

June 2009 Edition

# Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 19 May 2009, 7:30 P.m.  
Veterans Memorial Bldg. (Northwest Room) Across from Fairgrounds

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## *Presidents Report*

By: Adam Clement

Hello Fellow Flyers,

Well June has started and the weather is getting hotter, and the days are getting longer. With that said, we now have permission to fly electric planes and helis in the evening time. Victor said it was O.K. to fly in the evening. Maybe with some luck there might be a night or two to fly nitro during the evening. Lets start with the electrics and see what happens.

We had our first Big event at the field last month called the Family and friends day. We had about 45-50 people show up. This was a chance to bring some of the bigger planes we fly and also a chance for family and friends to see what we do. I would like to thank Bob Film and the rest of the kitchen crew for supplying the Fat burgers and Hot Dogs. I would also like to thank Merle, Steve, Adam, Justin, John R and Leo for helping clean up the field. Overall we had a nice relaxing day with some great weather and awesome flying. We did have some rather unfortunate crashes that day but the boys took it in stride and continued on. John, thanks for bringing the generator.

The next event we had was our first float fly. Yes you read that right. Sid Maxwell pulled a rabbit out of his hat and got our float flies reinstated. It was very short notice but we still had 10-20 people come out. The lake is down a lot but is still flyable. Keep checking the website for further float flies. The next will be on the 4th of July.

On the 18th of July there will be a Classic car and airplane show at the Petaluma airport. The event has asked our club to put on a static display for the day. If anyone is interested in displaying some planes please contact me at [adampclement@comcast.net](mailto:adampclement@comcast.net).

We have had a couple of pylon races since the last newsletter. Check online for an update of the points. I still think this is the most popular air racing has been in a long time. So far there are 20 racers in T-28 and 8 racers in warbirds. That is a lot of racing.

Come on out I guarantee you'll have a great time.

Wings Over Wine Country is coming up in a couple of months. We are working on a flying schedule for the show, so if you want to fly let Steve Cole, Jon S or myself know what you want to fly. I understand that we will be moved to north end of the field so storing the planes overnight might be a problem. We are trying to find a suitable place so we'll let you know.

See you at field  
Adam Clement

## *Board Meeting Minutes*

By: Ian Rickard  
2 June 2009

Adam Clement (AC), Guy Nicholas (GN), Merle MacGregor (MM), Phil Leech (PL), Ian Rickard (IR), Jeff Penner (JP), Steve Cole (SC), Jon Stychno (JC)

Learn to Fly Day, June 2nd.

Over 60 kids were given flight time by Jeff, Merle, John and Phil at Douglas Whited Elementary. The kids were very happy with the experience and were all invited to the learn to fly day at the field on the 13th.

Next Learn to Fly day at the WCF field scheduled for June 13th.

AC, MM, JS will provide trainers.

Club Donations.

Donated Control Line motors were sold by the club for \$900 to a member of Clearlake Modelers Club. It was also agreed to provide written recognition to the donor with photos of the donated Aerostar 0.20 in flight that was given with the motors

Club member Greg Heumann donated an Aerostar 0.40 to the club which we will use as a trainer in the future. Many thanks to Greg for his generosity.

"Wings Over Wine Country Air Show" aka PCAM 2009

Suggestion made to add another Learn to Fly day just after PCAM on August 22nd.

Practice day will be Sunday August 9th in preparation for the actual show on the 14th and 15th.

Flight Schedule reviewed from 2008 - T28 racing will not be included in 2009.

Looking for some larger electrics, SC will bring the E-Flite 777. Extra 300 from AC, Radian from Bobby, Cub (?) from Roy.

Looking to start the show with a greater impact to get the attention of the crowd.

Also suggestion to raise a banner at the end of the show thanking Trentadue Winery either flying from a plane or lifted by a heli.

Suggestion to put more Giant Size planes in the show. P47, Mustangs, B25 etc will be flown.

Phil Leech is Flight Line Director for the show.

Tickets for members of the Trentadue family will be provided by WCF.

Simulator will be set up as was the case last year.

Plane give away will happen again this year.

Request for old RC magazines to give away at the booth.

Agreement to change "Field Closed" notification on the website to "Electrics Only".

SC to post official Pylon Racing rules on the website before next race.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

## *General Meeting Minutes*

By: Phil Leech  
21 April 2009

The meeting was brought to order by Adam Clement at 7:30 pm., with 27 members present.

- The Door Prize of a \$20 gift certificate was won by Julio Alvarez.

- New member for the evening was Jason DeLoach who flies both helis and planes. We also had a returning member, Allen Spaeth. Allen has been an active member of the

Kitchen Crew in the past and it is good to welcome him back with us.

- The Treasurer's Report was presented by Jeff Penner. We have \$9,184 in our accounts. There are 89 paid members..

- The Secretary's Report was as published in the Newsletter.

- For Sick or Injured, Sid Maxwell is making good progress recovering from his injured hand and fingers but he still attends physical therapy.

### OLD BUSINESS

- The Pylon Race that was cancelled on May 3 has been rescheduled for May 24.

- The Friends and Family Opening Day event was successful with about 45 people attending. It was the first BBQ at the new field and we made about \$50 or so. Julio Alvarez shot a great video that captured the spirit of the day.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Adam told us about the possibility of a special event that could take place on the aircraft carrier Hornet that is anchored in the Bay. He and Mike Cracchiolo have a contact there and it is possible that they might want us to fly off the deck. More later.

- The Christmas Party has been scheduled for the Trentadue Activity Hall, Friday, Dec 11. It will be a catered event.

- The Petaluma Classic Air and Car Show has asked us to provide a static display at the Petaluma Airport July 18. Adam will ask for volunteers to provide planes to display for the day. Jon Stychno suggested that it would be a good opportunity to have our petition available for new signatures. In the evening there will be a tri-tip dinner for \$15.

- Jeff Penner is leading a Learn To Fly Day at the Douglas Whited School in Rincon Valley. It will be scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 10am til noon. Last year we had 30 kids and this year there will be 60 kids. We will have to limit flying time to 4 min/kid to have them all have a chance to fly. Volunteers for the event included, Merle MacGregor, Roy Domke, Patrick O'Halloran, Dick Maddock, Jon Stychno and of course, Jeff Penner.

- Merle announced the there will be a R/C swap meet at Middletown on August 19. More later.

#### SHOW AND TELL

- Roy Domke brought pictures of a Curtis Conquerer engine that he restored for an antique boat. It is the same engine that was used in the P6E Hawk that he has a model of. The Curtis Hawk was flown by the US Army Air Corps from 1932 to 1937. The engine is a V-12 producing 700hp. It was Prestone cooled with a displacement of 1570 cu. In. It was advanced for its time with dual overhead cams and four valves per cylinder.

- Roy told of his experience landing his T-6 that stalled just before touch-down.

- That's also what happened to Brian Germone with his Yellow Aircraft Zero weighing 26 pounds at the Opening Day event.

- Jon Stychno told about his dead stick with his Extra 260. The 50cc engine quit and there just wasn't enough room to get it down safely.

- Merle told us about his B-25 that initially had the landing gear hung up and Merle thought it

was going to be a rough landing but was saved as the gear unexpectedly came down in time.

#### THE RAFFLE

- Merle MacGregor was the big winner selecting a DGA T-34. Jon Stychno was next up taking a Focke Wulf. Roy Domke picked a DeWoitine 520 that was donated by Joel Pringle. and Ollie Burns liked the Pro Seal iron. Next was Chris Seppeler selecting some Zpoxy while Dick Maddock settled for a fuel pump. Patrick O'Halloran picked a 12 volt charger leaving Joe Kagan with some CA glue.

-The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Report prepared and submitted for Ian Rickard, Secretary by Phil Leech.

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