

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 20 February, 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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Larry Frank 1921-2007

Presidents Report

Jon Stychno

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors has extended our lease at the Healdsburg Refuse Transfer Station Flying Site. The decision was made at a Board of Supervisors meeting in January. 20 members of the Wine Country Flyers were present to show their support. I would like to extend a big thank you to Paul Kelley and the rest of the board for their help. Also, thanks to Roy Domke of WCF, Susan Klassen from the Department of Public Works, WCF member Chris Seppler, and the dedicated officers and members of the Wine Country Flyers for devoting time and effort to securing our site for another year.

As you might have figured out, as of April 2008, the Wine Country Flyers will have to vacate our current location, and find a new home. This is due to anticipated developments in the area. This is something that we all knew was going to happen eventually, and since early 2006 we have been exploring many options for a new location, and we have the support from the county to help us accomplish this task. The WCF officers and board have been researching new sites, and we also have contacted the Sonoma County Parks & Recreation Department, requesting that the Wine Country Flyers be considered in future park development plans. My vision is to have a "R/C Park", open from dawn to dusk, with a paved runway and top notch facilities. Many clubs around the country have acquired flying sites of this quality by working with their local government, and I see no reason why we cant do the same. If any members have ideas or suggestions to help us reach our goal, please let me know.

Board Meeting

By Brooks Robertson

2 Jan 2007

The board meeting was called by our President Jon Stychno at 7:09. The first half of our meeting was spent viewing the progress of our new website. Patrick went in to detail about features and benefits of the new website and how members and non-members can interact with our club. Photo galleries, current event calendars, whether and a list of other things will be available with the new web site. A unanimous decision was made by board members to proceed with using Sonic.net as our new internet service provider. A special thank you goes out to Patrick for his work on the new web site.

At 8:47 Roy read a letter that he sent to Susan Klassen thanking her for her help on the extension of our revocable license. The letter also touched on the mistake of printing false information of a 2 year extension. Jon Stychno also wrote a letter to the parks department in hopes of help with our search for a new flying site.

We next discussed a few possible flying sites around the county. No locations can be named at this time, however board members will be secretly visiting a site for recognizance. Date and time information is not available. We urge all club members to explore any leads to a possible flying site. It was mentioned at the meeting that it will be the easiest and speediest to find a site on privately owned property.

At 8:24 we went over the hobby expo. We discussed date and time info. Wine country flyers represented four tables and a banner! There were shirts and hats and even a simulator. This event took place on Saturday the 10th. The next item up for discussion was Larry Frank at 8:33. Larry passed away on February 2nd 2007. The club wanted to recognize his contribution to the Wine Country Flyers organization. Phil read a well

written letter regarding his help with the club over the years, and his devotion to the model aviation community. Larry is survived by his wife Dorothy and three sons. A unanimous decision was made to donate \$100.00 to Becoming Independent, in Larry's name. This is an organization that helps mentally challenged people.

Exciting news about PCAM was next. This year our club will have a full page in the program. Design of this page was not explored but will be a topic in upcoming meetings. Also our demonstration time will be extended to accommodate more pilots and lengthier routines. We will again have another raffle give away. Booth set up, and job assignment is to be further discussed at later meetings prior to the event.

Lastly we spoke about the up coming 8- Fest. This event will be held at our field. We will be hosting a rather large gathering of a car club. This is a fun fly event. Our flight training instructors will have trainers and buddy boxes for those who would like to try flying. This event will be held on March 3rd all day.

Thanks to Sid Maxwell for recovering the pre flight tables with fresh turf. Also thanks again to Patrick for spearheading the web site project.

Brooks Robertson 2007 Secretary

General Meeting

16 Jan, 2007

There were 28 members present when Jon Stychno, our new president for 2007, brought the meeting to order at 7:30pm. The gallon fuel door prize was won by Bob Film – the glider guy. There was a lot of razzing for Bob about that one.

A new member, Steve Cohen, was introduced. Turns out that Steve is a member of the Series 8 BMW club that we will be hosting at the field on March 3. More about that later under NEW BUSINESS.

- Treasurer's report: Current assets: \$13,752 with 82 paid members for 2007. Still looking for quite a few more guys to pay up for this year. Come on, guys send it in.

- Secretary's Report - as published in the Newsletter!

OLD BUSINESS

- Report on the upcoming Supervisor's meeting - Roy Domke and Sid brought us up to date on recent db tests that were conducted at the field. Most readings were in the mid 50's which is Ok but they found that if the flying was further restricted to the east the readings weren't even on the scale and they couldn't hear anything! The plan is to further restrict our flying with a new "No Fly Zone" being imposed. Roy reviewed a handout he has prepared, based on work Larry Frank did years ago when the field was first opened in 1992. Roy will print up 10 copies of the handout to distribute to the Supervisors and other interested parties. All members are encouraged to attend the meeting to be held January 23, 2007 at 8:30am 575 Administration Blvd, Room 102A to show support for our group.

- Christmas Party Report.- The \$30/person we charged everybody just covered the cost of the meal plus tip and we spent about \$1300 for prizes. For next year we had a show of hands whether to have the early seating or the late one. Most guys wanted the later slot and it was suggested that we get our reservation for next year registered pronto. Brian cut a check for \$200 to give to me to get that done.

NEW BUSINESS

- John Reade has donated a beat up trainer (thanks anyway, John) to the club to be used for "Learn to Fly Days" and Jon Stychno volunteered to re-cover the plane.

- Website - Patrick O'Halloran has switched our ISP provider to Sonic which will provide us with some new features including the provision for individual members to post ads for R/C equipment

for sale. Patrick will tell us more about new features next month,.

- Board Members - The Board Members for 2007 are: Jerry Williams, Sid Maxwell, Phil Leech, Roy Domke and Brian Germone.

- 2007 Events Calendar- Sid Maxwell presented the Calendar for 2007 listing over 30 events. The earliest event is scheduled for Feb 10, a "Hobby Connection Day" to be sponsored by Steve Elliott of Hobbytown. Pylon races were reviewed and the new Reno Racer rules for electric racers were discussed. Adam Clement volunteered to CD all races for the 2007 season including Trainers and Quickie 500 as well as the new electric racers.

- Adam Clement also donated a trainer for the "Learn to Fly" series.

- Series 8 BMW Club – On Saturday, March 3, 2007 we will host the Bimmers at the noon hour (11:30am til 1:30pm). About 40 cars with maybe 80 members, wives and girlfriends will partake of lunch with us at the dump. We won't be cooking for them as they will bring their own. But we will be entertaining them with demos of helis and aerobatics. John Reade volunteered that he would bring trainers and buddy boxes to take anyone up that wants to. The Bimmers have offered to present us with "donations" of \$5/guest for our hospitality. Bring it on! Solo Presentations – Solo Certificates were awarded to: Ollie Burns, Kent Talcott and Brooks Robertson.

- Computer Projector – Jon Stychno pointed out that there is a slide screen in our meeting room and wondered if anyone had access to a projector that could be used at our meetings to project pictures of recent events. Turns out that our new member, Steve Cohen has one that he will volunteer for us.

THE RAFFLE

Evan Palmerston had the first winning ticket and chose the GWS Corsair followed by Joe Kagan who selected the

Hangar Nine Yak 54. Merle MacGregor got the GWS P-38 and that was it for the big kit prizes. Jon Stychno took servos, John Stoufer selected flight batteries, Dave Mercer took the servos, Bob Rose liked the Volt Watch, Ken Melani picked the Receiver Wrap, Jerry Williams accepted the Starter Cones, the JR neck strap went to Adam Clement and Patrick O'Halloran took the hinges home with him.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm

Minutes prepared and submitted for Brooks Robertson

By: Phil Leech

In Memorium: Larry Frank 1921-2007

By: Phil Leech

Larry Frank passed away Sunday, Feb 4, 2007 after a long, long struggle with heart disease. Larry had been diagnosed as terminal way back in 2000 with his doctor telling him to get his affairs in order because he had less than a few weeks to live. So, Larry gave a bunch of his airplanes and flying stuff away, got his bills paid and began preparing for what he thought was inevitable. But it wasn't inevitable and Larry overcame debilitating obstacles to persevere and to continue building model after model.

Larry wasn't a founder of Wine Country Flyers, he was better than a founder because it was principally through his efforts that we were able to acquire our field at the Transfer Station in Healdsburg in 1992. Larry's contribution to Wine Country Flyers is unparalleled by anyone then or since. He was President, Treasurer and I'm not sure of all of the offices that he held. He built the picnic tables that we use today. He conducted db testing much like we're doing today in order to convince the County to back us

up as he determined that we were complying with the County's Sound Ordinance. Larry initiated displays at Coddington Mall to bring the message of our hobby to the public and he originated a program to educate kids at public schools about what we do and about basic principles of flight.

Larry was a scale model builder but he didn't just build scale models from kits he was a scratch builder. Larry would contact the Smithsonian and procure scale drawings of whatever airplane he was interested in and then he would draw his own plans. Engineering the model as he worked his way through the project, he would estimating weights to determine balance and locating a center of gravity.

Larry was a scrappy fighter refusing to give in to his deteriorating condition until the last few months when his strength gradually weakened him to the point that he was bedridden and could no longer plan or build models. But his interest in Wine Country Flyers never wavered and he was always anxious to be updated on the latest events and developments.

We will all miss his dedication and energy.

Larry requested that no ceremony be held in his memory but he did ask that memorial contributions be forwarded to: Becoming Independent, 1425 Corporate Center Parkway, Santa Rosa, CA 95407. The Wine Country Board of Directors has sent a contribution in Larry's memory.

Larry Frank was a wonderful friend to me.

Pylon Racing 2007

By Jon Stychno

Spring is approaching fast, and its packed full of exciting events! The Pylon Racing season kicks off March 4th, with 3 classes of competition. There will be the trainer and Q-500 classes, and the new "Electric Reno Racer" class promises to be a exciting addition to the program. There will be 2 divisions of Reno racers,

Stock- which will consist of 400 brushed powered Reno-style warbirds, and Unlimited, which will feature warbirds powered by brushless motors up to 450 size. Wingspans are limited to 40 inches. There will be a points series in all classes, concluding in the fall. For further details on rules, contact Contest Directors Adam Clement and Steve Cole at Awesome Hobbies. They have many options of racers to choose from. There also will be some rule changes for the 2007 season. Hard hats or helmets will be required for all racers and callers. This is mandatory per AMA rules. The pit area will be off limits to everyone except racers and callers during races, and there will be no open flying between morning practice until the final race is completed. These rules were put into place for 2 reasons- First and foremost, for the safety of club members and spectators, and second, to be able to get through the numerous races in a timely manor. If you are planning on open flying on the first Sunday of the month, keep in mind that the field will be closed for racing until early afternoon. See you at the races!

(Ed. Note: How 'bout glider pylon racing?)



Gate Lock Change

By Sid Maxwell

On February 1, 2007 we will have a new combination number for the gate lock. We only want paid up members having access to the gate. We want to keep complaints to a minimum or zero.

If you need the new combination number, you can call me at 530-233-0263 or call any Board member.....

Sid Maxwell

Board of Supervisor's Meeting

23 Jan, 2007
By Phil Leech

The Board of Supervisor's Meeting was held at 8:30am at 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A to determine whether the County would agree to extend our revocable license agreement for another year to expire after April 14, 2008. We had a pretty good turnout of club members in support of the extension including: Doug Boucher, Larry Miller, Des Shapiro, Steve Cole, Brooks Robertson, John Lehtio, Roy Domke, Jon Stychno, Ralph Grella, John Stoufer, Patrick O'Halloran, Sid Maxwell, Guy Nicholas, Phil Leech, Bill Van Asdian, Bob Rose, Gary Child, Jim Page and Richard Maddox – 19 members! I was impressed with the turnout because I know more guys would have shown up but because of commitment to jobs it was in many cases impossible. Thanks to everyone who was able to make it. This issue means so much to most of us and it was apparent with this kind of response.

We had to wait for our turn on the agenda as three other presentations preceded our case, but at 9:45 it was our turn to make our presentation before the five elected Sonoma County Supervisors. Susan Klassen of the Department of Transportation and Public Works explained our case to the five Supervisors telling them about the letter that was written to us to end our term at the field because of complaints about excessive noise and over flying neighbors properties. She also told them about the meeting that we had with them to try to resolve the noise problem and the fact that since the meeting with our

promises to correct the problems, the complaints had dwindled substantially. Because of this she felt justified in allowing us an extension of time to find another flying site and recommended that the Supervisors grant us an additional year to try to find another site. Susan prepared a letter that was sent to adjoining neighbors and she received 8 responses, most against but with some for our staying for an additional year.

At this point the chair asked if there was any response from the public and there was a vigorous response from a neighbor who expressed anger about noise from our airplanes. He specifically mentioned noise caused by Jets. He also accused everyone of back room dealing to extend our time at the field for an additional year when he thought that we were going to be gone this coming April.

After the remonstrator finished his remarks, Roy Domke addressed the Supervisors explaining that we had taken db readings with various airplanes flying over varying areas including directly at the neighbors property lines and that the db readings were within County noise regulation restrictions. Roy went on to outline our "Learn to Fly" program that is directed toward youths. He also explained that we have not allowed Jets to fly at our field and that we have made efforts to reposition our flying so that we are further from the eastern part of our flying area.

Supervisor Mike Reilly asked whether we had made any progress toward locating a new flying site and Roy mentioned the site along East Side Road but that we really don't have anything lined up at this point. Reilly agreed that we should have a one year extension but that we shouldn't expect anything beyond that.

At that point a consensus was reached among the five Supervisors to grant us the one year reprieve and the vote was recorded as 5-0 for the extension.

We are of course, grateful for this action and hope that we can find further support

from Paul Kelley and Sonoma County Regional Parks to help us find a permanent flying field and R/C Park.

8-Fest

By Jon Stychno

On March Saturday, March 3rd the "Bay Area Eights", a club of BMW eight series owners will be stopping by the field for lunch, during their tour of the wine country. They are projecting at least 50 cars to arrive around noon, and will be making a donation of \$5 a vehicle to the club. The Wine Country Flyers are happy to host the club and entertain with a variety of flying demonstrations. We need volunteers to assist with parking, bring their planes up for static display or demos, and make the BMW club members feel welcome. We also plan to have trainers available with buddy boxes, so they can get a opportunity to take to the skies. If you would like to volunteer your time or bring up a trainer, please email me at jon@epsinsurance.com. This is great opportunity to raise some cash for the club and share our hobby with others. I hope to see you there!

Fearless Flyer Flying IMAC

Aerobatics

By Sid Maxwell

OK do you have the last two maneuvers down yet? Well here are two more this month and they are very interesting. The Reverse Shark Tooth and the Teardrop. One thing to remember about all of the maneuvers is you can go vertical as high

as you want. There is no limit and it gives you more time to make the maneuver look better.

3. Reverse Shark Tooth

This maneuver is performed on the right side(or left side according to the wind). Enter horizontal, pull to a 45 degree up line. In the center of the up line do a 1/2 roll. Pull to a vertical down, reduce power. Pull a 1/4 loop, add power and exit upright at the same level as you entered.

One thing for close attention is the pull to a vertical down You will find it is done quickly and a with a constant heading. Be smooth, fly precise.

4. Teardrop

This maneuver is performed in the center. Enter horizontal. Pull vertical. Pull a 5/8 loop at the top to a 45 degree down line. Half way down the down line reduce power. Pull to level, add power and exit at the same level as you entered. Keep your heading constant. Fly smooth and precise.

Each month we will discuss (2) IMAC maneuvers. The first contest will be July 7 where we will fly the (10) Basic maneuvers (4) times and it takes 4 or 5 minutes for each round. So now we are almost 1/2 way thru and look at all the fun we are having.

There are copies of the IMAC maneuvers for you in the Impound shed.

You know what they say, "practice makes perfect".

Keep 'em flying,

Sid Maxwell

EVENTS CALENDAR 2007

Mar	3	Series 8 Car Club Day at WCF	July	7	Wine County Aerobatics
Mar	4	Pylon Races	July	14	Larry Frank Fun Fly
April	1	Pylon Races	Aug	5	Pylon Races
April	7-8	Propbusters Fun Fly at Ukiah	Aug	18-19	PCAM -Santa Rosa Airport
April	28	Float Fly Madness - Sal Lake	Aug	25	Learn to Fly Day
May	5	Trek to WCF - Healdsburg	Sep	2	Pylon Races
May	6	Pylon Races	Sep	3	Day on the Pond - Sal Lake
May	12	Work Party at Alexander Valley	Sept	8	Neil Taylor Fun Fly
Field			Sept	12-16	Reno Air Races-Reno
May	19	Opening Day - Model Air Show	Sept	22	Wine County Aerobatics
June	2	Float Fly Madness - Sal Lake	Sept	29	Trek to Ukiah
June	3	Pylon Races	Oct	6-7	Red Bull Air Races, SF Bay
June	7-10	Float Fly at Red Bluff	Oct	7	Pylon Races
June	16-17	Dan Sullivan Memorial at Ukiah	Oct	13	Learn to Fly Day
June	23	Learn to Fly Day	Oct	20	Float Fly Aftermath - Sal Lake
July	1	Pylon Races	Nov	4	Pylon Races
July	4	Day on the Pond - Sal Lake	Dec	15	Christmas Party



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