

# Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 17 October, 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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## Newsletter and Website

Newsletter Team: Guy Nicholas, Phil Leech, Larry Miller, Sid Maxwell  
Website: Patrick O'Halloran



## ***Presidents Report***

Guy Nicholas

Greetings and welcome to October. I would like to start by retracting, or more precisely, elaborating on something I said last month. I reported on our talks with the Department of Transportation stating, "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." This was a bit of an oversimplification. The county will send letters to our neighbors notifying them of their intent to extend our lease, then sometime in the near future the renewal will come before the Board of Supervisors for a vote. Only after this happens will we truly know if we have a lease.

This month is the month to nominate next years officers, if you have someone you really think should be on the ballot get there and voice your opinion.



I have been watching this cool show on DiscoveryHD, "Blue Angels – A Year in the Life". For those of you without HDTV,

I'm sorry you are really missing out. This show follows the Blue Angels for a year going through all aspects of what it takes to be a one.

## ***Board Meeting***

By Phil Leech  
OCTOBER 3, 2006

Members present: John Reade, Guy Nicholas, Jon Stychno, Phil Leech, Roy Domke, Steve Cole, Sid Maxwell, Jerry Williams. Absent: Brian Blackburn, Larry Miller

The Board Meeting commenced promptly at 7:00 at Guy Nicholas" Adobe Software Office.

Roy Domke reported that he had a call from Susan Klassen, Deputy Director of Transportation and Public Works. Susan had read our September Newsletter and asked we correct the comments that Guy had included in his "President's Report" column regarding the status of the County's review of our lease for 2007. Susan explained that there will be letters sent to our neighbors on Alexander Valley Road to inform them of a meeting by the Public Board of Supervisors and that our lease will be on the agenda with approval of our lease being contingent on the outcome of this meeting. Guy will revise the content of his article and republish the Newsletter and post it on our website.

Roy Domke told us that he has contacted AMA to request assistance that may be available regarding club's experiences with local County's Parks and Recreation Departments. AMA is sending material to Roy. They also referred him to a Mr. DeCou who Roy has talked with. Roy is working toward a presentation to Parks and Recreation for a meeting regarding Future Planning.

There was discussion about Pylon Racing safety issues. AMA requires the use of Hardhats to all participants. We have Hardhats in the storage shed but

we have never used them, All spectators should be confined behind the spectator line. It was suggested that the North pylon could be moved east, away from the runway and that the race course would then be in a diagonal direction as related to the runway. These ideas will be presented to Patrick O'Halloran.

Sid announced the "Trek to Ukiah" and told us that we could all meet at the field on Saturday at 9:00AM to form a caravan to the Ukiah field.

Steve Cole told us about an inquiry he has had from a group called the "8 series BMW" club. They would like to schedule a lunch at our field for the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in March 2007 and have asked whether we could flight demos and maybe some buddy box experience for their members. They expect they could number 40 cars or so.

Sid reminded us of the upcoming Float Fly on October 15 and that he plans a work party to clear seaweed on Wednesday, Oct 11.

The 2006 Christmas Party was reviewed and it was agreed that we could reserve \$1300 for prizes. John Reade will be the Raffle Master again this year

Jon Stychno told us about a Model Expo that Steve Elliot of Hobbytown is planning. The event is planned for February 2007 to be held at a community center in Petaluma. Steve has invited us to display some of our models that will be shown along with plastic models of planes and cars.

An election slate for 2007 Officers was discussed with the following outcome: President – Jon Stychno, Vice President – Guy Nicholas, Secretary – Phil Leech, Member at Large – Adam Clement. There will be requests for nominations from the floor in addition to this

suggested slate. Brian Blackburn has agreed to remain as our Treasurer.

Sid has purchased a Decibel meter and has been conducting preliminary tests taken at nine feet from a full throttle engine. It was suggested that field tests be taken at the property line where a 50 db reading is required.

The October meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted for Larry Miller,  
Secretary by Phil Leech

### ***WCF General Meeting***

By Larry Miller  
19 Oct. 06

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

-We had 27 members present.

-The first order of business was the drawing for the door prize, a free gallon of fuel. The lucky ticket holder this month was Larry Miller.

-In the absence of Brian Blackburn, the treasurer's report was given by Phil Leech. He also reported that we have 122 members as of this date.

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

-Phil gave us a review of last month's PCAM air show and thanked those who participated and helped out with the setup and teardown.

-Jon Stychno filled us in on the park flyer giveaway we had at the air show. He also thanked those who helped out and a special thanks to Steve Cole for donating the prize.

-Ron Alvestal made a nice video of our routine at the air show and we will be showing it at the next general meeting. Copies will also be available to those who would like to purchase one. Half of the

proceeds will go to the club. Thanks Ron.

-Jon gave a review of the last pylon race we had at the field. Jon won the Quickie class and, again, Joe Giddings dominated the trainer class.

-Sid Maxwell reported on the last float fly. Again it was a roaring success with lots of aircraft and numerous fast boats.

-Guy reported that Roy Domke has volunteered to be on the board of directors. He will be a welcome addition, indeed.

-Jon gave us a talk on the air races he recently attended in Reno. Rob and Will's plane (Steadfast) made a good showing by coming in fifth in the silver class. Not bad for the first time out. September Fury, a Hawker Sea Fury, came in first in the gold class.

-Guy briefed us on the meetings held recently with the county supervisors and thanked Roy Domke for all the help he has given us with the county.

-We reviewed the annual Neil Taylor family picnic, again another successful event, and congratulated Brian Blackburn for receiving the Neil Taylor Memorial Plaque for outstanding contributions to the club and modeling in general.

-Members were reminded that at the general meeting in October, we will be accepting nominations for next years club officers. If you have an interest in helping to run the business end of the club, now is your chance.

-Patrick O'Halloran is looking for help in updating the web site. Any volunteers would be appreciated immensely.

-We were reminded of the IMAC contest coming up next month. Wayne has made some nice plaques to be awarded down to fourth place.

-We were also reminded of the upcoming trek to the Ukiah Propbusters field for a free picnic and fly-in in October. And the last float fly of the year is coming up on October 14th so you don't want to miss this one.

-Mike Cracchiolo presented his selection of raffle prizes to us and we proceeded to start the raffle.

-The first ticket drawn belonged to-----

-----Mike Cracchiolo! Of course he chose Twist 3D .60 ARF. Joe Giddings had the next winning number and he got the Outrunner electric motor. Other winners were Dave Mercer who got a glow igniter, Sid picked 4 JR servos, Merle won some ball drivers, Tom Haddorff took home a Lady Bug electric ARF, Phil took the epoxy, Guy got a prop balancer, Brian Young won a Super Stand by Robart, Bob Rose got the Great Plains Dead Center, John Lehtio picked the prop reamer, and Jon Stychno was lucky enough to get the hinges.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Miller, Sec.

## *Airplane Giveaway*

By Jon Stychno



The Wine Country Flyers raffled off a brand new Park Zone Super Cub at the 2006 PCAM air show. The airplane was donated by Steve Cole at Awesome Hobbies. Thanks Steve, your generosity is greatly appreciated. Anyone 14 and under was able to enter, and we had over 350 entrants, each receiving one free ticket to enter. A ticket was drawn on Sunday afternoon, and 14 year old Brennan Duke, of Windsor, CA. was the lucky winner. A few weeks later Brennan

and his father met up me up at the field, and we assembled the Super Cub. It comes ready to fly, everything in one box, including the transmitter and batteries. I highly recommend it to any beginner. I went over all of the important topics someone just getting into the hobby needs to know, from safety to the basics of flight. After getting the Super Cub in the sky and trimmed out, Brennan took over. I explained to him the control inputs worked the same way as they would on his Playstation flying games. The advice seemed to help, because he flew like a pro. He made large circles for about 10 minutes, and I took back over to land. We popped in another battery and had another successful flight. Brennan and his father were very thankful that the club provided an opportunity for someone to learn to fly, for free! They were very impressed with the club facilities as well. I look forward to giving more youngsters the chance to participate in our wonderful hobby in the future. It is a very rewarding experience.

### ***Wine Country Aerobatics***

By Sid Maxwell

Here are the results from the Aerobatic contest last month. We used the IMAC Basic maneuvers.

1. Jon Stychno
2. Brian Blackburn
3. Anthony Lee
4. Joe Giddings

Now for 2007 the IMAC Basic maneuvers are completed. They are a different set of maneuvers. I'll post some copies at the field. We will have another IMAC contest next year.

Sid Maxwell

### ***SVRW Fun Fly***

By Guy Nicholas

The Sacramento Valley Rotary Wings ([SVRW](#)) had their annual OctoberFly this

past weekend. I have gone to this event for the past four or five years and I have always had a good time there. The people that show up there have always been great, both those from the club as well as the visitors. My biggest disappointment this year was the lack of a turnout from our own heli folks. Ian Brooke and I were the only flyers there on Sat. Jeff Penner came up sans machine just to check it out. And Eddie Garcia showed up on Sunday to do a bit of power flying. This year I won an award, unfortunately it was for most spectacular crash ☹ (See my other article). It is always fun to go to one of these events and rap with all the different people, check out who is flying what, get tips and tricks, help out other, more junior people, and of course, watch the sponsored pilots fly. For those of you that think I do pretty good, you haven't seen anything until you have see the likes of a Szabo, or a Krause. Go to [http://www.augustoheli.com/videos/video\\_archive/default.asp](http://www.augustoheli.com/videos/video_archive/default.asp) and watch some of them. For all the heli enthusiasts I hope to see you up there next year!

### ***Ouch!***

By Guy Nicholas

After spending about \$300.00 to fix my heli from my PCAM incident I finally got it back in the air up at the SVRW October Fly. As usual after a crash I took it very easy. I put her into a hover, making sure everything seemed alright, followed by a few simple circuits and a landing. Then back to the bench to take a look and ensure everything looked to be in place. I didn't get a chance to fly it again until Sunday morning. I took off, flipped to inverted and did a full climb out. At about a hundred feet I rolled her back over and was in medium speed forward flight when I heard the, "Whap, whap, whap" of a fluttering blade followed by a slight right turn. The sound made me think I lost a control link on a single blade, but then I

realized I had no control. I hit throttle hold to prevent it from getting too out of control and to protect the people. The blade flutter is pretty loud so everyone had turned to see what hit the ground. To their surprise it hadn't hit yet, and they all got to watch as it basically fell to the ground. Let's see, I spent \$300 on my PCAM flight, got just over one flight on it, and I will probably be into this one for about \$500 as it did damage to the engine and muffler, as well as most of the body. The post crash inspection revealed that a screw on the inner part of the swash plate came loose and stopped it from spinning resulting in a loss of the entire control section.

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

By Sid Maxwell

Last Saturday 10 people from WCF went to Ukiah and joined 11 Propbusters for not a good day but a Great day of flying. It was one perfect day. Everyone was like...happy, content I don't know...there was something in the air, yes I know there were airplanes but this was something else. It was like, serene and I asked some of the others if they could feel it and they said, "yes". It was like you could feel the feeling, it was the kind of day that made it OK. Well anyway it was so great we will have another one next year and have a Free Swap Meet along with the free hamburger lunch and all the good flying.

Sid Maxwell

### ***Certified Pilots***

By Sid Maxwell

Student pilots, after completing the training for their Solo Certificate can be, "Soloed", by our Certified Pilots. We now have three Certified Pilots, Steve Cole, John Reade and Brian Blackburn. Any of the three can complete the solo testing for your solo certificate.

Contact Steve Cole for more info.

Sid Maxwell

### ***Lock on the Gate***

By Sid Maxwell

The gate at the field needs to be locked every time, if you are the last one to leave. First one in opens, last one out locks.

Sid Maxwell

### ***Race Standings***

As reported by Patrick O'Halloran

Here are the race standing as of October

Trainer	May	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Total
<b>Pilot</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Joey</b>	4	10	11	12	12	49
<b>Merle</b>	NS	13	8	6	7	34
<b>John R.</b>	0	16	6	8	3	33
<b>Julio</b>	4	4	5	4	8	25
<b>Larry</b>	5	13	3	NS	NS	21
<b>Paul</b>	4	15	NS	NS	NS	19
<b>Steve</b>	7	NE	0	NS	NS	7
<b>Anthony</b>	0	NE	NS	NS	NS	0

### ***Q500***

	May	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Total
<b>Pilot</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Patrick</b>	7	16	12	7	NS	42
<b>Jon Stychno</b>	3	9	9	11	4	36
<b>John R.</b>	3	3	4	5	13	28
<b>Merle</b>	NS	0	5	NS	10	15
<b>Steve</b>	7	NS	2	NS	5	14
<b>Julio</b>	NS	2	3	5	3	13
<b>Phil</b>	NS	NS	NS	6	NS	6
<b>Ron</b>	0	NS	NS	NS	NS	0
<b>Paul</b>	NE	NS			NS	

<b>Entry Fees</b>	\$55	\$55	\$65	\$40	\$45	\$260
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-----***For Sale***-----

[Reflex flight simulator](#) (JR) \$100.00

Contact Joe Kagen at (707) 792-4494

**WORD SEARCH**

by Ron Boyer  
From Flying Circus, Camarillo CA

The words below are hidden in the puzzle. Enjoy!

AEROBATIC	GLOWPLUG	RIB
ARF	GOLDBERG	SCRATCH
BIPLANE	JUNGMEISTER	SOPWITH
BONANZA	JUG	SPAN
CANARD	KIT	SPAR
CANOPY	LIGHTNING	SPORT
COCKPIT	MESSERSCHMITT	SUKHOI
COMBAT	MOSQUITTO	TAIL
COWL	MUSTANG	THUNDERBOLT
COX	PILOT	TRAINER
CUB	PITTS	TRIM
DIHEDRAL	PROPELLOR	UGLYSTICK
FIN	RADIAL	WARBIRD
		ZERO

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## EVENTS CALENDAR 2006

Oct.	14	Float Fly Aftermath - Sal Lake
Nov.	5	Pylon Races
Dec.	16	Christmas Party at Santa Rosa



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