

March 2007 Edition

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 20 February, 7:30 P.m.
Veterans Memorial Bldg. (Northwest Room) Across from Fairgrounds

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Presidents Report

(Ed. The President has been down with the Novo virus and was not able to submit a report this month)

Cover Photo

By Guy Nicholas

I heard the hobby expo was pretty cool. I wasn't there and didn't get a written report from anyone, but I did get a couple of pictures from Jon Stychno. Both the cover photo and the image on the last page are of plastic models. Check out the incredible details in both models.



Board Meeting

By Brooks Robertson
8 Mar 2007

The March board meeting was called shortly after 7:00pm. Patrick was there to go over new developments regarding the website. The site is now up and running although not completely functional. Some minor details need to be completed before the site is available to general club members. As mentioned in previous news letters some of the features include, a picture gallery, calendar of events, forums and discussion pages, and current club news. All of these features were discussed. Patrick will be putting the final touches on the site in the next month. The site should be fully functional about the time of the next board meeting. Again thank you to Patrick for your help with the site. At 7:35 the board called Roy on a conference call to discuss flying site

prospects. He mentioned that there are a few places that are privately owned that would need to be looked at. We also talked about how much the club could afford if we had to pay a monthly rent. Brian Blackburn will come up with a yearly total on club costs. Also Roy has an upcoming meeting with Healdsburg officials to discuss our importance to the city and how to go about finding a new field. At 7:56 club officers talked about a flying site development grant that AMA gives out. We went over the application and discussed prerequisites needed to qualify for the grant. One of these we focused on was events and contributions we have held to benefit our community. A special thank you to Jon Stychno for heading up the application for this program. 8:09 8 fest was next on the agenda. On behalf of the club we would like to especially thank Steve Cohen. The president of the 8 club for bringing all of the beautiful cars to our field. Also we would like to thank you for the generous donation of \$500.00. Next we discussed the sound system issue. Guy has the clubs amp in his garage. Adam will look for a mic and other accessories to complete the sound system. Pylon racing has turned up on the agenda once again. We are still working out course lay out and other facets of the rules. Board members are open to ideas. At 8:20 Jon went over a recent incident at the field that resulted in a plane crash that could have been avoided. He discussed how club rules are set in place for safety. A new rule was proposed enforce these rules and a consequence if they are broken. 8:30 Merle McGregor was asked to be a board member. He gladly accepted the offer. Thanks Merle for stepping it up. He also went over some vinyl stickers of our club logo. We went over pricing and sizes. If anyone is interested in getting some of these decals, contact Merle for details. On March 21st Jon Stychno will be hosting a static demo for the cub scouts. He will talk about the basics regarding models in hopes of sparking an interest in the hobby. If anyone is interested in taking part in this demo contact Jon for details. Lastly PCAM was briefly talked over. We discussed appointing a committee to design the program page, and schedule flight

demos. Again this year we will have a half or full page in the program and a full segment in the show. Developments on the PCAM event will be mentioned in upcoming newsletters.

Brooks Robertson 2007 Secretary

General Meeting

20 Feb, 2007

There were 28 members present when Jon Stychno brought the meeting to order at 7:35pm. The gallon fuel door prize was won by Ralph Grella. New member, Bob Gregoire, was introduced. And guests for the evening included Judy, who is Ken Ribardo's girlfriend. Nice to have gals join us isn't it?

- Treasurer's report: Current assets: \$14,000 plus or thereabouts with 87 paid members for 2007. Still looking for a few more guys to pay up for this year. No penalty for late dues until March 1.

- Secretary's Report - as published in the Newsletter

- Phil Leech read a memorial for Larry Frank and announced that the club has made a contribution to Larry's chosen charity, Becoming Independent.

OLD BUSINESS

- Jon Stychno reported on the Board of Supervisor's meeting in January and related how the Supervisors asked all of the Wine Country Flyers members who were in attendance to stand and 19 of us stood up! I think they were impressed with our numbers. Anyway, bottom line is that we were granted another year at the field for which we are all grateful.

- Jon Stychno reported on the Hobby Expo event held at the Community Center in Petaluma. Many of our members participated by manning our booth including, Jon Stychno, John Reade, Sid Maxwell, Merle McGregor, Ralph Grella and John Stoufer. Bob Rose was there too but he defected and was seen hanging out with the SAM 27 guys!

Sid brought gliders for the kids and tootsie pops for the rest of us. Jon Stychno planned a replay of the electric ARF that we gave away at PCAM and thought he would be able to

provide training for the winner of the plane but it backfired on him when the kid that won the free Super Cub and his dad didn't take Jon's offer to help them fly the plane. They proceeded to the parking lot on their own and promptly crashed the plane. What can you say.

- Jon told us that Roy Domke and Sid Maxwell made a visit to the City of Santa Rosa sewage treatment facilities on Llano Road. They plan to follow up with inquiries about what possibilities may be available to us.

NEW BUSINESS

- Brian Blackburn brought up the fact that an audit of the treasurer's books should be conducted for the calendar year 2006. Ralph Grella and John Stoufer did the audit last year and it was suggested that since they had done such a thorough job, they should be accorded the same opportunity this time around. Everyone concurred. Thanks, John and Ralph.

- A discussion of the upcoming 8 Vest Event developed as Steve Cohen told us that we could expect something in the range of 50 cars and 90 people on March 3. The BMW club plans to donate \$5/person to Wine Country Flyers. That works out to \$450 or so. They will expect us to provide them with something exciting to watch and for \$450 I think we will be motivated. Steve Cole will fly his P-47 and there should be a turnout of other WW2 types as well. We'll need a good heli demo and Bob Film will be there with his glider. Sid will fly aerobatics and John Reade will be available with buddy boxes and trainers to take anyone up that is interested.

- Ralph Grella led a discussion about safety at the Pylon Races. It was decided to test try some new course layouts with the goal to keep the planes away from spectators. Helmets should be worn this year by all contestants and spectators will be confined to the canopy area.

- Jon told us about the work that Patrick O'Halloran is doing on the new website. Sounds like it will be up and running soon. Big hand to Patrick.

- Sid gave us an update about the Trek to Ukiah event to be held at our field Saturday,

May 5. Plans are being made to incorporate a swap meet in addition to the free BBQ and open flying. Tim Moore, from Propbusters is bringing the hamburgers and buns and WCF will supply drinks and all the fixin's. Tim has a wood burning BBQ rig that he tows behind his truck. It takes him about an hour and a half to get it fired up and he claims to turn out the best burger you have ever eaten. We'll see,. The price is right.

THE RAFFLE

Patrick O'Halloran won the big prize, a 180 size Super Star ARF aerobatic plane followed by Jon Stychno who took an electric Fokker D 7. Merle McGregor picked a grab bag of stuff that Steve Cole donated and brought to the meeting. Bob Gregoire selected an electric motor and Ken Ribardo took the lipo battery while John Lehtio got the speed controller. Brian Blackburn walked off with a model stand and Ray Peterson took a ball driver set. Joe Giddings took the Makita cordless screwdriver that I donated and Adam Clement got the hinges!

We took in \$309 for the evening and the club will add \$125 so we can look forward to \$434 for prizes next month. Don't miss it!

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm

Minutes prepared and submitted for Brooks Robertson

By: Phil Leech

Web Site Update

By Patrick O-Halloran

As some of you may have noticed we introduced a new website on March 7th. It is based on a powerful content management system which will allow us to add new content in a structured way as we move forward. The site also includes a forum and a gallery. When registered we encourage you to use the forum to discuss anything of interest to the club membership. We also hope you will post pictures of your latest project or anything else that would interest the membership.

The registration system will be open from about March 17th. When you register you can post to the forum. We will provide you an 'album' in the members' area of the gallery on request. When you register you must supply an email address. This email address will be automatically subscribed to the new WCF membership mailing list.

If any of that is confusing I will go into more detail at the next club meeting, so please come along. If there is WiFi access at the Veterans Building I will help you register after the meeting.

While the content of the site is minimal right now, the infrastructure we have put in place will allow us to add content and features in a structured way over the coming months. Please visit the site and give us your feedback.

Regards,
Patrick O'Halloran

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Timely Tips

By Sid Maxwell

Corrosion X

Before you put that plane in the water be sure to spray some, "Corrosion X", on all your radio equipment and electric plugs. Corrosion X is a spray that will stop the water from shorting out your radio equipment in case your plane goes in the Lake. The claim is, "you can spray your servos, drop them in a bucket of water and they keep working". What about that!!! If you want to try some, give me a call. My can has lasted 4 years. If you want a can for yourself call, Corrosion X, 800-638-7361 or corrosionx.com

Sid Maxwell
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Float Fly Madness

By Sid Maxwell

The time is coming for our first float fly of the year, "Float Fly Madness", at Sal Lake at the

Salvation Army across the Freeway. You still have time to get those float planes ready. We will come together on April 28, 2007 at Sal Lake flying on water having the time of our life. We will go to the lake (5) times this year. The field will be open that day so you will need to get a Tx frequency pin, leave your AMA card and leave a note with your cell phone number saying you are flying at Sal Lake and to call you. Bring the pin with you to the Lake. I will have some blank forms available in the impound shed. To get to the Lake take Lytton Springs Rd. west under the Freeway, take the outer road to CDF, go thru the parking lot to the Lake. It's OK to park in the CDF parking lot but do not block the gate. We will have a Deli Lunch at noon and cold drinks will be available. As usual we will have the great John Lehtio with his canoe as our, "Ace", float plane retriever. For the time of your life, fly on water and you'll see.

Sid Maxwell

Trek to Wine Country

By Sid Maxwell

On April 21, 2007 we will have our first Fun Fly of the year, the "Trek to Wine Country". The Ukiah Propbusters will come to our field for a Fun Fly, Swap Meet and a FREE Hamburger Lunch. We will have Open Flying from 10am to 2pm. We will have a Free Swap meet from the back of your auto or from a table you bring. We will have a Free Hamburger lunch with the famous, " Fat Burgers". This is the first time for the Propbusters to come to our field on a Trek. We went on a Trek to Ukiah last September and had one great time so we decided to go to both places every year. We will go on a, "Trek to Ukiah", in September. So get ready for the Swap Meet and dig out all that old stuff you may not need. What do they say; one guy's junk is another guy's treasure.

See you at the Trek
Sid Maxwell

Fearless Flyer

By Sid Maxwell

Aerobatics anyone?

You know, flying aerobatics is such a pleasure. The better you get, the more relaxed you get and it all begins to flow. So now this month we have two more maneuvers for the IMAC Basic. The Hammerhead and the Inside Loop.

5 Hammerhead :

This maneuver is performed on the left side. (or right side according to the wind) Enter horizontal pull a 1/4 loop to a vertical climb. Adjust with ailerons and rudder on the up line. As you near the top begin to decrease the throttle. At the top decrease the throttle just enough to come to an, "instant stop". As you practice this Hammerhead you will find just the spot you want for the turn. At that precise moment add left rudder with just enough throttle to get over the top. A good turn is a wing length wide. After the turn reduce throttle and go vertical down. Add throttle and exit with a 1/4 loop.

6 Inside Loop

This maneuver is performed in the center. It is a 360 degree circle. It is an inside loop because the cockpit is on the inside of the loop. Start from horizontal. Enter the inside loop and start with about 25% elevator. As you approach the top start relaxing the elevator. At the top the elevator should be neutral or a little down elevator.

. (what ever it takes) On the up line use rudder to remain true and straight. If you need correction it's better to do it on the up line than the down line. After you go over the top add up elevator again and decrease throttle.

Do not rush the elevator after you go over the top. Keep it nice and round. As you enter the bottom start decreasing elevator add throttle and exit horizontal. The size of the loop is up to you . A real small loop does not look as good as a medium or large loop. Remember, we will have judges at the contest.

Fly smooth and precise. The first Aerobatic contest will be July 7.

Keep'em fly'n,

Sid Maxwell

BMW Series 8 Event

3 March, 2007
By Phil Leech

The BMW Series 8 Event was suggested by new member, Steve Cohen to Steve Cole some months ago. Last year we hosted a special event for a children's birthday party that was very successful and the thought was: "Why couldn't we do something like that for another group or organization"?



Steve Cohen told Steve Cole that their BMW club was doing a tour of the wine country and would like to have us do an Airshow for them while they were on a lunch break from the winery tour and they offered to make a donation to our club of something like \$5/person. Didn't take Steve Cole long to answer, "you bet we can"! Jon Stychno spearheaded planning for the event and a work party was scheduled for the Friday before the Saturday event. Many of us showed up to mow at the field, clean the tables, hang up the Wine Country Flyers banner and the pennant flags. The weather had looked chancy all week but on Saturday it turned near perfect except for some wind later in the afternoon.



Steve Cohen had told us to expect them to arrive at 12:30pm and that's exactly when they did arrive. I really didn't know what the Series 8 stood for but it soon became apparent that they were all stylish coupes of the touring variety. I counted 41 cars but may have missed one or two. The cars were all immaculate and I doubt that there was a scratch or blemish on any of them. Later, I was to learn that this series of cars was built between 1991 and 1997. They were available with either V-8 or V-12 engines and cost from \$80k north to I don't know how high. It was obvious that these people were enthusiasts of the first order and were dedicated to maintaining these cars to the highest level.

The BMW group was supplied with box lunches and we really didn't have enough space for them all at our picnic tables but many made do as we scrambled to put out some of our folding chairs.

Jon Stychno acted as our announcer and introduced our group and explained a few basics about RC flying. Tom Haddorff flew the show opener with his trainer that ejected the WCF banner as he has done so many times at PCAM and our own Opening Day Event. Steve Cole flew his P-47 and was soon joined by John Reade with his P-40 and Brian Blackburn and his P-51 for a WW2 demonstration. Ian Brooks flew an aerobatic heli sequence and was followed with a solo aerobatic flight by Sid Maxwell with his Harrier. Electric flight was on deck with a dramatic trio of Strykers. Bob Film put up his glider and John Stychno closed the flight demonstrations as he flew Brooks Robertson's 30% Extra 260. By this time it was 2:00pm

and the BMW group was scheduled to move on to visit more wineries but a few stayed to buddy box with John Reade and others. Toward the end of the show Steve Cohen presented Brian Blackburn with a check for \$500 which was substantially more than we

had anticipated. I'd say the Bimmers were more than generous and we certainly enjoyed flying for them. I hope they gained an understanding of our hobby and what we are all about. Wish we could do this more often!



EVENTS CALENDAR 2007

Mar	3	Series 8 Car Club Day at WCF	July	14	Larry Frank Fun Fly
Mar	4	Pylon Races	Aug	5	Pylon Races
April	1	Pylon Races	Aug	18-19	PCAM -Santa Rosa Airport
April	7-8	Propbusters Fun Fly at Ukiah	Aug	25	Learn to Fly Day
April	21	Trek to WCF - Healdsburg	Sep	2	Pylon Races
April	28	Float Fly Madness - Sal Lake	Sep	3	Day on the Pond - Sal Lake
May	6	Pylon Races	Sep	8	Neil Taylor Fun Fly
May	12	Work Party at Alexander Valley 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
July	7	Wine County Aerobatics			



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