

November 2009 Edition

# Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 17 November 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, It's that time of year again when the leaves are changing color, the days are shorter, And the other morning I thought about putting on pants before heading out to the field it was that cold. But the sun came out later and it was a gorgeous fall day. It's been a little windy but what's new. The only event to report on was the November pylon races. But what a day!! It was another fast and furious day of racing in the wind but that didn't slow us down. T-28 had some exciting racing. Patrick held it together to take first with Steve for the day. Patrick's T-28 is one of the fastest T-28's I've seen. Steve is gaining the leaders with another solid performance. Jeff, Ian, and I tied for 2nd for the day. Ian Crashed on his second race after finishing but glued it back together to win his third heat race. Jake, Jon, Justin and Dave tied for 3rd. In Warbird it was fast and furious. I brought out my new September Fury that Wylie Walters Built for me. All I can say is Thanks Wylie. This plane straight get's it. Now if I could just fly. I couldn't quite catch Steve so he took home 1st for the day and I took 2nd. After a Spectacular crash in the first heat that destroyed his P-51 done up like the Reno Air Racer Cloud Dancer in the first heat Jon piloted my back up FW190 to a 3rd for the day. This was supposed to be the last race of

the season but at the beginning of the day we voted to have one more race in December. Yeah!!! We will be awarding the points leaders at the Christmas party on the 11th of December.

• Speaking of the Christmas party. I believe the invites are being sent this week so please remember to RSVP. We are having a catered diner at the winery so it's important for us to get a correct count for the caterer. We will have the usual pile of raffle prizes for the guy's and some raffle prizes for the ladies as well. Julio has been working on a video of club events all year. This was a great hit last year so we asked him if we could do it again. No problem he said. I was already going to do it anyway he said. There will also be Wine and Beer to drink. We always have a great time so come on out and enjoy a great evening with your fellow addicts.

• I want to touch very quickly on a safety issue. I know a man's pride is a very powerful thing but if you are in trouble and need help please don't be embarrassed about asking for help. Some times there are situations that you can't get out of, one of the main being losing orientation of the plane. But a quick "help" and getting more eyes on the plane can do more good than harm. Everyone crashes, it's part of the hobby. Don't hesitate to ask for help when you need it. It could be the difference between losing your plane or losing the field.

Until next time  
Fly Hard  
Adam Clement

## ***Board Meeting Minutes***

3 November 2009

The meeting was brought to order by Adam Clement at 6:35 pm., with Officers and Board Members Merle MacGregor, Jeff Penner, Guy Nicholas, Roy Domke, Steve Cole and me, Phil Leech. Members absent were Ian Rickard and Patrick O'Halloran. The meeting was held at Guy Nicholas' Office, Adobe Systems.

- The Christmas Party was reviewed. Roy told us that a meeting with Donna Healey from Trentadue was scheduled in the next few days. Purpose of the meeting is to resolve questions about number of tables, caterer etc for the party.

Wine will be available and we will have to sell tickets to members. There was a suggestion that since we aren't planning to give plaques to each officer that we could give a bottle of wine to each officer. Guy will supply the computer and projector for the video presentation and Roy will bring a screen. Phil plans to mail the invitations in about a week.

- Officer nominations are changed nominating Phil Leech for Vice President and Roy Domke plans to continue as a Board Member. Roy plans to be responsible for the "Show and Tell" portion of the General Meetings.

- It was suggested that a "Show and Tell" topic on radio programming be planned for the January meeting.

- Another suggestion for the "Show and Tell" would be a program about night flying and illumination of planes. Doug Boucher would be a good candidate for this one.

- I was called on to explain the "Odyssey of the Mind" program that Patrick O'Halloran has been working on. Patrick was contacted by some teachers at the Austin Creek Elementary School and asked for assistance by WCF to help them prepare their students to participate in a division of the "Odyssey of the Mind" program concerned with the principles of flight. Patrick had met with them previously and he then asked me to assist him. There

are about 8 fourth or fifth grade students that are participating and we met with them after school hours. Patrick had prepared kits to build small tissue and balsa planes that will be rubber powered as an introduction to learning about the principles of flight. We plan to meet on Tuesday afternoons until the demonstration of six specific flight performances is performed on Feb 27 at Santa Rosa High School competing with other teams from area schools. This is certainly a demonstration of community involvement and contribution for WCF.

- Our website has been serving as a means of communication for some of members by the use of the Web Site Forum.

- Adam wondered whether the website might develop into a substitute for the newsletter.

- Adam reviewed the standings for the Pylon Race T-28 class with Jon Stychno leading with 120 points followed by Adam 113, Steve Cole 93, Patick 87, and Jeff Penner at 84 points. Warbirds have Steve Cole at 102, Jon Stychno 90 and Adam with 86 points.

- Steve discussed the possibility of creating a Reno racing class based on Reno racers of the past.

- Jeff proposed that a special "Learn to Fly Day" be created for Pack #133 Cub Scouts and Troop #55 Boy Scouts for Sunday Nov 22 at 10AM and everyone agreed with his proposal.

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

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

## ***General Meeting Minutes***

20 October 2009

Board members present:

- Adam Clement, President.
- Jeff Penner, Treasurer
- Ian Rickard, Secretary.
- Merle McGregor.
- Phil Leech.

Meeting started promptly at 7:37pm.

- Donny Buttke and Rodney Collamer were introduced as new members.

- John Lehtio's health is still not good, however the prognosis seems to be improving. Sid Maxwell is staying in touch with John.

- Bill Walters has offered a generator for sale to the club which WCF has purchased.
- Xmas party update, price will be \$40 per head at Trentadue at 6pm on Friday December 11th. Dinner will be at 7pm.
- Nominations for 2010 WCF Board.
- Phil Leech nominates for Adam Clement for President.
- Adam nominates Phil for Vice President.
- Ian Rickard for secretary.
- Merle McGregor for Safety Officer.
- Jeff Penner for Treasurer.
- Discussion of the candidacy of Lawrence Tougas for VP District X.
- Adam showed off his new September Fury plane ready for next years races!
- Float Flies in 2010.....Sid Maxwell is running them but from Liberty Flyers.
- Night flights in early 2010. Schedule to be announced by Adam Clement.

Raffle receipts \$205.

1. Brian Young took the twin ducted fan GWS.
2. Joe Kagan took the Silhouette.
3. Dick Maddox took the Hitec micro-receiver.
4. Patrick O'Halleran took the foam stand.
5. Rodney took the LA46 engine.
6. Adam Clement took the hinges.
7. Donny Buttke took the electrical tester.

### *Charger Power Tip*

By: Guy Nicholas

Looking for way to power that battery charger from a wall socket? I was all set to build up something along the lines of this:

[http://www.rcuniverse.com/forum/m\\_6246930/anchors\\_6247770/mpage\\_1/key\\_/anchor/tm.htm#6247770](http://www.rcuniverse.com/forum/m_6246930/anchors_6247770/mpage_1/key_/anchor/tm.htm#6247770). Basically what is involved is taking an old PC power supply, modifying it slightly and using it to power my charger. I had bought a power supply, but never got to finishing it (there was effort involved). Then I got an email ad from SurplusComputers.com and saw this:

<http://www.surpluscomputers.com/348845/sabrent-lcd-monitor-12v-6a.html>

I bought one, replaced the output tip with an Ultra Deans and plugged it into my charger. Works great for all my charging needs and at only \$14.99 you just can't beat it.

**WCF 2009 EVENTS SCHEDULE**

Dec. 6 Pylon Races #10  
Dec. 11 Christmas Party