

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 17 May, 7:30 P.m.
Veterans Memorial Bldg. (Northwest Room) Across from Fairgrounds

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Promoting Model Aviation in Sonoma County

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Presidents Report

Guy Nicholas

Yet another month has come and gone...funny how that works, every month the newsletter comes out, another month has come and gone....interesting. Sorry, sometimes I get off on a tangent, geez, who am I kidding? I am always off on a tangent.

You may notice the pictures I have put on the front page. This month's theme...happy hat day!

With the upcoming opening day event I would like to take a moment to talk about club participation. We are going to need a few volunteers for a couple of tasks that need to be handled during the event. I also don't want anyone to have to do anything for very long. My goal is to have nobody do any task that lasts more than 20-30 minutes. For example, last year I believe we had only 1 or 2 people handling the parking fee collection! That is a long boring day for 2 people. However if I can get a half dozen volunteers, and we man that station from 10:00-1:00 that is only 30 minutes each. Standing down there for 30 minutes is easy. If you pick a buddy to go down there with you then you have someone to B.S. with while you hang out...now the parking duty is almost fun 😊. So please find me and ask where you can help out. Remember, it is OUR club and it takes a village to raise a club...or something like that.

Red speaks about racing later on, but I thought I would throw in a little something as well. Actually it really isn't about racing, but more about flying in general. When I launched for my first race this past month something was a bit weird with my plane so I ended up landing prior to the start. I found a wire out of place and between heats I went up to test fly it. Well things felt pretty good so I decided to take a few actual laps. As I made my pass down the runway, something caught my eye and I looked over. Well, a half second later when I got my eyes back on my plane, it was...like all weird and stuff.

I couldn't figure out which way it was facing and I pulled up...bad move.

Everything here was still actually working.



Check out my engine trench 😊



My engine was awfully lonely without its muffler.

The funny thing is, actually let's call it the expensive thing, is that I did the same thing with my helicopter the week before! There I was doing some backwards rolls about 15' high when I glance over at a car driving by. When I looked back the heli was sort of sideways and diving and backwards and...well, again, it was all freaky and stuff. That cost me a couple hundred bucks 😊. The moral of the story is: Always pay attention to your vehicle when you are in the air.

Hmmm, let's see since I am a bit short of actual textual materials for the newsletter how 'bout a few cool pictures.

"The JR stance"



He should have bought the [Futaba 14MZ](#)

Julio looking like a fisherman.



Bob Rose, "Pole dancing"



Crackerjack redefines the wheels down landing:



Yeah, those are the mains off to the left.

Board Meeting Minutes

5/3/05

- Members present were Chairman Guy Nicholas, Phil Leech, Larry Miller, John Reade, Brody Carlson, Mike Cracchiolo, and Rob Jensen.
- The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- We started off with a briefing on the upcoming air show. Phil told us that Bob Film has done some mowing of the grass along the runway at the field in preparation for the event. We hope to have a tractor up there to get the really tall stuff cut down. Rob filled us in on what he has planned for the day and it sounds like a full agenda. Gary Child volunteered to be the MC for the day and Ralph will again have some of his antique engines on display. Tom will be flying his WCF banner behind his aircraft and Bob Rose will be flying his candy drop aircraft for the kids. An AT-6 ride will again be raffled off and Rob has arranged for the plane to do a flyby at noon time to encourage ticket sales. Mike has got the paintball event taken care of with two donor aircraft to use for targets and plenty of paintballs and compressed air. Guy will once again arrange the helicopter demos which were pretty exciting last year, as only he can do. There will also be some amazing electric aircraft flights to demonstrate how far electric power has come in the last few years.

-Phil updated us on the progress of the swap meet he and Patrick O'Halloran have put together for next July at the Veteran's Memorial Building west parking lot. Patrick has put a lot of effort into getting the word out about the event. Dozens of northern California R/C clubs have been notified and flyers have been posted in various locations. We have already received a number of positive responses so it should be quite successful.

-We were updated on the progress of the Saggio Hills project (the proposed housing development just to the south of our field) and it is slowly but surely moving along. It will be just a matter of time before we start seeing homes on the hills at the end of the runway.

-The amendment to the bylaws that was voted on and approved at the last meeting was signed and adopted by the board.

-There was a general discussion of upcoming events so that we can start planning ahead. Our annual Learn to Fly Day is coming up in just a month. With our Opening Day Airshow next weekend, we are staying quite busy.

-There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Miller, Sec.

General Membership Meeting

4/19/05

-The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Guy Nicholas.

-New member Ben Schott was introduced to the membership.

-The free door prize drawing was held with Merle McGregor taking home a gallon of fuel just for coming to the meeting.

-The president reviewed the addition of the grievance procedures to the by-laws with the members and passed out copies to those few people who have not seen them. A vote on officially adopting them will be held at the end of the meeting.

-Patrick O'Halloran updated us on the upcoming swap meet to be held in the west Veterans Memorial Building parking lot in July. The flyers have been printed and most northern California R/C clubs are being notified along with a notice on the club website.

-Steve Cole reported on the success of the kid's birthday party we recently hosted at the field.

-Steve also presented a solo certificate to Ben Schott who recently completed our training program.

-The president announced that we will be calling for a work party in the next week or two to mow the weeds and generally prepare the field for our opening day fly-in and picnic.

-Rob gave a rundown on the recent pylon races held at the field. These are proving to be quite popular, especially with the addition of a .40 size trainer class. We had nearly 20 competitors show up to race and the only casualty of the day was Brody Carlson who broad-sided the big dirt mound at full throttle. Needless to say, he will be needing a new aircraft for the next race.

-Steve has been talking to the Army Corp of Engineers about a new flying site and things are starting to look promising. In the coming weeks, he will be scouting the area around Lake Sonoma for a suitable site.

-Sid reported on his efforts to find us a new flying field in the Rohnert Park area, Santa Rosa, and the county with no success thus far.

-John Stoufer reported that the club's supply of club wearing apparel is getting low, hats especially. We will look into making another order in the near future.

-Steve told us that the B-17 Sentimental Journey will be visiting Sonoma County airport this week for walk-throughs for \$5.00 and rides for anyone who has \$400 to spare.

-Rob briefed us on his plans for the opening day extravaganza. We will again offer a raffle for a ride in a T-6 and he is trying for a fly-by during the event. The winning ticket will be drawn at the event with the ride happening sometime after at the pilots and winners convenience.

-Sid announced there will be two practice float fly's on 5/21 and 6/4.

-Kurt Hiner filled us in on a recent incident at the field when he was starting a giant scale Seamaster. The 1.20 size engine backfired and threw the prop completely across the runway. Fortunately no one was in the path of the errant prop. The lesson learned was that, as in this case, everyone should stay behind the engine, out of the way of the prop, when helping or watching, for obvious safety reasons.

-John Reade reported on his recent trip to a fun fly at Woodland.

-Treasurer Brian Blackburn gave his monthly report to the membership. Finances are in good shape and he also reported that we have 102 members as of this date.

-The secretary's report was accepted as published in the April newsletter.

-The vote on accepting the addition of the grievance procedures to the by-laws was held and was approved by the membership in attendance.

-Steve announced that former member Mike Bieto had recently suffered a stroke but is now recovering at home. It was suggested that we send a get well card so we will get that done this week.

-For show and tell, Rob brought in an example of the foam 3D and park flyer airplanes that he is currently manufacturing with his new laser cutter. They sell for approximately \$35.00. He also has all the things you need to get them in to the air for a slight additional cost.

-The last item on the agenda was the raffle. Mike Cracchiolo gave a brief rundown of the prizes being offered with the feature prize being a Hanger Nine P-40 Warhawk and invited Anthony Lee's mom to draw the first ticket. President Guy was the lucky winner and, of course, took the P-40. Patrick O'Halloran had the next ticket and picked a couple of Futaba digital servos. James Coleman won a Great Planes Dead Center and Sid Maxwell picked up a couple of Futaba digital servos. John Stoufer got a trim iron and Anthony Lee chose a club polo shirt. There were a number of other winners

but Kurt Hiner was the lucky one who got the hinges.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm and everyone retired to the parking lot to watch Rob fly one of his 3D models under the lights.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Miller, Sec.

Red's Corner

By Red Jensen

Hey guys. Another exiting round of pylon racing has come and gone and there were quite a few surprises! First I had some bad luck when I arrived. My Quickie was experiencing a bunch of glitches and was un-flyable. Luckily I had another Rx with me so I switched it out and test flew it. It flew ok, but I still though I might have had a glitch. I flew the first round and all was fine. Upon takeoff for the second round, my plane made a complete uncontrolled roll to the right and pan caked in. Luckily the only damage was the motor mount. That ended my flying day. With me not being able to race in the last two heats and strong competition, we have a new leader in quickie!

Chris "Doc" Wallace with his electric racer "High Voltage" has now moved into first place! Doc has been flying consistently and putting in solid rounds and it shows. I now have my work cut out for me.

Steve C., Guy N. and Ron V. were both as fast as ever and there was some great racing action! Trainer racing was quite exiting too. We only had 6 entries so it was decided to run them all together!! No midair's but I can tell you it was some of the most spectacular racing I've ever seen! If you haven't witnessed it you definitely owe it to yourself to come by for a visit.

Float Fly Practice

By Sid Maxwell

On May 21 & June 4 we will have a," practice", float fly at Sal Lake, 9am till ?????? We can fly from sun-up to sun-down at Sal

Lake. We still have, "Day on the Pond ", on July 4 & Sept 5 but now we have two practice days to get your plane sea worthy. When you come to the Lake it's a good idea to bring a small table and chair, shade cover if needed. We will have a Deli lunch served...and cold drinks available.

Bring any plane to fly, all are welcome. On the day of the practice go to the field pick up a frequency number leave your AMA card and bring the number with you to the Lake. If you have a cell phone leave that number on a small tag with your AMA card. If you don't have a cell phone you can leave my number 530-233-0263.

Two things which are a must for your float plane are: 1. An inside switch and a charge jack with a cover. 2. spray all your electrical plugs, Rx and servos with Corrosion X. See me or John if you need some.

So to all you guys thinking about float flying...do it!!!

And to all you guys with a float plane...

See you at the Lake...

Let's fly...

Sid Maxwell & John Reade

TIMELY TIPS

By Sid Maxwell

Corrosion X.

Before you put that plane in the water be sure to spray some, " Corrosion X", on all your radio equipment and electric plugs. Corrosion X is a spray that will stop the water from shorting out your radio equipment in case your plane goes in the Lake.

The claim is, "you can spray your servos, drop them in a bucket of water and they keep working". What about that!!!! If you want to try some, give me a call.

My can has lasted 4 years. If you want a can for yourself call, Corrosion X, 800-638-7361 or corrosionx.com

sid maxwell

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EVENTS CALENDAR 2005



April 10	Pylon Races
May 1	Pylon Races
May 14	Model Air Show
May 21	Float Fly Practice at Sal Lake
May 28	Castle Air Base Fun Fly Atwater, Ca.
June 4	Float Fly Practice at Sal Lake
June 11	Float Fly at Redding, Ca.
June 19	Pylon Races
June 25	Learn to Fly Day
July 4	Day on the Pond
July 9	WCF Swap Meet at Santa Rosa, Ca.
July 17	Pylon Races
July 23	Larry Frank Fun Fly
Aug 14	Pylon Races
Aug 20-21	PCAM Santa Rosa Airport
Sept 5	Day on the Pond
Sept 11	Neil Taylor Fun Fly
Sept 14 – 18	Reno Air Races, Reno, Nev.
Oct 2	Pylon Races
Nov 16	Pylon Races
Dec 10	WCF Christmas Party Santa Rosa



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