

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 19 September, 7:30 P.m.
Veterans Memorial Bldg. (Northwest Room) Across from Fairgrounds

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Presidents Report

Guy Nicholas

Greetings all and welcome to the September edition of the newsletter. We have a lot of going on these days so I will get right to the point.

First and foremost on everyone's mind is, or at least it should be, our field issues. We have taken a two pronged approach to this, by both looking for a new home as well as working on ways to keep our current field. We have met with Supervisor Paul Kelley and with Susan Classen and Don Poindexter of the Department of Transportation and Public Works. In summary, the problems at our current field are twofold: Complaints from our neighbors and the development to the South. We came to our second meeting with Supervisor Kelly under the impression it was our neighbors to the North that were our immediate concern and our plan was to propose a change in the runway orientation as a solution. Supervisor Kelly seemed to like our plan and since the development is still years off he told us he saw no reason why we couldn't get a two year extension with a possibility for extensions after that based on the status of the development. At the Supervisors direction we setup a meeting with the Dept. of Transportation. That meeting took place on 8 Sept. We presented the measures we have taken to prevent further complaints as well as our proposal for the reorientation of our runway. Long story short, they said we weren't getting any complaints now, and moving the runway is a big deal. At the end of that meeting they said they would sign a two year extension with extra extensions after that based on the status of the development to the South. Though none of this is formal yet I am very optimistic it will happen. I want to emphasize this is not a permanent solution, but it buys us more time to find a new home.

On another subject we had the Neil Taylor event this weekend and it was a lot of fun, low key, but fun. The giant burgers were fantastic! This years recipient of the Neil Taylor award was Brian Blackburn. Brian is at every event, always helping out the new guys, training on "Learn to Fly" day, and he has done a great job with the books. Thanks Brian!



I would like to thank Ron Alvastal for making the DVD of the PCAM airshow. We will be previewing it at the upcoming general meeting so come check it out. Ron will make copies of it for \$10 with half the proceeds coming back to the club. For more information contact Ron at 578-0529.

In case you forgot we had a free raffle for kids under 16 at PCAM and at Jon Stychno hooked up with our winner on Neil Taylor day. I didn't ask Jon about writing an article until the last minute and we couldn't quite hook up on it. I think he will have something next month...but until then here is Jon educating our young winner (looks like Merl might be picking up a thing or two as well).



There was some fun at the recent float fly. One gent had his Miss Budweiser flip over, and thinking it was going to sink, he ran to the canoe and literally jumped in. Let's just say he learned the definition of the word, "instability". Oh, he had a nice phone too 😊



WCF Board Meeting

5 Sept. 06
By Larry Miller

-The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Guy Nicholas. Other members present were Larry Miller, John Reade, Phil Leech, Jon Stychno, Jerry Williams, and Steve Cole.
-Larry picked up the DVD of the PCAM airshow from photographer Ron Alvastal

and it will be available to watch at the next general meeting.

-We want to remind all members to start thinking about nominations for next year's club officers. We will ask for nominations at the October meeting and the election will be held in November.

-Discussed our upcoming meeting with county officials concerning the flying field.

-Two other properties with good potential have also come up. More on this later.

-Those members who have been to the field lately will notice the great sign Kurt Hiner made up and posted at the north end of the runway. It's pretty hard to miss seeing.

-Steve is in the process of appointing three flight instructors to sign off new pilots to solo. Due to his busy schedule, he can't be at the field all the time to do it himself.

-Phil gave a report on the preparations for the upcoming Neil Taylor picnic. He also announced that an IMAC will be held at our field on September 23rd. Everyone is invited to participate or just watch the aerobatics.

-On October 7th the club has been invited to the Ukiah field for a barbeque and fly in.

-The last float fly of the year will be held on October 14th at the pond across the highway.

-Jon announced that he has made arrangements to present the PCAM raffle prize at the field to the lucky winner.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Miller, Sec.

WCF General Meeting

15 Aug 06
By Larry Miller

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

-There were 21 members present and one guest.

-The drawing for the free door prize was held with Anthony Lee winning the fuel.

-Patrick O'Halloran gave us a report on the pylon racing results and points standing.

-Jon Stychno gave a report on the aerobatic contest held recently. He also gave us a rundown on the meeting he and several other members had with Supervisor Paul Kelley.

-Phil filled us in on the preparations for the upcoming PCAM airshow.

-Jon suggested that we hold a free raffle for a complete electric park flyer to be given away at the airshow for kids 16 years of age or younger. We all agreed that this would be a good idea and gave him the go-ahead to proceed with his plans.

-Guy expounded on the fact that we need to strictly enforce the no-fly zone over the north end of the runway. Kurt Hiner volunteered to erect a sign at the northern end of the runway to remind flyers to not overfly our neighbors down below.

-Ralph read a letter from Sid offering several suggestions to avoid flying over our neighbors property.

-Phil reported on his progress with the PCAM airshow we will be participating in. He also gave us a rundown on his plans for the upcoming Neil Taylor picnic.

-Brian Blackburn reviewed the prizes offered for this month's raffle.

-We started off the raffle with John Stoufer holding the first ticket drawn and he chose the Hanger 9 P-40 ARF. Other winners were Merle who got a charger, Phil picked out a cutting mat, Brian won a tach, Julio chose a Volt Watch, Bob Rose got some epoxy, Chuck Green picked some glow plugs, Patrick won a tap and drill set, plus several other winners took home some nice prizes. Winning big again this month was Kurt Hiner who picked up a nice set of hinges.

-It was decided to hold a short board meeting right after the general meeting

was concluded to discuss ways to avoid flying out of our boundaries.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Miller, Sec.

WCF Board Meeting

15 Aug 06

By Larry Miller

(Ed. Note: this was an impromptu meeting following the general meeting)

-With a majority of the board members present, a discussion was held to come up with some ideas to avoid flying over our neighbors property. A number of suggestions were made and a final set of rules will be published within a week. Unfortunately, all this is necessary to preserve our flying field.

-There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

-Respectfully submitted,
Larry Miller, Sec.

2006 PCAM AIR SHOW - BEST EVER

By Phil Leech

I had a great time at this year's Pacific Coast Air Museum (PCAM) Air Show. I was out there a full 2 ½ days that included all of Friday afternoon and early evening. Actually the half day on Friday was maybe the best because I spent much of it with **Roy Domke** who is a sponsor and air crew member for **Will Whiteside** and **Red Jensen's** Yak 3 that they will be competing with at the Reno Air Races and that is happening just about as you read this. There was to be a photo shoot in the late afternoon that was to include the Yak 3 and four Mustangs. The photographer would be flying in a B-25 and would be located in the waist position of the plane. Roy and I

attended the pilot's meeting on the runway just before takeoff and that was a treat in itself. All of these macho P-51 pilots planning the route they would take for the photo shoot. The pictures of the photo shoot were published next day in the Press Democrat and were right on the front page. Good publicity for the Air Show. Anyway, bottom line was that Will Whiteside was able to get the B-25 pilot to let one of us go along. We're talking about a free ride in a B-25 at near sunset over Santa Rosa with a formation flight of WW2 planes! Well, I didn't make the cut but Roy did! He hasn't stopped talking about it since. And I don't blame him. I was happy just to be near all of this stuff as the planes fired up and taxied off. What a trip!

Saturday morning all of our guys started showing up with their planes and we got our booth and display set up. **Brian Blackburn** had bought us two new 2 way radios and he came up with a third one from somewhere. We had real problems last year with communication with the announcer's booth and the flight line so we were better prepared this year and it did work out pretty well. I had done the announcer's bit for the club for the past two years but this year **Jon Stychno** stepped up and volunteered to take it on. Jon really did his homework for this one as he had prepared a multi page script that listed every one of our pilots and their planes with a detailed rundown on every technical point of each model and in the instance of the WW2 planes he had a description of the full size plane, the engine, ordinance etc. He had it covered top to bottom and I was impressed. He did a great job and everyone that I talked to was proud to have him represent us.

Tom Haddorff had his problems getting our banner aloft on Saturday but he worked on his damaged plane overnight to get it together for Sunday. Following

the banner display we had a bungee launch of a 3 meter sailplane by **Bob Film** with assistance by **Manny Gonzalez**. **Red Jensen** and **Steve Cole** flew **Art Sutter's** Sukhoi and **Doug Boucher's** Extra 330 in an aerobatic display followed by helicopters flown by **Loren Fong**, **Guy Nicholas** and **Eddie Garcia**. Guy kind of splattered his heli on Sunday but we won't elaborate on that will we? The WW2 flight consisted of **Kevin Riecke's** FW 190 flown by **Mike Cingari**, **Brian Germone's** P-47 flown by **Anthony Lee**, **Steve Cole** flying his P-47 and **Brian Blackburn** with his P-51. **Joe Hunt** was a guest pilot on Saturday but couldn't make it for Sunday. Finally, **Red Jensen** flew his jet for the finale. I think that Guy plans to show a DVD of the Air Show at the September meeting so you can all see for yourselves.

Jon Stychno initiated a new feature this year as the club held a raffle for kids 16 and under to win a free electric plane and transmitter. This proved very popular and Jon got some 350 responses from kids. We pulled the winning raffle ticket out of the basket at 3:30 Sunday afternoon but the winner wasn't present so Jon had to contact him by phone later on.

There are many guys to thank for their help and participation but I don't want to forget **Larry Miller** who shared responsibility with me for the overall event and **Ralph Grella** who was the flight line boss.

I'm already looking forward to next year when we hope to see **Steve Cole** with a new 3-D plane sporting advertising for "Awesome Hobbies" and a flight routine to rival any you might have ever seen.

New Fly Zone

By Sid Maxwell

I am sure everyone knows about the, "New Fly Zone", in the, "No Fly Zone". In case you do not know, we no longer take off and land as before. We now take off and land to the south and from the south if the wind permits. When taking off to the north we no longer are allowed to fly out 625 ft. because we do not want to fly anywhere near any neighbors property. Under no circumstance do we want this to happen any more. Those days are gone.

As soon as you take off to the north, immediately turn right. That means a sharp right turn or angle off to a 45 degree angle. When landing from the north, fly perpendicular to the runway then turn a sharp left onto the runway. Also you can angle in at a 45 degree angle then turn onto the runway.

Our aim is to have ZERO complaints from our neighbors. We want to show them,"respect", and to show them we have some,"class".

Sid Maxwell

Float Fly Aftermath

By Sid Maxwell

The Float Fly Aftermath on October 14, 2006 will be our last float fly of the year. The seaweed is just starting to reach the surface but it didn't seem to bother us last time so we will hope for the best. We may be able to clean a path a week before...we'll see.

The Day on the Pond on September 4 was a big success. We had 36 attending, 10 float planes, 5 boats including a sailboat and 5 crashes. We had a Deli Sandwich order of 16 our second highest. But most of all we had fun.....

It's been a great float fly year. This will be our 5th time going to Sal Lake starting back in April.

The field will be open that day so get your Frequency Pin from the field before you come to the Lake.

So come out and join the fun and fly on water.....

Sid Maxwell

WINE COUNTRY AEROBATICS

By Sid Maxwell

Anyone for IMAC? Well IMAC is coming to the Wine Country Flyers. On September 23, 2006 at 10am we will have the Wine Country Aerobatics. It will be open to anyone and everyone. There will be awards to 4th place given after we fly four rounds of the, "Basic", IMAC maneuvers. The Basic is 10 maneuvers, copies of which are posted on the bulletin board in the impound shed, easy maneuvers that most everyone already know how to do. The main differences being these maneuvers are in a definite routine.

So practice and come on out.

Sid Maxwell

Trek to Ukiah

On October 7, 2006 the Wine Country Flyers are invited to Ukiah to fly with the Propbusters at their field.

We will meet at Alexander Valley Field at 9am and all caravan together to the Ukiah field. It will be about a 40 minute ride. We will have a Free Hamburger Lunch (the fat burgers) for all and a chance to fly at a different field.

See you there.....

Sid Maxwell

Creating Insignia and Markings

by Frank W. Beatty
From SAM NX-211, Saint Louis MO

Colorful appropriate markings, insignia, and lettering can bring our models to life. Suitable markings may be furnished in the kits we buy or can be purchased at hobby shops. Scratch builders can generate suitable markings on home computers or at copy centers such as Kinko's, but sometimes none of these options will do the job.

This describes an additional system of creating markings that has worked on half dozen or so of my models.

Obtain a piece of plate glass 12 x 12 or 12 x 18 inches with the edges ground round to prevent cuts. Coat one side with a sudsy, soapy film of water. (I use a bar of Oil of Olay hand soap.) When dry, spray with coats of dope. It can be clear or colored coats depending upon how you will go about creating the images.

The clear, doped glass can be placed directly over a full-size pattern of the image you are duplicating. Designs such as an Indian Head Squadron insignia or unusual lettering can be painted or inscribed directly above the pattern below using model dopes or FW Acrylic Artist ink. These inks can tolerate some handling and will not be affected by the

protective clear dope overspray that will follow.

If there are large, unusual-style letters or numbers, then spray the glass with that color. Trace the outlines on the plate and then cut around the outline with an X-Acto knife. The soapy film will act as a release agent and these images will easily lift off the glass.

Trace around where the image will be located on the model and paint that area with a very watery, thinned-out mix of Elmer's Glue and then apply the image to that area. Squeegee out any surplus glue and level out any bubbles. This application of glue sets the image to the model surface and will prevent crazing or distortions from occurring when a protective, clear dope overspray is applied to the area.

The colored dopes can be sliced into very thin strips and used for pin striping around lettering, etc. These thin strips and images you have created are surprisingly strong and will tolerate considerable handling without breaking up.

Here's to prettier models!



(Speaking of pretty)

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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