

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 21 November, 7:30 P.m.
Veterans Memorial Bldg. (Northwest Room) Across from Fairgrounds

Get there early for your free door prize raffle ticket!

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Promoting Model Aviation in Sonoma County

2006 Club Officers:

President:	Guy Nicholas	(707) 544-2141	Guy@Gui-Soft.com
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Presidents Report

Guy Nicholas

I would like to start by apologizing for getting the newsletter out late this month. I was out of town for work and just couldn't get to it.

This is the voting month so get to the meeting and cast your vote, and of course, if you have someone you wish to nominate there is still time.

It is almost party time. I am told the invitations have been sent. For those of you that have not attended this event before I suggest you check it out. It is a time for us to get together with our buddies in an atmosphere where drinking is allowed ☺. There is a FREE raffle, everyone is given a ticket at the door, and the preliminary list of prizes sounds pretty cool.

Again I would like to emphasize that we need to fly safe and within the bounds of the no-fly zone. If you have not been signed off to fly solo...DON'T! We have worked hard to try to keep our field and we don't want to screw it up now. Have fun and fly safe!

Board Meeting

By Larry Miller
11 Nov. 2006

-The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Members present were Guy Nicholas, Phil Leech, Sid Maxwell, Jon Stychno, Roy Domke, Steve Cole, and Larry Miller.

-Phil handed out a copy of the agenda for the Christmas Party and also the flyer that will be sent out to all the members.

-We went over the agenda making any changes or corrections as needed. As usual, Phil did a great job.

-Roy presented the material he obtained from the AMA on obtaining and keeping a flying site.

-Jon volunteered to head up a committee to make a presentation to the county parks and recreation department.

-We put together the agenda for the next general meeting.

-As it was getting late, it was decided to have another board meeting later in the month.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Miller, Sec.

WCF General Meeting

By Larry Miller
17 Oct. 06

-The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jon Stychno at 7:30 pm.

-We had 34 members present and 4 guests.

-The free door prize drawing was held with Bill Van Asdian taking home the gallon of fuel just for showing up to a meeting.

-The treasurer's report was given followed by the secretary's report which was voted on and approved as printed in the newsletter.

-Patrick O'Halloran gave a report on the last pylon race and updated us on the points standing. The last race of the season will be coming up the first Sunday of November.

-Sid Maxwell reported on the recently held IMAC event.

-Jon updated us on the ongoing search for a new flying site.

-Steve Cole presented Adam Clement with his solo certificate for successfully completing our training program.

-Sid reported on the recent fun fly and the trek to Ukiah, both of which were very successful events and thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended.

-Guy filled us in on a charity event he was invited to attend and do a helicopter

demonstration. His streak of bad luck continued with a demonstration of how to crash. But, in spite of the mishap, he really wowed the crowd with his flying ability.

-Jon was in Ukiah to watch the filming of a TV show featuring Joe Hunt and his 'Down On The Deck' group and told us all about it. He also told us about the Red Bull air racing he saw while in San Francisco.

-Nominations were held for club officers for the upcoming year. Jon was nominated for president, Guy for vice president, Phil for secretary, Adam will run for member at large, and Brian will continue as treasurer. The official election will be held at the next general meeting. Anyone interested in being on the board, show up at the meeting.

-Patrick announced that he needs a helper on the web site. Any volunteers please step forward and give him a hand as it is a very time consuming job.

-A discussion of the upcoming Christmas Party was held.

-Steve reported that he has been contacted by a local BMW club who would like to use our field for a picnic and see some flight demos.

-Steve Elliott from Hobbytown in Petaluma invited us to join them at a Model Expo that he is putting together to be held at the Community Center in February in Petaluma. The membership agreed that would be a great chance to get our hobby out in front of the public eye. There will be more info on this in the near future.

-Phil brought in the club's video setup and we viewed the DVD of our PCAM show for those who did not attend to see it in person.

-Steve reviewed the prizes that were up for grabs in tonight's raffle.

-Some of the lucky winners were Sid who picked up a Piper Cub, Jeff Penner got a frequency checker, Jon won an airplane stand, Patrick won a glow igniter, a flight box was grabbed by Rich Coleman, Guy

got a Great Plains dead center, Merle picked up a nice spinner, lucky Eric Larsen won the big prize, the hinges, plus there were several other winners, more than I have room to mention here.

-There being no business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Miller, Sec.

Next Up-Christmas Party 2006

By: Phil Leech

You should receive your invitation to our Christmas Party in the next few days but here are some of the highlights that we have been planning for you. We have our reservations for Cattlemens Restaurant in Montgomery Village and will have the same private party room with a cash bar. As many of you requested, we will have an early time slot this year from 4pm 'til 7pm. So, cocktails at 4 and we will be seated to take our dinner orders at 5 along with hors d'oeuvres until dinner is served at about 5:30. Program for the evening will begin at 6 and we will be out of there by 7pm. The club is planning to spend upwards of \$1500 for the free raffle that includes six cash prizes for wives and girlfriends. Prizes for the guys are still being discussed but look to see a Saito 100, some Warbird and Sport Model ARFs, Park Flyers and accessories and gallons and gallons of fuel. John Reade will be hosting the raffle and he hopes that almost everyone will leave with something. You don't want to miss this one. So send in your reservation card and check so that we can come up with an accurate number for the restaurant to plan for. See you there!

Dues Are Due

By Sid Maxwell

WCF club members dues are due on January 1, 2007. Dues paid on or after March 1, 2007 are considered delinquent and members will be assessed a late fee of \$50. Remember, it's OK to pay early. Dues notices were mailed to all club members, the workers and the watchers, if you didn't receive one contact Brian Blackburn.

Pay on time and save the fine!

Sid Maxwell

Last Float Fly

By Sid Maxwell

On October 14 we had our last float fly of the year. Guess what! We did not have any crashes, not even a little one.....nothing. Now that's a first. Usually we have carnage all over the place. There were 22 attending and 12 float planes flying. We even had 4 boats. The day started out gloomy but when the sun came out at noon it turned out to be a beautiful day.

We have had 5 float fly's this year and all have been well attended. After talking to the guys, everyone is in favor of having the same amount next year. So all you guys that do not have a float plane and all you guys that have never tried flying off water, now is the time to get one going over the Winter. It's a different way of flying and a different kind of fun.

I have my new project for the float fly's next year ready to go, it's a," Dragonfly" a 60 size kit from a guy in Chico, Ca. It is highly aerobatic, a real good flyer and it will even hover using a .70 ci. 4 cycle OS engine.....

Until next year,
Happy Float Flying.

Sid Maxwell

14 Goes into 28

By Guy Nicholas

I have been a software engineer for years and for the last 3 years I have been working on Photoshop. Every year we have to come up with a list of new features to wow the press and public. To bring it a bit closer to home, how many of you out there have RealFlight? They just updated from 3 to 3.5 and added things like night flying. You all thought that was pretty cool didn't you? Sure you did. That is the same thing that happens to my Futaba 14MZ radio. The interface is updateable software and though they are the first to do this I am sure others will follow. But I digress, the real point of this little article was to tell you about one of the features in their latest update.

Originally my radio had 14 channels, 12 of which were proportional and two binary (on/off) channels. The last software update in conjunction with this little gizmo,



doubles the totals of number of channels to an unbelievable 28! No, this isn't a matchbox which merely lets you connect multiple servos to a single channel, but instead it takes each of the originals binary channels and converts it to 8 proportional, individually accessible channels. Each of the new channels is assignable to a dial or switch. Granted, I couldn't use the 14 I had before, but for a scale guy with lights, guns, doors or whatever, this is way cool!

How Big is Yours?

Source Unknown

(Ed. Jim Page originally sent me an email with the following text. I had at one time since then seen it on a web site but I can't seem to find it now so I can't give credit to the original author)

This 1/9th scale radio-controlled C-17 model was built in the United Kingdom. To date it has about 20 flights. It was built as the centerpiece of a 15 program television series produced in the U.K. for the Home and Leisure satellite TV channel. Built with the aid of three friends, it took 1 year to build and is powered with 4 Jetcat P-120 turbines with a total thrust of 108 lbs.? The model weighs over 250 lbs fuelled, and carries 12.5 liters (3.3 US gallons) of 95% kerosene and 5% turbine oil fuel. Other details include 5 Futaba PCM receivers, 16 battery packs (93 cells), 20 Futaba servos, on board air compressor, electro/pneumatic retracts, etc. The four builders are shown in the lower left image above. (Ed. Below)



Colin Straus is at the nose of the aircraft. Wingspan is 20 feet 8 inches, and the top of the fin is 74 inches (6 feet 2 inches) above the ground. Takeoff weight is 264 lbs. The rear cargo doors open and they drop an R/C jeep on a pallet, as well as 2 freefall R/C parachutists. The model also has smoke systems on both of the inboard turbines, and uses 2.4 GHz data link to provide real-time data to a laptop computer on the ground while in flight,

this data includes airspeed, turbine RPM, EGT, fuel consumption, etc. It is covered in fiberglass and epoxy resin. Built mainly from balsa and ply, with many glass and carbon fiber moldings to reduce weight. This C-17 Globemaster III is one of the largest jet models in the world today! Complete with retractable landing gear and pneumatically operated flaps.



(Ed. I did find this page showing the building of another similar model http://www.largemodelassociation.com/davie_mathews_c17.htm)

Election of Officers By Sid Maxwell

Nominations and Election of Officers for 2007 will be held at the November regular club meeting on November

21, 2006 at the Veterans Hall in Santa Rosa.....

Nominations as of now:

President----- Jon Stychno
V. President----- Guy Nicholas (tentative)
Treasurer----- Brian Blackburn
Secretary----- Brooks Robertson
Member at Large----- Adam Clements

Sid Maxwell

-----*For Sale*-----

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

Contact Joe Kagen at (707) 792-4494

2006 Pylon Final Standings

Final results for the 2006 WCF pylon season are in. Jon Stychno wins in Q500, Joey wins in Trainer. John Reade and Merle are tied on overall points in 2nd place in trainer. John won more races than Merle over the year so 2nd goes to John, 3rd to Merle.

Prizes in each class will be awarded at the Christmas party,

- 1st Place Q500 racer (Viper 500)
- 2nd Place OS 40 LA
- 3rd Place McDaniels metered glow

Please make sure to attend the Christmas party and receive your prize. Detailed points below:

Trainer								
	May	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov		
Pilot	Race1	Race2	Race3	Race4	Race5	Race 6	Total	
Joey		4	10	11	12	12	NS	49
Merle	NS		13	8	6	7	5	39
John Reade		0	16	6	8	3	6	39
Julio		4	4	5	4	8	NS	25
Larry		5	13	3	NS	NS	NS	21
Paul		4	15	NS	NS	NS	NS	19
Steve		7	NE	0	NS	NS	6	13
Anthony		0	NE	NS	NS	NS	NS	0

Q500, 428								
	May	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov		
Pilot	Race1	Race2	Race3	Race4	Race5	Race 6	Total	
Jon Stychno		3	9	9	11	4	9	45
Patrick		7	16	12	7	NS	NS	42
John Reade		3	3	4	5	13	6	34
Steve		7	NS	2	NS	5	12	26
Merle	NS		0	5	NS	10	3	18
Julio	NS		2	3	5	3	NS	13
Phil	NS	NS	NS		6	NS	NS	6
Ron		0	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	0
Paul	NE	NS			NS	NS		

Entry Fees	\$55	\$55	\$65	\$40	\$45	\$35	\$295
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