



Next meeting: Tuesday, October 15th

Time: 7:30 Pm

Veterans Memorial Bldg. (North Room) Across from Fairgrounds

Get there early for your free door prize raffle ticket!

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**Editors Corner**

It's that time of year again. Fall is in the air and the holidays are just around the corner. We also have our yearly nominations for club officers. If you've every wondered how we chose our officers, then you need to be there. This next meeting will give us all an opportunity to show our support for the club by taking an active part in choosing our nominees for club officers for the next year. If you know of someone that you think would be a good fit for one of the positions, then your need to be there. If you would like to take a more active part in the club, then you need to be there. If you haven't guessed we are trying to encourage all to participate and the way to do this is being present at the meeting.

We always seem to have a good time visiting with other members and there is also a chance to win a door-prize for all who show up on time. Don't forget, there is also a raffle so you could walk away with either some cash or great prizes. So give it a try and at the same time show your support.

## **WINE COUNTRY FLYERS**

### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 17, 2002**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by President Kevin Riecke 17 members present.

The door prize was won by John Reade. John already had a RC multi meter so he made another selection.

For "New Members", Jerry Strong was introduced, he is Hans Strong's father. Good to see another Father/Son combo join our group.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Tom Haddorff gave the monthly update for all our accounts and told us that our membership has increased to 114 members.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Neil Taylor Day is scheduled for next Sunday, September 22, 2002. There will be a Neil Taylor Award presented to the member who has contributed the most to the club for the past year. Everyone is encouraged to attend, friends neighbors, wives and girlfriends for the free annual BBQ.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Robbie Jensen outlined his plan for a fun fly scheduled for Sunday, October 27, 2002. There will be two classes of participants, Sportsman and Expert with a separate Heli class. Prizes will be awarded in each individual event. Robbie will be the emcee and contest director.

Robbie also announced his plans for a "Model Airshow 2003". He foresees the need to find a flying site other than our field at Healdsburg because of concerns about access and the fact that the Healdsburg field just isn't large enough. He envisions Combat, Racing, Aerobatics with planes, helicopters and maybe turbine type jets. Robbie will chair a committee for the event and will act as the Emcee for the program. The Crane Ranch on Petaluma Hill Road was discussed as a possible site. No date has been set but the months of May and June were suggested. This is an ambitious project that will require participation of many of us to pull off with media coverage and publicity!

Larry Miller and Doug Boucher announced that they have reserved a spot for us for the annual Christmas Dinner at Cattlemen's Restaurant in Montgomery Village. The date has been set for December 14 with cocktails at 4:30 and dinner at 6:00. The menu has yet to be determined but will probably be a choice of Steak, Salmon or Chicken with the cost per person under \$30.

Larry Miller also announced that he is planning to place an order for 24 shirts and hats to be available to members. The cost will be about \$600 and received Tom Haddorff's blessing. It will take a few weeks for the silk screen processing to be completed and Larry will bring the shirts and hats to a future meeting for individuals to buy.

### **THE RAFFLE**

The half cash (\$30) was won by me! Who said this club wasn't the greatest! Other winners included Robbie Jensen, Hans Strong, Stevo Smith, Joe Kagan, Louis Winnard Joe Olson and Tom Haddorff.

## **SHOW AND TELL**

Doug Boucher brought two models, the first being an Electric Laser 3D that does every aerobatic maneuver in the book including inside loops, outside loops you name it does 'em. Doug reports 7 to 8 minute flights that you can make in your own back yard!

(Photos by Stevo Smith)



Doug also brought a kit of a Christen Eagle still in the box that he bought from Scale RC Planes.com. We'll have to wait a while to see the finished result but it sure looked like a winner complete with all the colorful decals typical of the full size plane.

## **REFRESHMENTS**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 with refreshments and conversation at the rear of the room.

## **FIELD HAPPENINGS**

Hey, that was our ALTERNATE RUNWAY!

On or about Sept 18 heavy equipment from the Healdsburg Refuse Station began depositing earth material on top of what used to be our Alternate Runway. The material was placed on top of light plastic sheeting and was built up to a height of 15 to 20 feet extending a couple of hundred feet or so to the east. A quick call to the Central Refuse Office in Petaluma to Alex Sebastian provided some answers. First of all, Alex told us that the "Mound" is temporary and will be removed at some point in the future. The earth material has been dredged from one of the two ponds located south of the field and is being "dried out". We're not sure what the County plans to do with material but it was suggested to them that we could use some more level ground on or around our Alternate Runway. At any rate, we might have to wait until next Spring for them to get around to removing the "Mound".

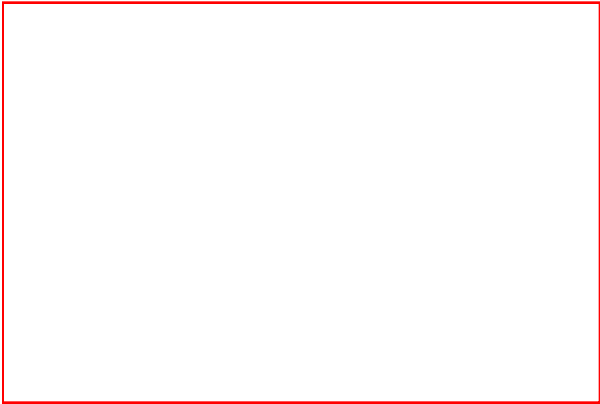
Phil

## ACROSS THE POND (you know, the float pond)

If you remember last newsletter we had included some pics of the new dock at the float pond. Well I had taken a few more shots I would like to share for those of you who haven't had the pleasure of float

flying. It is a beautiful area.

Here's one of Jeff Costa and his Seamaster coming in for a perfect touch & go. It is powered by a O.S. 40 with a tuned pipe. It really moves off the water quickly.



(Photos by Stevo Smith)

Gil Delagnes flew his Sig Astro Hog with a K&B 61 fitted with floats. Gil has had the Astro Hog for several years (built in 1992 close to 80 hrs flying time) and it is none the less for wear. Great flying plane Gil.



If you haven't tried floats on your plane then you haven't experienced a very exciting and graceful form of RC flying. Dust off that old trainer and buy you some floats and go get wet!

Just a few safety tips on the site because of the remote location:

Never go out alone, bring a buddy.

Take your cell phone.

Good idea to bring a life jacket.

One person at a time on the dock.

A way to retrieve your plane i.e. inflatable boat, RC boat, fishing rod, etc. you get the idea.

Do not leave anything that you wish to keep as theft has been a problem.

## **WINE COUNTRY FLYERS**

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 1, 2002**

The meeting was held at the new offices of Gary Child, Mortgage Broker, at 1101 College Ave. Suite #240. Gary has nice new offices complete with a round conference table that served very well. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with Tom Haddorff, Gary Child, Larry Miller, Steve Cole, Doug Boucher, Stevo Smith and Phil Leech present.

Dino House had offered the club a 12' x 12' wood shed that he would help deliver to our field. The shed would have to be dismantled and reassembled and would require a work party to do the work. After some discussion it was decided that it was hard to turn a good offer down but that we probably don't have enough need for more storage to justify the effort. Thanks anyway to Dino for thinking of us!

Doug Boucher suggested that the current Astro Turf Heli pad has deteriorated and needs replacement. He has a line on finding us some replacement material and will report to us about cost and availability.

Doug Boucher and Larry Miller reminded us that Nominations for 2003 should be made at the next General Meeting. An announcement should be published in the Newsletter that is scheduled to be sent out the week of Oct 7-11.

Tom Haddorff asked for guidelines regarding what the club spends for our monthly meetings for door prizes and the raffle. It was generally agreed that \$150/ meeting was appropriate.

On the subject of budgets, the upcoming Fun Fly was discussed and it was agreed that \$450 should be the target budget for the event to cover prizes, food and announcements.

Robbie Jensen is the Contest Director and he is anticipating an exciting event complete with Helicopter Drag Races as well events for both Helis and Planes.

Larry Miller was asked if the Hats and Shirts that he has ordered would be available at the next General Meeting and he thought that it might be possible.

A report on the progress of the Christmas Party was presented by Doug Boucher who told us that he felt that we should take a pass on dessert that would add an additional \$5.00 to the per person price.

Tom Haddorff gave the Treasurers report and informed us that our membership now stands at 114.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY UPDATE**

Here is the dinner menu for Dec. 14th

Cattlemen's Santa Rosa, in the Montgomery Village Shopping Center.

All come with Baked Potato, All you can eat Salad, Sourdough Bread, Ranch Style Beans, Coffee or Tea.

Teriyaki Chicken Breast,

Grilled Ribeye Steak,

Prime Rib 9 oz.

Grilled Pacific Salmon

\$25.00 Per Person, Includes Tax and Tip. Advance notice and individual payment required. We can order from the above menu when seated. More details to follow.

### **CLASSIFIEDS:**

GP 25 airplane motor great condition very few hours, if any. Asking \$45.

Contact Jordy at: [thestrongfamily@earthlink.net](mailto:thestrongfamily@earthlink.net)

If you have something to sale or trade just drop us a line at either of our emails or call 707 523 4703 and leave me a voicemail. Make sure and leave your contact info.

### **BUILDERS CORNER**

Over the years I have learned a great deal about building from reading various articles in the different flying publications and it has really proved helpful. But it seems that the best advice I get is right here in my own backyard so to speak. I'm talking about members of our very own WCF.

Just think. If you were to combine all the building experience from our combined membership, well you can see it would easily add up to at least a couple of hundred years and probably more.

So what better place to put some of that advice than in our own Newsletter.

This article will be dedicated to projects that different members have going or completed. It will include pictures and building techniques that you may or may not be aware of.

So if you have a project you would like to share or a neat little trick on building or setting up a plane or heli, them by all means write us. Next month we will feature an awesome giant scale P-40 Warhawk from Greg Penning.

So till next time. Keep em flying

sTevo

### **LOST AND FOUND**

If you lost it or found it, let us know and we can publish it in the newsletter.

## **POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS**

**Steve Cole became a father on Friday Sept 13<sup>th</sup>. They had a baby girl named Ashland Jade Cole weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz.**

Congrats buddy.

Hope to see all who can at the meeting.

### **Late addition:**

(unable to include the following in printed version)

Pardon the late addition but I forgot to mention the Neil Taylor fly in we recently had. I could not be there until about noon but Phil tells me there were a total of about 50 members who attended.

Everyone had a great time just with relaxed flying and talking amongst fellow fliers.

I would like to give a special mention to my fellow editor, Phil Leech. He was taking care of the food purchasing and headed up the cooking. It was reported that we only had one hamburger left at the end of the day. That my friends is what I call good planning. Either that or he is just dang lucky. Ha ha. Thanks Phil, we all appreciate your untiring efforts.