

July 2009 Edition

# Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 21 July 2009, 7:30 P.m.  
Veterans Memorial Bldg. (Northwest Room) Across from Fairgrounds

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## ***Presidents Report***

By: Adam Clement

Hi everyone. Summer time is here and the weather is just right to get out to the field and brush up on your flying. Keep in mind the area that we are allowed to fly. Last week Victor called, so this is just a reminder to not fly to far to the east.

We have had a couple of events in the last month. One of them was the 4th of July float fly. The weather that morning was just right. Sid Maxwell And Merle mowed the dam the previous week so it looked great. About 40 people attended and about 15 planes. About 11:30-12:00 the wind picked up so it made flying difficult. Merle Finally got his Seawind in the air, even without the water rudder. He then landed it successfully. Bill Walters and Wiley Walters brought out a couple of gorgeous GWS warbirds on floats that flew just awesome. All in all it was a great day with no accidents. Hope to see you out at the next one Saturday Aug 8th.

Next up was the ever popular Pylon races. It was a heated race day with some up and downs for a few pilots. in the T-28 class 15 people came out to battle in the stock class. Jon Stychno came out on top with 3 wins for 15 points and a win for the day. Next was Adam with 2 first's and a second for 14 points. And tied for 3rd for the day were Justin and Phil Leech. Yes you read that right Phil has come along way since the beginning. Sticking with his tried and true tortoise vs. hare approach.

Warbird class was where the carnage happened. Out of 8 starting the day only 5 finished the day. Brian Germone was the top dog for the day with 15 points and a clean sweep in his heats. Jon brought out his newly modified cloud dancer and took home second for the day. Steve managed to be tied for 3rd even though Red and himself collided and down went the both of them. Reds plane was done but Steve borrowed Brian G's backup plane to make the third heat. Newcomer Bill Walters took the floats off of his GWS Corsair and came to race and tied with Steve for third. One notable event was Jeff Penner crashed in

his first heat race but was able to repair his plane to race the next 2 heats. Come on out for the next pylon race on Aug 2nd.

Wings over Wine Country is coming up next month. Those of you that are flying please get as much flying in as you can. The Practice day for this is going to be on the Sunday the 9th. That's the weekend before the show. Please let Jon know if you need a wristband. This should be a great time. The layout of the show will be different so we'll keep you posted on were to go. Any questions about the show contact myself or Jon Stychno.

That's all I got for now. Remember to HAVE FUN!!!!!!  
Adam Clement

## ***Board Meeting Minutes***

By: Ian Rickard  
7 July 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), Chuck Green (CG)

- Discussion of possible new site for a field located at intersection of Fulton and River Road.
- Site proposed by Chuck Green. As several board members were absent it was agreed to take a vote at the next board meeting when all members are present.
- Review of WCF status at Trentadue Field. Victor Trentadue is happy with WCF as of the date of this meeting.
- IR to post a "No Dust" sign at the entrance to keep dust down in the vineyards.
  - Discussion of PCAM show to finalize the pilots and planes involved in the performance with John Stychno.
- Changes to Events Calendar presented by Phil Leech. Amendments will be made to the website by Patrick.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

## General Meeting Minutes

By: Phil Leech  
16 June 2009

Adam Clement brought the meeting to order at 7:30 pm., with 18 members present.

- Wayne Frederick won the Door Prize of a \$20 gift certificate from Awesome Hobbies.
- There were no new members and no guests either. And for that matter nobody was sick.
- Jeff Penner presented the Treasurer's Report. We have \$8,624 in our accounts. There are 89 paid members.
- The Secretary's Report was as published in the Newsletter.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Adam told us about the group of old motors that were donated to the club a few weeks ago. Adam's dad had catalogued and priced the motors and had determined that they were worth about \$1100. A guy named Wayne from Clearlake Modelers appeared and offered \$900 cash. Didn't take Adam long after looking at the crisp new \$100 bills to make up his mind. So, our treasury is enhanced by \$900. Thanks to Adam and his dad.
- Merle told us about the recent Float Fly. They had about 20 people attending. On a negative note, John Reade lost his Mariner.
- July 4 is the next scheduled Float Fly thanks to the magic that Sid Maxwell has created by getting the Salvation Army to relent and allow us to continue for the season. A major "Hats Off" to Sid for getting this done.
- Jeff Penner told us about the Learn To Fly Day that was conducted at the Douglas Whited School in Rincon Valley. Starting at 8:30am they had two classes of 5th and 6th grade kids to instruct. Roy Domke and Ollie Burns did the Ground School and Ray Peterson took photos. All in all it was a successful day with the only negative was when Jeff lost his airplane to a neighbor's roof.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Jon Stychno gave us a report on the PCAM airshow scheduled for August 15-16. The airshow will be relocated to the northern portion of the airport this year. Jon is lining up participants for this year's show and told us that Robbie Jensen will be there with his jet.

Jon will be at the July Board Meeting to finalize plans for our performance. Jon has scheduled Sunday August 9 for a practice session.

- Adam told us about an event scheduled for July 18 at the Petaluma Airport. It is called "Classic Wings & Wheels" and they have invited us to display our models statically
- Adam gave us a rundown on the Pylon Races. There have been four races this season with 19 racers in the T-28 class and 8 in the warbird class. Guy Nicholas leads in the T-28 class with 55 points and Steve Cole leads the warbird class. Sunday, July 5 is the next race date.
- It was announced that evening flying at the field would be OK for electric only.
- Bob Film made a motion that Julio Alvarez be reimbursed for video expenses that he has incurred in producing videos for the club. All indorsed the motion.
- Jeff Penner told about a Heli Airshow to be held at the Hiller Aviation Museum Saturday June 20 from 11-12 and from 2-4.
- The Annual Dan Sullivan scale event will be held at the Propbusters field in Ukiah June 27-28.

### SHOW AND TELL

- For Show and Tell, Roy Domke presented a slide show of planes of the Collins Foundation including many shots of their B-17, P51C and their P-47. Roy was a participant in the activities and got a free ride in the Flying Fortress. Good Show!

### THE RAFFLE

- John Lehto was the big winner selecting a Thunder Tigre 46 motor. Merle MacGregor was next up taking a Pro Stik. Chris Seppeler picked a T-28. Dave Mercer liked the Zagi. Next was Jerry Williams selecting a voltmeter while Jon Stychno picked some nice ball driver tools. Adam settled for some CA glue. Charlie Cox took some epoxy while Patrick O'Halloran like the floats. That left me with a field fuel pump, Ollie Burns with a glider and finally Bob Film with some props.

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm
- Report prepared and submitted for Ian Rickard Secretary, by Phil Leech.

## WCF 2009 EVENTS SCHEDULE

|           |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| Aug. 2    | Pylon Races #6    |
| Aug. 8    | Float Fly         |
| Aug.15-16 | PCAM              |
| Aug. 22   | Learn To FLY #2   |
| Sept 6    | Pylon Races #7    |
| Sept. 7   | Float Fly         |
| Sept. 13  | Larry Frank Scale |
| Oct 4     | Pylon Races #8    |
| Nov 1     | Pylon Races #9    |
| Dec. 6    | Pylon Races #10   |
| Decj. 11  | Christmas Party   |



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