



Next meeting: Tuesday, November 19, 2002

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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EDITOR'S NOTE

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Club Officers of 2002 for all of their contributions of time and effort. Service in this capacity involves something that is precious to all of and that is time. Many times there are behind the scenes planning sessions, event coordination, communication with the County ,and a myriad number of duties that have to be performed. We hope that you will all join us in giving these guys a great big "AttaBoy". Thanks for all of your hard work. And for you new Officers coming in for 2003, we want to thank you for stepping up to the plate. We anticipate an exciting and

fun filled flying season ahead.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at your Christmas Party! Lets all get together for a great time!

OCTOBER 15, 2002

WINE COUNTRY FLYERS

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Kevin Riecke with 24 members present.

The door prize, a flight box, was won by Dave Locatell.

For "New Members and Guests" Kris Konnoff introduced his grandparents, Al and Cleo Konnoff.

TREASURERS REPORT

Tom Haddorff was on vacation hunting pheasant in South Dakota so Kevin Riecke read the Treasurers Report and noted that we have gained one new member to put us at 115 members.

OLD BUSINESS

Robbie Jensen gave an update for the coming Fun Fly scheduled for Sunday, Oct 27. He reviewed the kind of events and prizes that he has planned. He has high expectations for a good event.

Larry Miller displayed a series of new hats and shirts that he had ordered for the club. The hats are on sale for \$7.00 and the shirts go for \$25.00. Robbie will have these items available at Hangar One Hobbies.

Doug Boucher gave us an update for the Christmas Party that is scheduled for Saturday, December 14 at Cattlemen's Restaurant located in Montgomery Village. The time has been changed to cocktails at 7:30 and dinner at 8:30 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for Club Officers for 2003 was the main business topic of the evening. Kevin Riecke announced that he would not be available for nomination for President for 2003. Nominations from the floor included Doug Boucher and Steve Cole for President, Robbie Jensen and Larry Childs for Vice President, Larry Miller for Secretary, Tom Haddorff for Treasurer and John Reade for Member at Large. Formal election for Officers for 2003 will be held at the next general meeting scheduled for November 19, 2002.

THE RAFFLE

The half cash (\$41) was won by Gil Delagnes who had purchased only TWO TICKETS for \$2.00.

Other winners were Joe Kagan, Phil Leech, Larry Childs, Daniel Alvarez, Kevin Riecke, Dave Locatell, Larry Frank, Phil Heidt, Steve Cole and Stevo Smith.

SHOW AND TELL

Kevin Riecke brought a new kit that he recently acquired. The kit is for a Grumman F7F Tigercat. The Tigercat was originally flown just after WW2 but did see some action in Korea flying at speeds exceeding 500 mph. The kit has a fiberglass fuse with foam wings and tail feathers. Kevin plans to install twin YS63 engines with twin receivers. The Tigercat is not a plane that is commonly modeled and Kevin had to search for some time to find it. Mike Cingari put him on to a source and Kevin is looking forward to that great sound that twin engine planes make. We all are!

REFRESHMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 with refreshments and conversation at the rear of the room.

FIELD HAPPENINGS

Bob Ferguson sent us this e-mail describing two of his scratch built planes that we thought everybody would like to know about.

(See photos on page 7)

Phil, Attached are two photos of projects I've completed and flown this year. They may be of interest to other club members and useful for the web-site and/or newsletter. Both pictures are with my son, Scott, who's also a club member.

The red & white plane has a wingspan of 84 inches, weighs about 13 pounds and is powered by a Saito .91. The wings are foam core with balsa sheeting and the fuselage is 1/8 poplar plywood. It's very conventional in design and very easy to fly--one of the club members (I think it was Larry Frank) called it a "senior citizen" plane because it's so stable in flight. I like to think of it as a large scale trainer. One added design aspect is the flaps; you need to be slow on landing or the plane wants to roll off the end of the runway. The silver & yellow plane is a heavyweight-- about 25 pounds. Wingspan is 92 inches and it's powered by a US Engines 41cc. I'm not sure where all that weight came from since the design and construction is again conventional-- foam core wings and tail feathers with 1/8" poplar ply fuselage. The engine, muffler and prop are about 5 pounds. The plane has a rather high wing loading (lb/foot of wing area) and a low power loading (pounds of weight/engine cc), which makes it a real hot rod and challenge to fly. The first flight was a scare; I was lucky to get the plane back on the ground without bending or breaking anything. I have to give credit to Ralph Grella (a club member with a great deal more flying experience than me) for making some very helpful suggestions --move CG forward, add engine down-thrust and use rudder coordinated with ailerons to make turns. Subsequent flights have been getting easier each time.

Bob Ferguson



ELECTION SLATE

Since our last General Meeting on October 15, 2002 two of our nominees have decided to relinquish their nominations. For President, Doug Boucher has decided to step aside for Steve Cole. Doug is an original founder of Wine Country Flyers and has held many offices in the past and he felt that the time had come for Steve to assume the President's Office. We must appreciate and respect Doug's decision and realize that we are fortunate to have two guys who are both so well qualified to lead our group.

For Vice President, Larry Childs has decided to step aside for Robbie Jensen. Larry has started his own business "Designit" a custom machine shop with a clientele closely associated with auto racing. Larry has participated with an active auto racing team that has required that he be out of town attending racing events. The combination of the new business and demands from the racing team made Larry realize that he couldn't devote the time and energy that he knew the Vice President's Office should require. Larry has served us well this past year and we will miss his participation and leadership.

So, that takes us to our formal 2003 Election Slate as follows:

PRESIDENT Steve Cole

VICE PRESIDENT Rob Jensen

SECRETARY Larry Miller

TREASURER Tom Haddorff

MEMBER AT LARGE John Reade

Not much election to it but we can all give these guys our vote of confidence with the realization that we are fortunate to have these fine guys willing to help us enjoy our hobby!

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Doug Boucher has been planning for a great evening for us all on December 14, 2002 at Cattlemen's Restaurant located in Montgomery Village. Doug will be the Emcee for the event and will present plaques to this past year's club officers and will preside over the "Passing the Gavel" ceremony for the incoming new President.

Doug and Larry Miller have been planning this event for several months now and we can expect individual door prizes for all of our ladies and rumor has it that there will be quite a few goodies for the guys too!

We have our own private party room that will be staffed by a bartender starting at 7:30 PM with dinner at 8:30 PM. We're looking forward to a great evening with our wives and/or girlfriends with drinks, good food and Doug's hand selected door prizes!

See you there!

WINE COUNTRY FLYERS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 6, 2002

The meeting was held at the offices of Gary Child, Mortgage Broker at 1101 College Ave. Suite #240. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with Tom Haddorff, Gary Child, Steve Cole, Doug Boucher, Stevo Smith, Kevin Riecke and Phil Leech present.

A financial review of the recent Oct 27 Fun Fly was presented and discussed with the following stats:

EXPENSES	INCOME
Prizes \$416	Entry Fees \$ 70
Food \$109	Food Sales \$223
Total Expense \$525	Total Income \$293

Expenses of \$525 minus Income of \$293 yields a Cost of Event of \$232.00. Everyone was satisfied that we had a successful event for a reasonable cost.

Doug Boucher gave us an update on the plans for our Annual Christmas Party. Since there was a foul-up on the time that we had originally wanted the room (dinner at 6PM) Cattlemen's has agreed to give us free hors d' oeuvres and 10 bottles of wine (dinner at 8:30PM). The menu will include choice of Teriyaki Chicken, Ribeye Steak, Prime Rib or Grilled Salmon. We had to commit to a minimum of 60 people to get the room which is a few more than we have had attend in the past so it is hoped that we will get a good club turnout for the event. Larry Frank is preparing a mailer with return envelopes to be sent out to the entire membership within the next week.

Stevo Smith told us that he had a discussion with Larry Childs about the upcoming election. Apparently Larry has had second thoughts about his nomination for Vice President because of the amount of time he is spending with his racing events and his new business. Accordingly, he has asked that his name be removed from the candidate list.

Tom Haddorff presented a letter from Verisign regarding our website. A discussion about the website developed. Stevo Smith is interested in working on the website and is willing to pursue what he can do to assist Mike Beito with maintenance and updating current material.

Membership dues for 2003 need to be sent out and this will require coordination with Stevo Smith who has been recording credits for work parties and participation by each member of the club. A reduction of as much as \$40 can be credited to a member's dues.

Steve Cole discussed the need for access to a Wine Country Flyer Flight Syllabus that should be available to new students.

There will be no scheduled General Meeting for the month of December because of the Christmas Party but it was decided that there should be a Board Meeting and it was agreed to meet December 3 at Gary Child's Office.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

FLIGHT LINE - BITS AND PIECES

Stuart Dobbie has been a member of our club for 4 years or so and has never had a flight...until now. A couple of weeks ago (Nov 2 to be exact) Stuart had several successful flights with Steve Cole as his instructor. I think Stuart is finally hooked and we can expect to see him on a more regular basis.

Ben Ostlind has been flying his beautiful Gee Bee Model Y that is powered by a great sounding OS 150 Twin during some of the best weather this season. He has plans for another Gee Bee that he plans to order uncovered so that he can cover it himself with Coverite. He plans to add flying wires to add to the scale effect, that and a new 5 cylinder radial engine should make this model a real show stopper.

Joe Kagan flies again! On October 19 Joe "soloed again". The first time was last year and Joe has had his ups and downs ever since (no pun intended). Hope to see Joe at the field more

often..it just takes lots and lots of practice.

New member Art Sutter has soloed too. Art has several planes and he has spent a fair amount of time with a flight simulator but the thing that put him "over the top" was several consecutive sessions with Stan Adkins. Congratulations, Art.

Larry Frank has suffered a nasty experience. A few weeks ago his workshop was broken into with the thieves taking a beautiful J3 Cub and an irreplaceable scratch built amphibious Bi-plane. Larry also lost a number of radios and engines.

We have some new members to tell you about too. Welcome to Kurt Hider of Santa Rosa, Luke Knight from Windsor and Grant Harris also from Santa Rosa. Hope to see all of you guys at the field & at our monthly meetings at the Veteran's Building in Santa Rosa, and don't forget our upcoming annual Christmas Party at Cattleman's Restaurant.

Builders Corner

Another month has gone by, whew that was quick. Hope you were able to get some building done. If not then I'm sure we will have plenty of rainy weather to get us back to the work bench.

As mentioned last month, are starting a small building segment in the newsletter, and as time goes on I will be attempting to also update the website with different building projects also (and update the pictures). Until then;

Last week I was over doing a little painting at Greg Pennings shop. He has a beautiful new Pica 1/5 scale P-40 he has just built up from a kit. It is ready for glass and then paint in the Flying Tiger paint scheme.

The motor he will be powering up with is a 3 W 50 gas although the plans call for a 42 cc. Greg says "little more power little more speed" (argh argh argh). 21st century retracts, tailwheel included. J-tech functional exhaust stacks. Wing span 86", length 74". When asked what he intends to do with this plane Greg responded with a big smile " Make lots of low high speed passes." He just wants to fly it as scale as he can.

It will have about a 20" three bladed prop that is from a company that will special build to scale for each particular plane.

Many modifications were needed in the engine area to accommodate the motor and exhaust system.

He even has a scale Flying Tiger pilot dressed in flight gear from the era of the plane. He found them at Marco Polo imports, Dragon Action figures. Forty bucks was all it cost and let me tell ya, it is detailed. You can even pull the clip out of his sidearm and the bullets are even painted.

Being such a large plane and with the level of detail he is putting into it, it ought to be hard to tell it from the real thing on fly-byes.

Greg mentioned that this plane holds special meaning for him and his wife, Carmen. While being an awesome aircraft to model it is also the a replica of the planes that were used to help liberate Burma where Carmen's family history is from.

Greg also has a Aero-Works 330 L 39 % TOC version scale aerobatic plane that he is working on. You can see the skeleton of the fuselage in the photos. It will have a 3 W 150 Sulman Zini Special (I know I spelled it wrong but that's how it sounded).

He is planning to fly this in Scale Aerobatic competitions.

14 DS8411 servos

2 receivers

4 matchbox servo matchers

6 batteries

6 switches, regulators

Wingspan 121 " Length 113", Weight 36-38lbs

Can't hardly wait to see em both up in the air.

Well that's it for this month. Keep em flying.

Still looking to hear from the Heli pilots. Send me some emails with stories and or pics.

Hope to see all at the Christmas Party at Cattleman's December 14

