

# Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 28 July, 7:30 P.m.  
Veterans Memorial Bldg. (Northwest Room) Across from Fairgrounds  
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Newsletter Team: Guy Nicholas, Phil Leech, Larry Miller, Sid Maxwell  
Website: Patrick O'Halloran



## ***Presidents Report***

Guy Nicholas

Ok so I have good news and I have bad news. The bad news is we lost a Board member. Mike Cracchiolo has become overcommitted with work and such and has stepped down from his position on the board. We are all volunteers and this is our hobby and I would never ask anyone to jeopardize their employment status for the club. Good luck to you Mike! If anyone out there is interested in helping out please contact anyone on the Board and let them know.

The good news is we now have a Vice President. Here is the email I received from our new member:

“Guy- I would like to take the position of Vice President of WCF. This hobby means a lot to me and I like involved in the club as much as possible. I have been a modeler since a young child and will be for the rest of my life. I believe that activities such as the learn to fly day and flying for the Vets Home and schools, (as you mentioned at last nights meeting) are very rewarding and should be done as often as possible. These events portray the club in a positive light, but more importantly, enrich and educate people that might not have access to the hobby due to financial or health reasons. If I see a father and son attempting to fly their new parkflyer, I always pull over and help with the pre-flight and suggest I get the plane to altitude for them and trim it out. Nothing makes me more happy than seeing a newbie to the hobby have a succesful first flight, which is not the case most of the time. I look forward to devoting time & effort to the position, and helping the club find a new location to fly.”

I would like you all to welcome Jon aboard. I think he will be a great asset to the club.

## ***WCF Board Meeting***

5 July 06  
By Larry Miller

-The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Guy Nicholas. Other members present were Phil Leech, John Reade, Sid Maxwell, Larry Miller, Jerry Williams, Steve Cole, and our newest member Jon Stychno. Bob Film was also in attendance.

-The board has decided to cancel the annual Larry Frank Fun Fly due to a scheduling conflict.

-A discussion was held on the upcoming PCAM airshow. We will have a free raffle for kids for a club trainer at this years event.

-We also talked about the annual Neil Taylor Family Picnic.

-There was also a discussion on the need to update our web site.

-The sign we have posted at the gate to the field has seen better days so a new one will be made.

-Sid has been talking to a reporter from the Healdsburg newspaper who would like to do a story on our search for a new flying site.

-We received a report from our field acquisition committee and there still are more leads to be followed up on.

-There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Miller, Sec.

## ***WCF General Meeting***

20 June 06  
By Larry Miller

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

-The drawing for the free gallon of fuel door prize was won by Charlie Cox.

-We had 28 members and 2 guests present.

-The president read an email to the members from Vice President Brody Carlson who has resigned his position on the board citing increasing demands from his job. He will, however, remain in the club and attend as many functions as possible.

-Treasurer Brian Blackburn gave his monthly report to the members.

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

-Steve Cole gave a report on the Learn to Fly Day held recently. Nearly 50 folks showed up to try their hand at flying R/C model aircraft and two of them joined the club. And again the barbeque guys put out a great meal with all the fixin's.

-Sid reported that the gate at the field has a new combination lock on it. The first one in opens it and the last one out must lock it. Contact Sid or any board member for the secret combination.

-Sid has also been looking at some property in the Petaluma area and said that several other offers of property have come in.

-Pylon racing will continue for the rest of the year with Patrick O'Halloran assisting with the organization. This has proved to be a popular event.

-Patrick reminded everyone of the upcoming swap meet to be held at the Vets Memorial Building west parking lot. It will also feature a silent auction for a kit donated by Patrick.

-Sid reminded the members of the July 4th Float Fly coming up. This get-together is probably the most popular event we stage. It really is a lot of fun and in a nice setting.

-The president had to leave the meeting early so the secretary took over as chairman. During the meeting, Ralph drank a gallon of glow fuel and burped.

-We were also reminded of an aerobatic fun fly in Ukiah on July 15th and on the 22nd Joe Hunt will be there for some more aerobatic fun.

-For Show and Tell, Bob Rose brought in his beautifully built Fokker D-VIII. It was built from a short kit from Bob Holman and will fly on electric power.

-Mike Cracchiolo gave a briefing on the prizes he had picked up for this month's raffle. Another outstanding selection by Mike.

-Again, lucky Kurt Hiner was able to come up with the first set of numbers drawn and chose the Hangar 9 Hellcat ARF. He was followed by Joe Kagan who picked out a FW- 190 electric plane. James Coleman won a nice spinner, Richard Coleman got

some epoxy, Phil picked up some nice hex drivers, Julio again won a bunch of stuff, and lucky Joe Giddings took home the hinges.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Miller, Sec.

### ***Trek to Ukiah Rescheduled***

By Sid Maxwell

The Trek to Ukiah which was scheduled for July 15 has been changed to October 7. It appears both clubs are too busy to have it sooner. We will probably meet at our flying field and trek up to Ukiah. It's about 40 minutes from there. Look for Bar-B-Q hamburgers and hot dogs. If someone feels like bringing some T-Bones or New Yorks, that would be good too. This may be a preview of what we could do next year.

Sid Maxwell

### ***P-59 a WWII secret revealed***

By Chuck Green



This is the picture (ed: Cover photo) of the America's first Jet airplane. It was first flown in Oct. 1942. Fran (ex AA Captain, front row far right) and the gang have spent the last 10 years restoring this plane, and they just got the wings on last weekend; just in time for the airshow this weekend. It isn't flying, yet, but will be on display there.

Here is the funny story about the P-59 (and explains the funny hats the guys are

wearing). In 1942, this was a Top Secret airplane. It was at Edwards AFB, and when they had to transport it, (when the dry lake got flooded) they disguised it with a phony wood propeller on the front -and covered it in a shroud.

One time, on a test flight out of Edwards, it was spotted by pilot's getting checked out in P-38s out of Van Nyes Airport. When they reported seeing an airplane with no propeller, no one would believe it. The story kept circulating, so the test pilot of the P-59 decided on a great plan. He dressed up in a gorilla mask, put on a derby hat and a cigar. Then he made a point to fly next to the P-38 pilots and waved at them. When they got back to the base, they told everyone they had seen a plane with no propeller, flown by a gorilla, wearing a derby and smoking a cigar. Naturally, NO ONE would believe that one, so it stayed a secret until after the war. The Crew below has special shirts and derby hats and a fancy baseball cap designed by one of the guys. They might have the gorilla mask by this weekend!

## *Day on the Pond Results*

By Sid Maxwell



It was hot...92 degrees. There were people...62. There were float planes...16, and yes there were boats...14, and best of all there was fun...plenty. It was one fun day, ask anybody. We had a record Deli sandwich order...21. The crash report wasn't too bad. We only had (2) both Mariners. John was flying his Mariner when

all of a sudden he said, "uh oh my radio is glitching, it must be some water in the Rx, I'm bringing it in". Half way back it decided to dive straight into the Lake..... Gone.....



Mike was flying his Mariner and with no warning, dove head long into the Lake. Larry said, "it looked like a big Pelican diving into the Lake after a fish".

As usual John Lehtio performed his magic with his canoe, retrieving all the dead sticks and we kept him busy.



Steve and Carlo tried their hand with the canoe with Carlo sinking like a Big Battleship and Steve returning with wet

clothes up to his arm pits. You just know they were having fun.



Thanks John for your un-tiring and relentless passion, retrieving float planes. Everyone thanks you.

So now the next Day on the Pond will be September 4, two months away.

From all the happy faces at this event I know everybody will be back for more.



Sid Maxwell

***Your Support is Needed!***

The United States House of Representatives, 109th Congress, 2nd Session:

To prohibit defense contractors from requiring licenses or fees for use of military likenesses and designations.

Notice to AMA Members:

Your support is important to make our campaign a success. In September 2005 in his monthly column in Model Aviation, Dave Brown, AMA president, reported on who has regulatory authority over model airplanes. This can be seen at [www.modelaircraft.org/mag/august2005/president.htm](http://www.modelaircraft.org/mag/august2005/president.htm). The subject addressed the trademark issue for Scale models. Several aircraft companies have been demanding royalties from model manufacturers. We need to stop this and stop this now. Let me give you some current information.

As you may know, more than a year ago, Congressman Robert Andrews (D-NJ) attempted to attach an amendment to the bill banning the licensing and collecting of royalties by defense contractors for replicas of military models. This amendment passed the House of Representatives but was ultimately defeated when the bill was sent to the Senate for ratification. However, the issue is still very much alive.

Mike Bass of Stevens International has been working closely with Congressman Andrews' office. Mr. Andrews is very much in favor of our side of the issue and wishes to continue this quest on behalf of the hobby and toy industry.

Congressman Andrews has introduced to Congress a stand-alone bill that is similar to the amendment that did not pass when attached to the Defense Bill in 2005. Offering a stand-alone bill presents the issue formally to Congress, and can positively impact efforts to again include the provision in this year's Defense Bill which passes Congress every year and is signed into law. It brings the issue to the forefront—directly to those who need to know about it

and who subsequently vote on the issue. It is imperative that the hobby and toy industries, including the end user, garner political support for this bill titled the House Bill 4806 "Military Toy Replica Act."

There are two important documents available on the AMA Web site:

- 1) A copy of the "Military Toy Replica Act" as it was introduced to Congress the week of February 27, 2006.
- 2) A copy of the "talking points" regarding the issue in order to provide you with some guidance when calling the proper representatives in your district.

What to do next:

Call your members of Congress, both House and Senate. Do not write, E-mail, or fax!

Here are the links to locate them in your state:

<http://www.house.gov>  
<http://www.senate.gov>

Calls to these offices are taken immediately; faxes, E-mails, and letters will not only arrive too late, but are often left to last for review and are merely glanced at. Ask for the aide in charge of military affairs and explain why this bill is important to you. Request that your House Representative cosponsor HR 4806 and support Congressman Andrews' efforts to insert this provision in the House version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Request that your Senator attempt to include this in the Senate version of the NDAA and consider introducing a Senate version of HR 4806.

You are free to forward the attached copy of the bill to anyone. It is open information at this time. These calls take but a few minutes each. If you receive voice mail, leave all the details of the bill, the reason for the support needed, and your name and number for a return call. Follow up later if necessary until you receive a reply because these are your representatives!

What is needed to get the Bill passed:

Congressman Andrews is a Democrat, so it is important to garner Democratic support among the members of Congress, but it is imperative that we obtain Republican support or even Republican cosponsorship for the Bill. Ideal Republican candidates are those in Illinois—a large number of toy/hobby companies are located in northern Illinois—including Representative Hastert and Congressman Hefley of Colorado who crossed party lines to support Congressman Andrews' amendment last year. However, Congressional members in all districts can and should be contacted by those within our industry to pass this proposed bill successfully.

Is there a deadline for contacting representatives?

Contacts need to be made within days. The NDAA is being considered by the House Armed Services Committee on May 3, 2006. I ask you to contact Mike Bass at [mbass@stevenshobby.com](mailto:mbass@stevenshobby.com) if you receive a positive response from any call. This is true particularly if it is a Republican because Congressman Andrews' office will want to contact that member for cosponsorship or general bipartisan support. If you have any questions about this process, direct them to Mike Bass.

You are free to forward this message to anyone who can make calls to help, regardless of the level of distribution in the toy and hobby industries (consumers included).

Your cooperation and assistance in this industry issue is greatly appreciated. Do it and do it now!

Sincerely,

—Joyce Hager

Acting Executive Director  
 Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc

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**EVENTS CALENDAR 2006**

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
Sept.	23	Wine Country Aerobatics
Oct.	1	Pylon Races
Oct.	7	Trek to Ukiah
Oct.	14	Float Fly Aftermath - Sal Lake
Nov.	5	Pylon Races
Dec.	16	Christmas Party at Santa Rosa



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