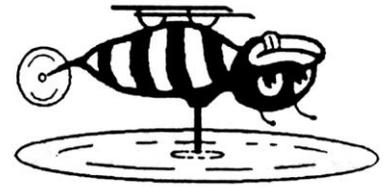




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shown to members. Here it is. Of the \$100 cost, 75% goes to the AMA education fund.

## Next Meeting

**Thursday, June 18th, 2015,  
at the EAA building, Aviation Way,  
Watsonville Airport, 7:30 PM.**

## Treasurer's Report

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$11,152.61</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Fuel Sale	\$20.00
Subtotal	\$20.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
D & G Sanitation	\$64.95
Bill Boone AMA memorial	\$100.00
Newsletter cost – 2014	\$65.64
Office expenses	\$5.93
Subtotal	\$236.52
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$10,936.09</b>

## April Meeting

The May 21st meeting was called to order by President Steve Boracca at 7:30 pm. with 23 members present. The minutes and treasurer's report were accepted as presented.

A photograph of the AMA walk of fame brick which was submitted on behalf of Bill Boone was



The safety fence is in dire need of replacement and/or repair. Steve Boracca had a sample of deer fencing from Jay Friedland, which looks satisfactory. It comes in 5 and 7.5 foot widths, which could be split in two. The estimate for replacement is about \$300, and it was unanimously agreed that it should be purchased together with a couple of posts.

Further work is required on field maintenance. Specifically, we need more Round-Up for weed control, and Don Good noted that runway cracks need to be filled, and that we should probably get another truck load of granite chips for ground coverage. Don can get the filler material from a

place that he has dealt with before. Present members approved of these purchases.

Allen Ginzburg told us that the camera window needs cleaning. He and John Williams will attend to this.

As a result of an adventure to retrieve Alan Brown's treed Lockheed ER-2, it was proposed that we get a new rescue pole. (*This has now been done, and Alan thanks Max Trescott for recapturing his model!*).

Steve Boracca noted that we are low on hats – only four left - and that we should order some more.

**Dan Morris announced that the next fun-fly which would cover pylon racing and balloon bursting, would take place on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps all you eager competitors can start thinking about it!**

The Watsonville Airport annual fly-in will be held on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day weekend, for one day only. There will be no full-size aerobatic or other demonstrations for financial reasons, but we may be asked to do something in the model aircraft arena. ( I guess that our price is right!).

There will be no separate Open House or Day in the Sky days this year.

George Ribeiro brought to our attention the Paso Robles Air Museum Warbirds and Auto display, which he recently attended. It is open Thursdays through Saturdays. He also visited Antique Aero, a small company that builds replicas of WW I fighters.

It was noted that we need two new members for the board of directors and as safety officers. (Don Good will be leaving the area within the next few months). George Ribeiro volunteered to be a board member, and Laurie Trescott said that she would be a safety officer.

### **Show and Tell**

Don Good held an impromptu auction (a lot of it free!) of stuff that he isn't prepared to move to Oregon. Here he is in fine form!



Like many of us, he had a bunch of orphaned wings which were given away. The one with the oddball covering job, purple and yellow, was from an RCM 40 which I think once belonged to your editor!



An interesting model (never been flown) was this Howard Hughes racer. The original once held the world speed record, and was featured in the film "The Aviator".



George Ribeiro brought along his Kadet 40. Alert readers will recognize the wing as the one which Richard Tacklind covered at a demonstration at one of our club meetings recently.



Jay Walker is one of our winter members, who parks his R.V. near the concrete boat from January to March. He has discovered HobbyPartz.com, where you can buy excellent, large brushless motors for very good prices. Here is his Tacon Big Foot 160, which puts out over 4100 watts from 14S LiPos. It drives a 19" x 10" propeller at 8400 r.p.m., and will go into his 120-sized 54" span Ultimate biplane. Price? \$55.00! ESC a little more!



The Boy Scouts who visited us recently were nice enough to give us this huge poster board thank you. So glad that they obviously enjoyed their day with us.



And with that, the meeting was closed at 8:45 p.m.

**Down by the River**

A couple of months ago we showed you Mike Evans' very fine Pitts biplane shortly before it met its demise. Now the 'Good Samaritan' award of the month goes to Don Good. Here's Don's message: "It's one of my old airplanes that I used to fly with a YS 140 in it, but I crashed it a few years ago, and never fixed it. So after Mike crashed Pitts no. 1, I gave this one to him, which needed some rebuilding and his engine installed etc. It's an identical Cermark Pitts." And here it is on a fly-by after Mike's rebuild.



Jose Esqueda will be rejoining the club and was seen with a fine-looking Century Hawk Pro 30 helicopter. Sorry I didn't get a photo.

George McKeon packages his helicopters very nicely - - -



and also brought along a couple of fixed wing airplanes, a Piper Archer and a Dolphin Jet, which he has converted to a tail-dragger.



A short newsletter this month – maybe more next time. **See following postscript!**

**We have received a letter from the Watsonville Airport manager regarding the laws regarding Unmanned Aircraft Systems. As a consequence, the RC Bees board of directors will have a meeting to discuss this prior to the upcoming monthly meeting. The doors to the EAA hangar will be locked until 7:30 p.m. to give the board time to evaluate the contents of this letter. Please do not attempt to enter any earlier than this if you are not a board member.**