



Next Meeting:

June 5th, 2014  
7pm

Club Field

Next Event:

Family Day  
June 14th, 2014  
10 a.m.

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## President's Corner

Not too much going on so far this month. Everyone seems to be busy because the field hasn't seen very much action so far. I managed to spend an entire Saturday at the field and even do some night flying with Bryon and Lynn. If you haven't seen Bryon's Senior all lit up be sure to check out the video on the web site. It is by far one of the coolest night fliers I have seen! The Senior is a pretty big airplane and lit from the inside you can see it for miles. Because of it's easy flight characteristics it inspires confidence quickly. It only took a few passes and Bryon was really floating it in. You could almost forget it was night time. Almost. For those of you with night fliers be sure to stay in touch. We'll be flying at night more often this summer.

See you at the field  
Wes "Scott" Parker

## Drones Are Common Subjects

Since drones seem to be such a regular topic lately, my column promised on RC models (more or less) is delayed again. My first notice of "drones" referred to honey bees in the 1930's. My "out of date dictionary" defines a drone as a male honey bee that never leaves the hive or does any work; a low skilled worker; a more or less constant humming-like sound. It says nothing about "drone" planes.

My first notice of such aircraft was WWII when the term "remote" was used. They were used to train aerial and anti-aircraft gunners. Ryan Aircraft was one of the builders. Other sources were surplus and obsolete planes, including Grumman Hellcats! One time a Hellcat was directed for offshore CA. Instead it went out of control, circled over Los Angeles for two hours before crashing. To the relief of the "pilots" no serious damage and no injuries resulted. Very lucky for sure.

A column in the recent AMA magazine covered some possible upcoming problems that could impact us RC'ers (and any others). The column's writer seems most concerned about government use of drones for spying on us citizens and future regulations limiting how and where we can fly RC. I'm not so worried about the spying on us mostly lawful citizens but it's easy to think of many restrictive regulations the government might load onto RC. One might be reduction of our usable frequencies. Another – more sophisticated and costly radios.

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2014 Spring Club Party

