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Hall Of Fame
San Gabriel Valley Radio Control League
Ken Mead
Presented To You By Your Many
Friends And Radio Control Peers
In Recognition Of Your Years Of
Invaluable And Dedicated Service To The
San Gabriel Valley Radio Control League And Your
In Appreciation Of Your Friendship And Help
In Many Generations How You To Thank For
Your Excellent Service Rendered In Us All
Old And Young A Love For Flying
Friendship And Making Us Better People
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Gilbert Lucero
President

Presidents Message

Ken Meade

For over four decades, Ken Mead has been a San Gabriel Valley Radio Control League member. He first flew at Whittier Narrows flood basin in 1962, and since then he has taught many individuals how to fly remote control model airplanes. Ken has also influenced people in becoming airplane pilots, and has been a great role model to people of all ages. I have known Kenny for over 30 years, and have always admired how he would help both experienced, as well as inexperienced modelers. Just ask Kenny a question about model aviation, or aviation in general, and I promise you he will give nothing short of a very detailed response. You will know why he is such a great instructor, but more importantly a very giving person.

After Kenny retired, he made it a point to be at our flying field on our club day's, which are Tuesday's, Thursday's, Saturday's, and Sunday's. He usually gets there at the crack of dawn and has a cup of coffee and a doughnut in his truck. Ken will carefully evaluate what needs tending at the flying field, and has been doing this for decades. Kenny is also very good in instructing club board members on what needs attention. He has a knack at pointing out things that are, or could be beneficial to our club. It is people like Ken Mead who have laid out the foundation to having a well-structured San Gabriel Valley Radio Control League. I am very proud to be a servant to such an organized club.



On Saturday, February 20, 2016, we dedicated our flying field to Ken Mead. I saw people that I had not seen in decades, and older club members I had never met before. We also had our AMA District 10 Assistant V.P. Greg Stone that delivered an AMA recognition award. The best part of the day was that Kenny had no idea why we were all gathered there together. We told him it was our Executive Secretary Ted Holdredge's birthday. It was not until after we took that famous San Gabriel Valley Radio Control League group picture, that is now on our newsletter and on our Club handout, that he started getting suspicious that maybe it was not Ted's birthday. Afterwards, we uncovered his plaque that read, "Ken Mead Field". The look on his face said it all. It was a very special day!

Today, the San Gabriel Valley Radio Control League flying field is called the "Ken Mead Field". The Board Members decided it was time to give recognition to the very special people, who have shaped the clubs format to what it is today. We all unanimously picked Mr. Ken Mead to be the first inductee to "The San Gabriel Valley Radio Control League Hall of Fame". On Saturday, June 6, 2020, a group of club member's in about 20 vehicles met at the Northeast end of Whittier Narrows park, to organize a parade in honor of Kenny.



Club member's caravanned towards Kenny's house, and everyone was honking their horns and waving signs. It was great! He was waving and happy to see everyone as well. Although Ken knew we were going to have a parade for him, he did not know about the award. Again, the best part was not until Glenn Branch and I presented the "San Gabriel Valley Radio Control League Hall of Fame" award to him. The surprise on his face was priceless! Thank you to everyone who attended, and made Ken's parade possible.



Kenny, I want to thank you for all your selfless acts of kindness that you have shown us. You are a great role model to us all and we love you Kenny!

Gilbert Lucero, President
 San Gabriel Radio Control League
 Whittier Narrows Recreational Park
 Ken Mead Field



Ken Mead
 Curator of
 Ken Mead Field

Ken's Kadet

"Every club member must fly!"

The LT 40 "we" lost was out of the container was a club donation years ago and it was old then. The Monocoat was so tender from age it was fun trying to keep your fingers from punching threw giving it a new hole to patch!! I always loved the design as being the best of the best of trainer types at flying for training so I sort of stole it from the club when it was donated years ago saying that will use it as a club trainer as a excuse. The motor was wore out so I put the 10CC Evolution gasser on it hoping it would be more reliable running and much easier to tune. Nope! It took several years *of* debugging and on it's last flight finally got it purring then hung it up ready to go to work training. Hawaiian Larry always was there to help. Thanks Larry! All the while the students to train were getting rarer and rarer. So it hung there full of patches. Because it was so junky looking there wasn't much enthusiasm in flying it! :-) I think I did take one or maybe even two electric guys out on it during those trial days as a gas power demo over electric foamy things. Anyway -

So now **"We"** have a new one! As soon as I get it airborne! Yeah, since it will not to date have it's own tranny I'll use mine but if you guys get another Club Spektrum to replace the one lost "Dooms Day Friday" last week will immediately put it in it's memory too. I have a old but low time OS 50 FSR motor sitting on the bench. It's ugly with aluminum oxidation but the price is right and it ran beautiful. Being a 50 vs a 46 It might even make the LT 40 perk up pretty good! I hope I can get a big tank into the LT for longer flight times. I'll try. I want to bolt down the wing so that will take a few days longer to get it going if it can be done without too much cosmetic crud.

So this morning in the shower I was still cussing you guys out cuz the lost LT was junk anyway and no big loss and nobody was using it so why replace it and I was not going to even mention it's loss cuz we didn't really need it, why bother? All of that is still true so in kicking around what to do with it now that it's a done deal I thought of the many group projects the club has had over the years and how we could incorporate the LT into one. Yeah, even a club bird has to have a individual responsible for it to keep it ready to go and on the old LT - it was me. So here's the new "plan" if you will, for the new LT to give it something novel and fun to do cuz we really don't have "students" for it to speak of. Changing times! Now I get to decide what the plan is! :-) Age has it's authority! :-) I've got that covered! So here it is so lets roll with it since it's still a club bird! The plan includes **every** club member starting at the top. Gil your number one and Patton number two!!! I'm going to make a lot of assumptions here that the bird will survive it's coming trials!!!! You all know how that goes!! Will worry about that if it happens. :-) I get to test fly it and will be the first member - being the oldest - :-) - and as soon as it's passes acceptance



Robert King

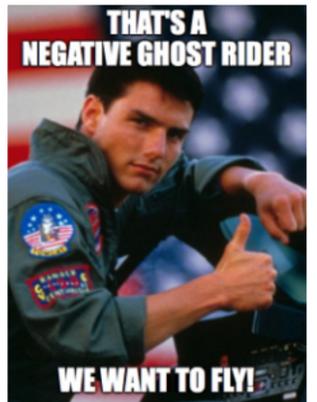
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In The Shop

Robert King

Well I hope you all have been enjoying our "little" vacation for the last 3 months. I know I have! Not...

There isn't enough space to go through what the King family has been doing the last year. Our house was remodeled and put up for sale right when this fun began! Talk about stress. We got lucky and the house just sold. Living in Anaheim now and enjoying it especially when it has been hot since we have a pool. It's useless 9 months of the year but is great now!



I've been busy this last month working on what planes I have here. The rest are still in a POD. RJ and I went with Mario to the Riverside RC Club field last month since ours wasn't open yet. I got to watch them both fly while I got two laps in with my Kaos before the engine quit. Spent the rest of the day troubleshooting it. Think it was tank problems. I've since replaced the tank with a Hayes one and waiting to test it out.

RJ brought a small Extra that he acquired. It has a .40 something size O.S. Engine on it. He had a problem on takeoff

and the engine quit. He managed to turn it around but the gear hit some weeds and tore out. After looking at it I knew it would be an easy fix but of course all my balsa/ply is in storage at the moment. A quick trip to Amazon.com (unfortunately my new best friend lately!) And a couple days later I was in business.



Some epoxy, ply and some balsa scraps it was probably stronger than before. All I need now it to cover the sections that I took off with monokote....yes waiting for the delivery man!

Been working on a 1.20 size pattern plane for competition. It will have a YS 1.20 in it. I've had

nothing but problems with the supplied mount. After a few choice words over a few days I finally got it figured out. These engines vibrate a lot so wanted to be sure it's on correctly.

Currently I'm cutting holes and fitting the cowl. I will probably change the fuel tank also from the one that was supplied. The engine pressurizes the tank so it needs to be strong and leak free.

I'm also waiting on a laser cut Bridi UFO kit to come my way. I've been itching to do some building but it's been a month since I've ordered might have to give them a call!

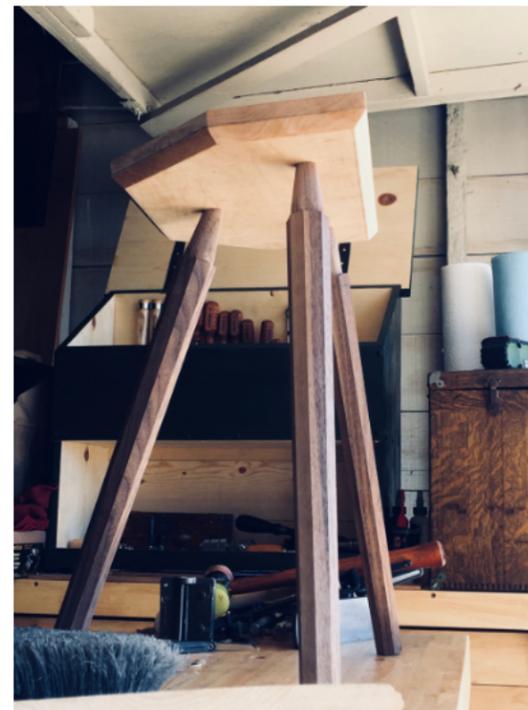
Been doing some woodworking over our break. Made a rolling workbench which has been nice. Just needed that extra space and can move it around to suit me.

Built a Dutch Tool Chest to hold all my fine woodworking tools. Some of my bench planes are from 1910 and before WWII. Also have a router plane from the late 1800's that works quite well.

Well that's about it I hope you are all doing well and if you have ANY articles or even pictures of any projects you are working on PLEASE send them to me and I will put in the newsletter or website. Email to kingconsulting@mac.com.

Until next time.....What's going on in YOUR shop?

Robert King



2020 Club Calendar



SAN GABRIEL VALLEY RADIO CONTROL LEAGUE CALENDAR - 2020



Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact/CD
June				
16	Tues	7:00p	Fun Zoom Meeting Hosted by Glenn	www.zoom.us Meeting ID 862 8491 4604
22	Mon	6:00p	SGVRCL Board Meeting	Zoom
23	Tues	TBD	SGVRCL General Meeting	Zoom Link will be emailed out later this week

We are working on an updated calendar due to COVID019 and will be in the next newsletter and on the website soon.

Schedule May Change. Any updates are online at www.sgvrcl.org Questions? Email: webmaster@sgvrcl.org



Found in Container!

