

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: Tuesday, November 16, 2004 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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Promoting Model Aviation in Sonoma County

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A Preview of our November Meeting

submitted by Phil Leech

I will have **more good news** to report to you all in my President's Report regarding the election slate for 2005. (See The President's Corner). And we will have a review of our upcoming Christmas Party to be held at a Cattlemen's restaurant in Montgomery Village on December 11. There will be a free raffle with prizes for the ladies and of course, you guys.

Sid Maxwell has procured a supply of AMA ID stickers that are specially designed for installation in our planes. The stickers have spots for you to supply your name, address, phone number etc. Sid found out that if your plane is involved in some kind of accident and does not have proper ID in or on the plane or Heli, the insurance Co. will not honor a claim. We have a supply of these and they will be distributed free to all WCF members. Be there to get yours!

Brody Carlson is on board for "Show and Tell" with a 10 to 15 minute video he has created with shots of several jets at Woodland. It features Red Jensen with their Eurofighter and Will Whiteside with his A-10 Warthog. I'll be bringing the club's TV and VCR so, you won't want to miss this one. Maybe we'll get around to Mike Cingari and the Shogun Heli next month.

Ralph Grella has a nice line-up of prizes for the November raffle starting with a Carl Goldberg 60 size Sukhoi. This model has a 72.5" wingspan with recommended engines ranging from a .60 to .90 2 stroke or .90 to 1.20 4 stroke. This kit retails for \$320. Ralph plans to have a Great Planes C.G. Machine as well as an array of other tools and accessories including the always popular "set of hinges". As always, there will also be the traditional gallon of fuel for the door prize.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Phil Leech.

There were 28 members present.

The first order of business was to award the door prize, the usual gallon of fuel. This was won by Bob Film who flies electrics and gliders. I think he plans to use the fuel to start his barbeque and kill the weeds in his yard.

Phil gave a report on his conversation with the folks at the county. They like having us use their property but we still have to follow all the rules and keep our aircraft over county property and not violate our neighbors' airspace.

Phil also gave the treasurer's report as Tom was out of town for a few days. He also noted that we now have a total of 128 members in the club.

Next was the secretary's report. It was noted by Sid that an item had been left out of the minutes of the last board meeting. The following is a correction of that omission:

"Sid Maxwell proposed a program of assigning Sky Marshals to remind pilots of the field rules. Sid will present his idea to the members at the next general meeting."

Brody Carlson announced the recent completion of the new Flight Training Manual. He also told us about a new Advanced Flight Training Manual he and Rob are working on for those people who would like to learn more advanced maneuvers and aerobatics. Steve Cole announced that he will be recertifying flight instructors Sunday mornings, weather permitting.

Phil informed the membership that due to the drill rig that will be working at the field, the flying field will be closed on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the 25th, 26th, and 27 of October.

Larry proposed raising the age for junior members from 16 to 18 years of age. This was voted on and approved by the membership.

Sid explained his program of Sky Marshals to the membership. He also reminded everyone that it is the duty of all members to monitor the activities at the field, especially flying within the boundary limits. He passed out maps of the field boundaries to the

members present and reminded everyone that they are also posted at the field. It was also mentioned that it is an AMA and club requirement that all aircraft have the owners name, address, and phone number in inside the fuselage.

Phil reminded everyone that the election of officers for the year 2005 will be next month. Tom will be retiring from the treasurers office and Brian Blackburn has graciously volunteered to take over that post for next year. Also, Guy Nicholas has volunteered to take over the newsletter editor duties for 2005. John Reade will continue as field marshal and Larry Miller will stay on as secretary. Brody Carlson was nominated for vice president and it looks like Phil will probably remain as president.

It was suggested that we look for an indoor flying site for the winter in order to keep up our flying skills with electric indoor models. If anyone has any ideas, let one of the board members know and we will look into it.

Sid announced he will be presenting an award to the pilot with the most crashes at the end of the year.

At the next general meeting, Brody will be bringing in a video of the recent Jet Fun Fly in Woodland where he and Rob flew their recently completed jet aircraft.

Sid had the latest list of frequencies in use by club members to aid folks who are going to buy a new radio in the near future to get a frequency that is not crowded.

Ralph talked about the selection of prizes for this month's raffle and told us that he will be alternating buying them between Red's Hanger One and Awesome Hobbies.

The last item on the agenda for the evening was the raffle. The first ticket drawn belonged to Ralph Grella. The hinges looked inviting but he finally decided on the beautiful Hanger 9 P-51 Mustang ARF. He then drew Rich Larsen's ticket out of the barrel and he picked the OS .46 engine. The next winner was Joe Giddings who picked out an Ultimate indoor flyer followed by John Lehtio who got a tach. Des Shapiro won an indoor flyer and Jim Belisle chose a WCF polo shirt. Ken Melani's son picked out a ball driver set for him and Mike Cracchiolo took

home a wing bag. Sid won a glow driver and Dennis Rogers got a WCF t-shirt followed by Bob Rose taking a center finder tool and finally, Ryan Muehlbauer won the coveted hinges.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Miller, Sec.

WCF BOARD MEETING

10/26/04

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phil Leech.

Other members present were Ralph Grella, Gary Child, Sid Maxwell, John Stoufer, Tom Haddorff, Guy Nicholas, and Larry Miller.

The first order of business was a review of the work points with Guy.

Next, John withdrew his motion from the last board meeting to allow paid advertising in the newsletter. This was voted on and approved by the board.

Phil announced the slate for the 2005 club officers election coming up next month. Guy volunteered to run for President and he will also be doing the newsletter. Brody Carlson will be running unopposed for Vice President and Brian Blackburn agreed to take over the job of Treasurer. Sid said he would remain on as event coordinator.

Phil announced that the preparations for the annual Christmas party are well under way.

Sid and Phil will be working on the awards committee for the party.

Tom will be going to the Redwood Credit Union this month to see if he can get a better interest rate on our CD.

Ralph gave us a rundown on the prizes he has planned for the next general meeting.

Brody will be bringing in a video of the Jet Fly In at Woodland, featuring he and Rob's jet, to the next general meeting for show and tell.

Field Marshall John Reade sent word that we will be enforcing the rule that states all aircraft must have the pilots name, address, phone number, and AMA number in it.

Sid is working on getting an AMA sanction for our opening day picnic in order to

possibly get some good prizes from manufacturers for a raffle.

Sid suggested three new rules be added to our present list of field rules. These are as follows: "1. All flying must be kept within the posted field boundaries. 2. There will be no taxiing in the pit area. 3. All aircraft must have the owners name, address, phone number, and AMA number inside the fuselage." This proposal was voted on and approved by the board and the new rules have been added to the existing list.

A copy of all the rules will be sent out to all members along with their dues renewal notice for the upcoming year. It must be signed and returned along with your dues and a copy of your 2005 AMA card.

Sid volunteered to coordinate the training program, setting up instructors with students, etc.

Note: Due to County work at the field, namely well drilling, the field will be closed on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of November, that's Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

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Respectfully submitted,
Larry Miller, Sec.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Phil Leech

At the October meeting I presented the Nominating Committee's recommendations for the 2005 slate of club officers minus the President and Vice President slots. Mike Cracchiolo nominated Brody Carlson from the floor and Brody agreed to accept the nomination for Vice President. Sid Maxwell was nominated for President but he resolutely declined and the meeting was adjourned with no nominee for President. Later, at the Board Meeting, after much cajoling and encouragement, we got Guy Nicholas to agree to step up to take President's spot. Guy had already agreed to take on the Newsletter and there was concern that he was taking on too much but Guy assured us that he was up to the task. So, who's gonna argue with that! OK, so here is the slate:

President	Guy Nicholas
Vice President	Brody Carlson
Treasurer	Brian Blackburn
Secretary	Larry Miller
Member at Large	John Reade

Hope as many of you as possible will attend to give these guys your support.

THIS MONTH'S PICTURES



Red Jensen and Mike Cracchiolo prepare the Eurofighter for flight with Jack Jensen looking on.



Eurofighter takes to the sky with Red Jensen on the box. What a sight!

FEARLESS FLYER

Flying after you learn to fly

Congratulations !!! You have learned to fly and you have soloed. Now what do you do ? To improve your landing technique so there is no problem at all is always first on a new pilot's list. To learn to have full control of the aircraft in any situation is necessary

and also a good feeling. One way to learn control is with aerobatics. Learning aerobatics is fun and when you do them right, smooth and clean, it gives you a warm feeling that is very enjoyable. There is no reason at all why you can't go back on the , "buddy box", to get the feel of aerobatics without the fear of crashing. Get yourself some aerobatic books and watch for articles in magazines. Get the AMA Competition Manual, it has most of the maneuvers and it shows how to fly them correctly. Start out slow learning one maneuver at a time. Do them right, be smooth, have fun and let the bug bite.....

sid maxwell

DECALS

We ordered 200 ID decals to put in your aircraft. The AMA rules state:":Everyone shall have an ID in all aircraft." Also, we now have a Standing Field Rule in the WCF to have your ID in all aircraft. There are also plans to start inspecting for your ID. The decals will be available at the November meeting.

sid maxwell
vice-president

NO FLY ZONE

The Wine Country Flyers are making a concentrated effort to inform all members about the, "No Fly Zone", and the club Standing Field Rules, including all AMA safety rules. We now have 14 Sky Marshals with the addition of Brian Blackburn. Their duties are to inform all members about rules, flying habits and the respect for each other. The WCF will become better and special because of it. I will present a map of the, "No Fly Zone". At our November Meeting.

sid maxwell
vice-president

A "Heads up" from Stevo

Stevo has reported in to tell us that he has had a very difficult time of it regarding health issues. The docs are still trying to determine the source of all of Stevo's difficulties but one thing seems to be emerging and that is the years that Stevo has spent as a professional painter. Inhaling all sorts of toxic paint fumes over an extended period of time appears to have taken a toll on his overall health and is the reason the he was forced to make the decision to step down from offices at WCF last June.

Stevo has decided to make a career change and to break away from painting and all of the hazards involved. Stevo has accepted a position at Manly's of Santa Rosa. He is currently a Sales Representative for GMAC trucks but will also be able to handle sales transactions for all GM new and used cars. So, if any of you are in the market for a GM product be sure to look him up at Manly's. We're sure that Stevo has a bright future ahead and wish him all of the best.

EVENTS CALENDAR 2004



Christmas Party	December 11 th Saturday



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