

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 20 June, 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

Greetings and welcome to June. Our opening day air show was a great success and I would like to thank everyone who participated. I would also like to take a moment to thank our sponsors. I was MC for most of the day and I don't think I gave them their dues. I would like to rectify that now by saying thank you. Please visit them and say thank you.

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20091 Broadway, Sonoma, CA 95476
938-9765

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462-9727

In other news the field search continues. Please keep looking! This brings up another important point. Whether we keep our current field or find a new one, one thing has become clear to me. The membership must be sticklers for the rules. Why do I say this? Well, one of our biggest opponents right now is our neighbor to the North. How many times has it been mentioned how important it is to not fly in the, "no fly zone"? Several people have violated the no fly zone and then crashed. Now we have an angry neighbor with confiscated aircraft, and this is not good! From this point forward, any area deemed a, "No fly zone" will be treated as such and violations cannot be tolerated. Please be careful!

I have thus far failed to get out a mailing of the petition, so I have full page version contained herein. Make some copied of that page and get some signatures!
Thanks, and happy flying.

WCF Board Meeting

6 May 06
By Larry Miller

-The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice Chairman Brody Carlson. Other members present were Larry Miller, Sid Maxwell, Brian Blackburn, Phil Leech, Jerry Williams, and Steve Cole.

-Sid informed us that he had received a call from the county earlier in the day with the news that we will not be allowed to keep the field for electric flying. They want us out completely by next April. But he is not going to give up without a fight. He is also working on several other leads he has on property. Steve is also steadily working on a few leads he has besides talking with the mayor of Healdsburg.

-Sid gave a report on the float fly held recently at the pond on the Salvation Army site. There were 23 flyers enjoying the great weather and smooth water with not a single major crash all day.

-The county recently put in new gate (chain) at the road that leads up to our field. The last person to leave the area should secure the lock and chain. Though at this point I don't think we have much left to steal.

-With our Learn to fly Day coming up, we discussed the plans for the events. Steve has all the trainers and pilots lined up and the barbeque will be set up.

-We also talked about the swap meet scheduled for the 24th of the month and from the response we have received so far, it should be another successful event.

-Sid reported on the Opening Day event held recently and it was probably the smoothest running and most successful event we've had in some time. And the hamburgers were great, too, thanks to the efforts of Phil and Bob Film and their helpers.

-A discussion was held on the recent pylon racing event. John Reade and Larry will

assist with the running of the events. In the last race, Joe Giddings took first followed by Larry Miller in the trainer class while, in the Quickie class, Kurt Hiner took first with second place secured by a gentleman whose name I have momentarily forgotten. But I will find out so he can be credited. Sorry about that.

-Sid is working on putting together an aerobatic event for some time in September. More information will be available some on this.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Miller, Sec.

WCF General Meeting

16 May 06
By Larry Miller

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

-There were 34 members present.

-The free door prize drawing was held with Tom Haddorff taking home the gallon of fuel.

-Treasurer Brian Blackburn gave his monthly financial report to the membership and informed us that we are up to 116 members.

-The secretary's report was voted on and approved as printed in the last newsletter.

-Sid passed around some handouts on the schedule for our Opening Day event.

-Brian displayed the T-shirt we received for our donation to the upcoming Scale Masters Meet and the raffle tickets they sent us.

-Guy informed us that he had personally invited a number of VIP's to our Opening Day event.

-Steve Cole reported that he still working on finding some property in the Healdsburg area for our future flying field.

-Sid is also working on some leads he has for a new field.

-Sid gave a report on the recent clinic put on by Joe Hunt on IMAC aerobatics.

-Sid also announced that there will be a work party scheduled for the day before our Opening Day event.

-There was a discussion of the upcoming Learn to Fly Day. Things are coming together nicely and Steve has the trainer aircraft and pilots lined up.

-Mike Cracchiolo gave a review of the prizes for the nights raffle.

-After business was taken care of, the raffle was held with the first ticket drawn belonging to Joe Kagan. He chose the Pulse XT 40 ARF aircraft designed for either gas or electric power. Julio Alvarez had the next ticket and he picked the Harmon Rocket ARF followed by Jon Stychno who chose a transmitter case. Rich Coleman won a Foamie Bipe and Brian Germone got a T-shirt followed by John Stoufer winning an engine starter and Dan Coffman getting a Lady Bug electric plane. Mike picked up a set of ball drivers, Sid got a Pro Sealing Iron, and Merle McGregor won some servos. The final two winners were Dave Mercer who got some servos and lucky Jerry Williams picked up the coveted hinges.

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Respectfully submitted,
Larry Miller, Sec.

2006 OPENING DAY AIR SHOW

- BEST EVER

By: Phil Leech



This year's Opening Day Air Show was probably our best yet. It was well planned and well executed. There are a lot of us that participated in one way or another but the

planning and overall coordination is due to one guy - Sid Maxwell.

The show began promptly at 10:00 AM with the playing of the national anthem. I don't think we have ever had the Star Spangled Banner played at our field before but it set the tone for the day. Music was played throughout the day and we owe special thanks to Bruce Haskell for providing the music and acting as music director by selecting appropriate themes for each individual event. Glenn Miller with the WW2 flyby was right on.

Tom Haddorf flew by with the WCF banner to announce the opening (with a few problems but he got it done anyway)! Patrick O'Halloran dazzled everyone with his control line display and was followed up with an ongoing parade of performances including Art Sutter's Sukhoi with smoke, Doug Boucher's beautiful A6M Zero, Razorback P-47's by Steve Cole and Brian Germone, Sailplane towing to altitude by John Read and Julio, U-Can-Do's and Heli's in amazing aerobatic form.

Probably the most memorable performance would be the spectacular display that Joe Hunt provided for us. Rolling Circles, Tail Stands and all of the big league stuff that many of us aspire to. Joe flew twice for an awestruck crowd that numbered somewhere over 150.



Sid had cornered all of the local Hobby Shop owners and convinced them that it would be a nice gesture to donate kits for and Opening Day Raffle. And they all did! That

includes: Hobbytown, Hangar One, Sonoma R/C Hobbies, Awesome Hobbies and Mendocino Hobbies from Ukiah. We had five really nice ARF kits to choose from. And the winners were: Loren Fong, Roy Domke, Patrick O'Halloran, Sid Maxwell and Skip Prater.

The event was profitable too. The raffle netted us \$589, food was \$337 and clothing sales was \$223. We had a few other expenses but we still netted \$1048. Not too shabby for a day that was a great time and one that we won't forget any time soon.

Day on the Pond

By Sid Maxwell



After having two float flies to tune up we are now ready for the BIG event, "Day on the Pond", on the 4th of July.

Our annual float fly event at Sal Lake across the freeway from our flying field, at the Salvation Army. The flying field will be closed that day so I will have a Frequency Board at the Lake.

To get to the Lake, enter thru the CDF parking lot. Deli lunch will be served and cold drinks will be available.

Our last float fly on May 28 was really a first for us because we had no major crashes. Usually we have at least two and sometimes six crashes like we had one year. We tear #*&%# up. Sometimes we hit a tree and sometimes we crash on land. Sometimes we have no crashes but we always have FUN, tons of fun because flying off water is always fun. If you haven't tried it you should. Ask

someone who knows, ask someone who has receiver their,"water wings". They will tell you how they found fun flying on water.

Remember the date.....the 4th of July at Sal Lake for your adventure into the water world of fun.....

Sid Maxwell

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By Sid Maxwell

Well the Model Air Show has come and gone. Everything came off good and the attendance was over 200.

It seemed like everybody had a good time and enjoyed the show.

I would like to thank all the workers and all the pilots. There are just too many people to mention but , "thanks",

you guys..... We had music this year starting with the National Anthem and on thru all the events for a special effect adding to the enjoyment of the show.

We had a really good raffle with ARF airplanes donated by the 5 hobby shops in our area, Awesome Hobbies, Hanger One Hobbies, Sonoma Hobbies, Hobbytown, and Mendocino Hobbies in Ukiah. Thanks for the donations everybody. The raffle even made money this year and we made over a Thousand dollars for the day.

And as always the Bar-B-Que Lunch was great, led by the Kitchen Kommander Bob Film and his crew with the able help of Phil Leech this time.

I had a great time and everyone I talked to had a great time.

So until next year.....

Sid Maxwell

Coordinator

Wine Country Aerobatics

By Sid Maxwell

Anyone for IMAC ????

After the Aerobatic Clinic held by Joe Hunt and the introduction to IMAC, the interest for aerobatics has increased. There is an

overwhelming interest for aerobatics that was not there before. To watch someone go thru the routine of maneuvers and do them in a perfect manner is a beauty to behold. When you do them yourself and you do them perfect, that is a feeling that touches the spirit. Pure joy.

To begin IMAC we start with the beginning class, "Basic". It is 10 maneuvers most of which many of us have already performed. They really are easy and you can touch your spirit when you put them together in a certain way and perform them so clean you would think your plane is on rails. Practice one at a time, then put them all together and there you have it.

On September 23, 2006 we will put on the, "Wine Country Aerobatics". It will be the IMAC, "Basic", 10 maneuvers.

They are posted on the bulletin board at the field but if you want to find out more about them go to web site mini-iac.com. There are 14 pilots showing interest and I'm sure more will join us. We will have 3 awards but it doesn't matter who wins because all of the pilots flying the IMAC maneuvers are winners. Flying these maneuvers will make you a better pilot. That is guaranteed. The day after the event you will look at yourself and feel total joy with your skill level for flying. Practice, be perfect, compete and touch thy spirit.....

Sid Maxwell

Trek to Ukiah

By Sid Maxwell

Well I guess you all know about the Northern California Cup event being cancelled this year. So at the Board meeting I offered the idea of the two clubs still get together for a day. Instead of a contest like we had planned we will get together for a day of flying, Bar-B-Que and lots of fun. The Ukiah Propbusters are up for it and it will be a good chance for all of us to fly at their field. It looks like July 15 will be the day. We can caravan together if you are not sure where it is located. It takes about 40 minutes from our field, up north on 101 to the Henry Road

turnoff. The field is right next to the Freeway. We could meet at the field in Healdsburg and go from there.

Sid Maxwell

WCF SWAP MEET NEXT WEEKEND

By Phil Leech

That's right guys – next weekend! I know these things just creep up on you but here it is right around the corner on Saturday, June 24 in the parking lot at the Veteran's Building where we have our meetings. This will be the second annual WCF Swap Meet

following the Swap Meet that we had last year. We had a good turnout of our guys but there were quite a few from other clubs and from the Bay Area. There were some really good bargains (I'm still kicking myself for not buying one of Larry Miller's WW1 Proctor Kits for \$100). Remember J.T. Williams selling those 4 stroke Saitos for a hundred bucks? On the other hand, it's a good way to get rid of stuff you're never gonna build and stuff you don't need anymore. Wayne and Darlene Frederick will be there to take you five bucks for a table that we'll set up for you so you can sell your stuff!

Oh yeah, almost forgot. The event is from 9AM 'til Noon with setup for your booth a 8AM. See ya!

I doubt this will look like anything in black and white print, but check it out on the web version. This was sent to me by Joe Hunt, thanks Joe ☺



PETITION IN SUPPORT OF WINE COUNTRY FLYERS

Wine Country Flyers has been leasing its flying field at the Healdsburg Sonoma County Transfer Station since 1992. Wine Country Flyers is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the promotion of model aviation in Sonoma County. We have many regular educational programs to teach young people as well as older pilots to fly and to enjoy a healthy and safe hobby. The Club provides a wholesome recreational environment which does not allow the use of tobacco, drugs or alcohol and provides over one hundred club members the opportunity to learn and socialize with one another. The current site is a public landfill site which cannot be utilized for any other purpose. We have not been able to identify another flying site in the County to continue our programs. The signers of this Petition, all being Sonoma County residents and voters, hereby request that Sonoma County assist the Wine Country Flyers in identifying an alternative location for its flying programs.

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EVENTS CALENDAR 2006

June	9-11	Float Fly at Red Bluff
June	17	Learn to Fly Day
June	17-18	Dan Sullivan Memorial at Ukiah - Scale Masters
June	24	Swap Meet - Vets Hall Santa Rosa
July	2	Pylon Races
July	4	Day on the Pond - Sal Lake
July	15	Trek to Ukiah
July	22	Larry Frank Fun Fly
July	22-24	Down on the Deck at Ukiah - Open flying and Demos
Aug.	6	Pylon Races
Aug.	19-20	PCAM - Santa Rosa Airport
Sept.	3	Pylon Races
Sept.	4	Day on the Pond - Sal Lake
Sept.	9	Neil Taylor
Sept.	14-17	Reno Air Races
Oct.	1	Pylon Races
Oct.	14	Float Fly Aftermath - Sal Lake
Nov.	5	Pylon Races
Dec.	16	Christmas Party at Santa Rosa



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