happy Easter! P.S. Happy Easter to Elwood P. Dowd.

## 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, APRIL 17, AT DELEO FIELD, 11 AM.**



## HELPFUL FIELD AND CLUB HINTS WHILE AT THE FIELD

- Obey all AMA and Club Safety Rules. Wear your badge at the field.
- 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>

