

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: Tuesday, June 15th. Time: 7:30 P.m.
Veterans Memorial Bldg. (Northwest Room) Across from Fairgrounds

Get there early for your free door prize raffle ticket!

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A Preview of our April Meeting

submitted by Phil Leech

There will be discussion and planning regarding the upcoming "Learn to Fly Day". This is an important event in that it is our opportunity to do something for our communities. It is our way of reaching out to invite guys and gals who have some interest in our hobby but have never had the chance to experience RC flying first hand. Sid Maxwell has done some preliminary planning and he will be on board to give us a heads up.

Ralph Grella has a nice line-up of prizes for May, see his article on page 6.

There will also be the traditional gallon of fuel for the door prize.

For Show and Tell Guy Nicholas will present the thrilling footage that he has assembled of his memorable P-51 flight shot from the ground before takeoff and in-flight footage taken from Mike Cingari's Maule by Steve Cole half hanging out of the airplane to get the amazing shots.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 1, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by VP Phil Leech.

Members present were Brody Carlson, Gary Child, Sid Maxwell, Ralph Grella, Larry Miller, Phil Leech, and Tom Haddorff.

The meeting was opened with a discussion of the Opening Day Event, items such as what we could do better next time, what worked well, etc.

We also talked about future raffles since we haven't at least broke even financially lately. Brody reported that the new canopies have been shipped and should be here any time. Our TV and VCR are being stored at Phil's house temporarily until we can find a more permanent home for them. They are heavy and difficult for one person to transport.

Phil suggested that we have a swap meet (or items for sale) table available at future meetings for the convenience of members with things they would like to trade or sell.

Sid reported he is working on the Learn To Fly Day with the flyers printed up, instructors lined up, and the procurement of trainer aircraft.

The pylon race that was canceled will probably be made up later in the year if agreeable with everyone involved.

Sid announced that there will be a Float Fly on the Fourth of July, starting at 9:00 am, at the pond since the flying field will be closed for the holiday. Flyer to follow soon.

Sid is still trying to update the frequency list. If you haven't already, email him your frequency numbers so he can add them to the list. He would be most appreciative.

A discussion was held on the possibility of a special event later this year. More information on this later when a decision is made.

Brody promised that he and Rob would have the revised training syllabus available very soon as there are no more old ones left for new students.

Larry reported that plans are already under way for the August PCAM airshow. The show director indicated that they would like to see helicopters, jet turbines, and more aerobatic aircraft with smoke systems. They really liked our demo last year.

Phil brought in a map of the proposed Saggio Hills development adjacent to the dump site. With all the problems and opposition to the project, we have nothing to fear for a long time.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Miller, Secretary

MINUTES GENERAL MEETING

5/18/04

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Vice President Phil Leech. President Stevo Smith was unable to attend due to an out-of-town engagement.

There were 33 members present.

Several new members were welcomed into the club by the membership.

The door prize drawing was held with the usual gallon of fuel won by new junior member Joey Giddings.

Treasurer Tom Haddorff gave the monthly treasurer's report.

The Secretary's report was approved as printed in the newsletter.

A review of the Opening Day BBQ and demonstrations was conducted by Rob and Sid, with an expense report by Tom.

A big 'Thank You' was extended to member Jack Collins for mowing the tall grass just before the event and donating a generator to the club which we have put to good use already.

We received an update on the canopies which, it has been reported, should be here some time soon.

Member J. T. Williams attended a Healdsburg Planning Commission meeting recently and reported back to us on the status of the proposed development adjacent to our field.

Sid reported on the progress of the frequency list he has been working on. He also reminded us of the upcoming combat event to be held on Saturday, June 5th.

Guy Nicholas informed us that Loren Fong recently competed in a national helicopter contest and placed near the top of the competition. Congratulations, Loren.

For Show and Tell, Bob Film brought in his old time Playboy free flight model that he has installed an electric motor in. He stated that it flies quite well.

Rob showed us a tiny little electric plane that weighs less than an ounce and then proceeded to fly it around the room over our heads. Fascinating little aircraft.

Gary Child brought in a video tape of his recent flight in a AT-6. He had a great time, according to the smile on his face when he talked about it.

The last thing on the agenda for the evening was the raffle. Larry Miller won a Tiger II ARF kit that he donated to one of our junior members, Ralph Grella chose an OS .40 engine, Sid got an assortment of glues, Joe Kagan won a volt meter, John Reade won some WCF decals that were donated by J.T. Williams, lucky Phil Leech won the coveted

hinges, and several other members also took home some nice prizes.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Miller, Sec.

FIELD HAPPENINGS

Submitted by Phil Leech

The Opening Day Airshow was a fantastic success that was the result of a lot of work by a lot of us working together. The attendance was somewhere between 150 and 200 people but I counted 85 cars at one point so I suspect the number was nearer to 200. One thing that had an overall effect on all of the events was our new P/A system that Sid Maxwell bought and set up. The icing on the cake was the new generator that was given to us by Jack Collins. The generator is 1400 watts and it runs for about two hours on a tank of gas. We had to fill it twice and that was just right for our 4 hour event. The P/A system made overall communication between the audience and the commentator a breeze and it makes you realize how limited we have been in the past. I'm sure we will be putting this system to good use for all of our upcoming events. I know that Tom Haddorff gave us a report at the last meeting but I would like to present it to everyone.

Food concession	+ \$395
Raffle	- \$295
Clothing Sales	+ \$ 85
Parking	+ \$270
Paint Ball Shoot	+ \$ 85

Total for Airshow + \$545

So, you can see what worked really well and what needs some attention in the future.

The paint ball shoot was really a big hit and it looks like we made money but that is only because Gary Child donated the paint ball supplies that were pretty pricey and Stevo donated (shall we say sacrificed) his

airplane. We learned a lot and there are plans to incorporate the positives in our Fun Fly scheduled for July 24. Here are some shots of the Airshow:



Patrick O'Halloran's Combat Ready



Steve's Paintball Sacrifice Trainer



Sid Maxwell gets ready to fly



Ralph's Antique Engines



Airshow Flight Line

It was a great day wasn't it? Let's not forget Red Jensen. This was Red Jensen's event and he set the agenda and scheduled the events to make it all happen. Hats off to Red!

COMBAT AIR SQUADRON

The June 5 Invasion of Italy was a big success. The allies took over Italy and our combat pilots took over the Combat Exhibition. We had 6 combat pilots flying. After 2 hours of combat the results were:::~::~:

1st Brian Blackburn

2nd Gary Child

3rd Kevin Rankin

The other combat pilots were:::~::~:

Kurt Hiner

Sid Maxwell

Patrick O'Halloran

The scorekeepers were:::~::~:

Dave Rankin

Carol Rankin

The timer was.....:

Ralph Grella

The awards were 3 beautiful plaques created by Wayne Frederick and engraved with P-51 Mustangs.

The day was sunny and warm but the wind was blowing at 25 mph. Our small planes were almost blown away but every one had a good time anyhow. Our next Combat Exhibition will be August 29.

Take the challenge.....fly combat
sid maxwell

to be the best one ever.

Take the challenger-----fly combat.....
Sid Maxwell

DAY ON THE POND

On the 4th of July 2004 will be our , "Day on the Pond". We will have a Float Fly at SAL Lake, the Salvation Army Lake just across the freeway from Alexander Valley Field.

This will be our only organized day at the Lake although we can fly there anytime. We will meet at 9 am at the large grey Salvation Army building and sign in before we go to the Lake, but if you want to fly sooner go for it.

We fly from the West Bank and you can drive close to where we fly. Alexander Valley will be closed so we do not need any frequency pins from the field.

Flying Float Planes is different, a different kind of fun and it's easy. You can land any way the wind blows.

So if you have a float plane or not, come out and join in the fun, and you know we'll have fun.

the wetter the better.....

sid maxwell.....

event coordinator.....

FLYERS AT THE FIELD

This question was asked at the Model Air Show on May 15.

QUESTION:.....:What part of the Show did you like best ??????

"I liked the Jet. The Jet was great, it was really impressive also the food was good. Phil did a good job".....john stoufer

"The paint ball was good. I would have liked to have seen the Bucker fly over but it was cancelled"

.....phil leech

"I liked the War Planes. Yes I liked those----- just flying by. I could watch those all day".

.....brian blackburn

"Watching Patrick O' Halloran fly his control line was the high point of the show. Also when they were flying in formation. A group of planes flying in tight formation is a touching sight".

.....sid maxwell

"The Jet and the paint ball. I think we should have 10 of those set up next time".

.....kurt hiner

"The Hit & Miss engines was good. And the Jet was a big hit".

.....ralph grella

as told tosid maxwell

SWAP MEET TABLE

Phil Leech

How about this for an idea. Since I won the JR 8103 radio I don't have any real use for my JR 631 anymore. It hasn't had a lot of use and somebody out there might like to have it at a bargain price. What better place to exchange stuff that you aren't using than at one of our meetings. So, I plan to bring my 631 and put a price on it at a table at the rear of the room for everybody to see if it is anything they want. What do you have that you aren't using anymore? Kits, planes, radios, servos? Take a look around and

bring your stuff to the meeting. If this works out we may make it a feature at each of our meetings. See you there!

CLASSIFIED

For Sale::::::::::.40 Ultrastick
ARF...assembled
\$75 contact--Dan Coffman 541-
7231

WEDDING BELLS

Guess who is getting married this weekend? Our own Sid Maxwell is going to step up to tie the knot with his girlfriend, Jody. This is not going to be his first marriage but he tells me that he is planning for it to be his last. The couple plan to reside in Rohnert Park with occasional trips to their Vacation Home in Portola. Congratulations to the Newlyweds!

RALPH'S RAFFLE

The raffle prizes for this month:::::::::::

Ultrastick .40 with the new color
scheme of white, blue and red

++++++ plus a whole bunch

of little stuff

Proceeds were down a little this month because we didn't take in as much money as usual last month. So come on guysdust off those wallets and pull out some \$20's so we can get some better raffle prizes next month.

Ralph Grella

R C Fashion Wear

The new club hats and shirts(T-shirts and Polo shirts) are here and will be on display and for sale at the June Meeting.

John Stoufer

EVENTS CALENDAR 2004



Pylon Racing	June 13 th Sunday
Learn to Fly Day	June 26 th Saturday
Day on the Pond	July 4 th Sunday
Pylon Racing	July 11 th Sunday
Fun Fly	July 24 th Saturday
Pylon Racing	August 15 th Sunday
PCAM Air show Santa Rosa Airport	August 21&22 nd Saturday & Sunday
Combat	August 29 th Sunday
Neil Taylor Day	September 11 th Saturday
Pylon Racing	September 12 th Sunday
Combat	September 25 th Saturday
Christmas Party	December 11 th Saturday



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