



# THE BARNSTORMER

Hemet Model Masters Newsletter



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## President's Message

Hello fellow club members,

I hope everyone is doing well. And are getting some flying in. I have a new Grandson so this will be a short article. Flying model aircraft is a risk. We all accept that risk when we start flying R/C aircraft. And the risks have gone down over the years with the improvements in the equipment we use. Radios, Engines/ Motors/ Turbines. Batteries, Chargers. However, we still have the human factor. And we as humans have decisions that must be made while flying a model aircraft. How high am I flying, how far away am I flying. In the current weather conditions do I need flaps for take off or landing? At what point in my flight should I be setting up for landing, so I don't run out of fuel or battery? This past month we had two models crash very far away from our flying field. The first aircraft seemed to have limited control. The pilot thought they had the aircraft coming back toward themselves when in reality it was heading away from them. The pilot told me he waited several seconds then tried to turn the aircraft back with the lack of control and being so far away orientation was a huge problem and the aircraft crashed. This aircraft and pilot had a lot going against it and I can sympathize with the pilot. However, we can't wait several seconds in the amount of time the aircraft will travel a great distance. The second was flown by a very good pilot. And the aircraft was very large. I think the pilot was flying further away because the aircraft was larger. He was doing a maneuver which took the aircraft pretty high and far out. The pilot got disorientated and that ended badly. Fortunately, no one was hurt. Your flight pattern should never take you close to Simpson Road. We as modelers accepted the risk that modeling brings. The public didn't. The public has no idea the damage that our models will cause. It up to us to keep the public as safe from our hobby as possible. So, one if you're standing a flight station and you look out northeast (Toward the entry road to the flying field from Simpson Rd) you'll see an old shade structure. Your flight envelope should always stay inside that. And if you're having a problem with your model you must put it down before it gets to Simpson Rd. We will have a satellite view of the flight area not to exceed out in the next Newsletter. And posted at the field. Lets keep our hobby fun and safe for everyone.

See you at the field,  
Carl

**THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD  
MAY 11TH AT 10:00 AM AT THE SIMPSON FIELD**

## Please Don't Forget to Maintain Your Membership in the AMA

Unlike your club membership, AMA memberships do not run on a calendar basis and may expire mid-year. As you know, as an AMA chartered club, AMA membership is required to fly at HMM club facilities. We have noted that sometimes members are unaware that their AMA membership has lapsed during the year. Please take the time to verify that your AMA membership is current throughout the year to prevent loss of flying privileges. If your AMA membership has expired please renew it prior to coming out to fly. Thank you for your compliance with this requirement.

## Volunteers Are Always Wanted And Needed!!

As you know, last year the club membership voted to increase annual dues to \$100 but also adopted a volunteer credit of up to \$40 so that volunteers would pay the same amount as they had before. The good news is that there are many ways to earn volunteer credits. If you have physical or other limitations we can still use you. Volunteer activities include cleaning up at the field, field maintenance (spraying, etc.), helping out at club events, assisting with the flight training program, food preparation, etc. If you would like to serve as a volunteer please let Carl Lindou, Steve Staudenmeir or Rodney Luker know which types of tasks you would be willing to help out with and we will help find the right opportunities for you. Believe us when we tell you it's easy to earn volunteer credits regardless of your physical limitations.

## Please Join Us On The Hemet Model Masters Facebook Page

Some of you may not know that Hemet Model Masters has our own page on Facebook. This has turned out to be an excellent place for members to share comments, event pictures, videos, for sale items, etc. Not everyone has joined however. If you are interested, please search for Hemet Model Masters on Facebook, click Join and we will approve your request.



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# HEMET MODEL MASTERS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Minutes for March 9th, 2024

Meeting called to order by President Carl Lindou at 10:08 AM

There were 18 club members in attendance at the meeting.

There was one visitor (Larry Osborne) and no new members at the meeting.

A motion was made by Rodney Luker to approve last months minutes as published in the newsletter and seconded by Dave Kennedy. The motion was approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Garrison Rios. A motion was made by Dave Kennedy to approve the Treasurer's Report and seconded by John Meyer. The motion was approved.

It was announced that the Harry Gould Pattern competition is to be held this coming week and the field will be shutdown for all non-event flying at noon on Friday.

Another 3D event has been proposed for September. More info to come.

A scale event qualifier is scheduled for July with the Championship event to occur in November. Curtis Kitteringham is leading the event and indicated that a flyer has been posted on the club's Facebook page. All questions about the event should be directed to Curtis.

The Jet Rally for 2024 is scheduled for November and Tom Mulder is the event coordinator.

The Board recommendation increase the dues and make slight changes to the dues structure as follows:

- Dues for youth membership should be raised from \$10 to \$25 effective as soon as approved by membership vote.
- Dues for family membership should be raised from \$105 annually to \$125 effective as soon as approved by membership vote.
- Regular dues for adult membership should be raised from \$100 to \$125 effective January 1st, 2025.
- PayPal service charges will be dropped and assumed to be included in the dues amount.

Rodney Luker made a motion to approve the changes as listed above and member Bud Elliott seconded the motion. After some discussion, the changes were unanimously approved by the members present.

Membership card lanyards are available to members at no charge.

Dave Kennedy did a show and tell of his scratch built Rat Racer.

No raffle was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 AM

Minutes submitted by Steve Staudenmeir

# HEMET MODEL MASTERS BOARD MEETING

Minutes for March 25th, 2024

Meeting called to order by President Carl Lindou at 7:13P M. The meeting was held on-line.

Club Officers and Board Members Present — Carl Lindou, Rodney Luker, Steve Staudenmeir, Garrison Rios, Kevin McDonald, Tom Mulder, Mario Carrona, Don Radford, Howard Hibbler and Adrian Santangelo. There were no guests or members present at the meeting.

Howard Hibbler mentioned that the field looks amazing.

A friend of a member is visiting from out of town and asked he could RV camp at our field for a couple days . The Board voted to allow this.

Don Radford indicated that the IMAC event has 26 entrants. They have asked for volunteers to help out with scorekeeping. Steve Staudenmeir will put out an email with this request. Tom Mulder and Carl are handling food at the event.

We had a jet crash at the field recently. Apparently it got too far away and after struggling to get it back to the field lost control. The Board discussed the fact that pilots need to understand that it is their responsibility to determine when a plane is a lost cause and to safely down it where it doesn't injure people or property. These types of events if not properly handled could result in our losing the field.

The City of Hemet has a lock on our gate so they can access our property as needed. Members are requested to include their lock in our link when locking the gate. Thank you!

The Board appointed a club security committee to include Howard Hibbler, Tom Mulder, Adrian Santangelo and Carl Lindou.

Curt Kitteringham notified that a Scale Masters qualifier will be held at Simpson Field in July.

The Hemet Jet Rally is being scheduled the first week in November.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16PM.

Minutes submitted by Steve Staudenmeir

# HEMET MODEL MASTERS BOARD MEETING

Minutes for April 22nd, 2024

Meeting called to order by President Carl Lindou at 7:12P M. The meeting was held on-line.

Club Officers and Board Members Present — Carl Lindou, Rodney Luker, Steve Staudenmeir, Garrison Rios, Tom Mulder, Mario Carrona, Don Radford, Howard Hibbler, Dave Kennedy, Adrian Santangelo and Jim Christy. There were no guests or members present at the meeting.

The IMAC event was a success with 26 entries. The club received \$650 from the event. Curtis Kitteringham showed up as a volunteer and helped out at the event. Thank you Curtis!! Also, a girlfriend of one of the entrants (not sure who) also helped out. We found out her name is Elise Simmons and were told that she really helped! Thank you Elise!!

Tom Mulder is responsible for the club's Jet Rally and planning for the event is underway.

The Scale Masters qualifier is still planned for July.

Dylan Robinson is planning another 3D event in late November. We are enthusiastic about this event because the previous event was very successful and enjoyed by the membership. Thanks to Dylan for championing this!

The weeds are becoming overgrown at the main field and becoming a fire hazard. The Board is considering paying someone \$1,500 to remove the weeds. More details to come.

Jim Christy proposed a new format for membership cards that should be less expensive and cumbersome than the current. Steve Staudenmeir made a motion to approve the change, Rodney Luker seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

On a sad note, we heard that long-time member Ralph Torres has passed away. Ralph was a great guy and liked by many club members and we were sad to hear of his passing.

We had another jet crash out at the field because the jet got too far away from the pilot. This is the second such incident in two months and needs to stop. The Board will be publishing a new flight envelope map that must be complied with. Flying in an unsafe manner beyond the indicated boundaries will be treated as a safety violation and appropriate measures taken by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

Minutes submitted by Steve Staudenmeir

## HEMET MODEL MASTERS EVENT CALENDAR

General Membership Meeting	May 11th
3D Night Flying at Simpson Field	May 25th
HMM Board Meeting—May	May 27th
General Membership Meeting	June 8th
3D Night Flying at Simpson Field	June 22nd
HMM Board Meeting—June	June 24th
3D Night Flying at Simpson Field	July 27th
Scale Event Qualifier	July
3D Night Flying at Simpson Field	August 24th
3D Night Flying at Simpson Field	September 28th
Scale Event Championship	TBD
Jet Rally	November
3D Throwdown Event	November

Please note that members are welcome to attend Board Meetings. If you would like to attend, please let us know and we will forward the meeting location.

# HEMET MODEL MASTERS OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

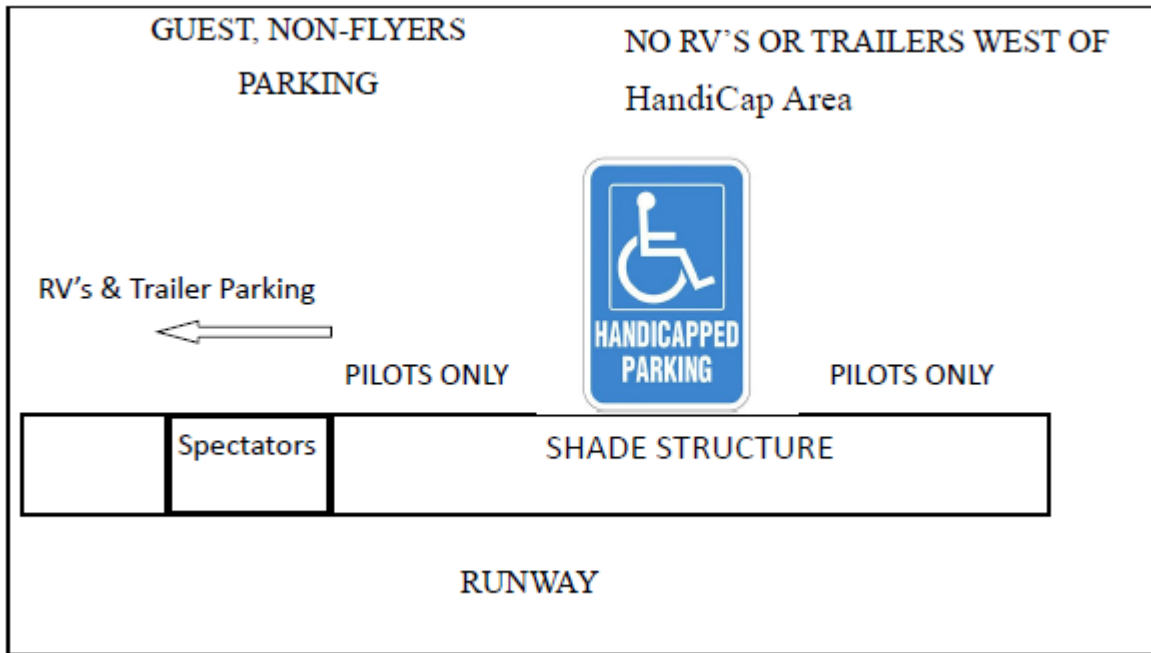
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**GENERAL MEETING 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**BOARD MEETING 4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH**

## Parking Plan For the Main Field

Parking by the shade structure is reserved for pilots. Non-flying individuals, spectators and guests are to park south of the shade structure. No RV's or trailers are allowed West of the Handicap parking area. If you are parking a trailer in front of the shade structure, the total length must not exceed 18 feet or you must unhook.





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## **Safety At Club Flying Sites**

Starting of any engines is north side of yellow line, aircraft facing runway. No taxing in the pits and staying within established perimeters , exceeding 400 ft ceiling. We have full scale aircraft overhead all the time and it only takes ONE incident to lose our field. No flying over the field workers on adjacent properties EVER!

All members are required to carry a first aid kit and fire extinguisher in their vehicles when flying. You never know when you or a fellow member will need some aid. Be prepared!! We strongly urge that no one fly alone.

TURBINE, IMAC and PATTERN MUST HAVE A SPOTTER WHEN FLYING!

## **Use of Club Facilities**

You must be a member of our club or a guest to use our facilities. Members please have your membership cards with you when you fly. Guests (per the bylaws) are allowed to fly three times prior to joining but must have an active AMA membership and comply with all AMA and FAA requirements regarding registration, TRUST, etc. . Guests and 72mhz flyers must have AMA on frequency board prior to flying!

The Hemet Model Masters will extend courtesy membership to any "Active Military" or "First Responders" allowing them to fly at our club fields as long as they have a current AMA mem-