

Jan 2010 Edition

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 19 January 2010, 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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Presidents Report

By: Red Jensen

Happy New Year to everyone! I'm really looking forward to some great things for this year. I'd like to thank Adam Clement and Roy Domke for their past dedication in keeping the club headed in the right direction, I've got some big shoes to fill. Also I'd like to thank Phil Leech for being my counterpart this year and helping keep me going the right direction too! We've retained basically the same board with one change, Patrick has stepped down and Jon Stychno has stepped in to take his place, thanks Jon!

I never really realized how much this hobby is a part of my life until I stepped back a bit and took on a new job. My flying time dwindled to almost nil and I almost never went out into the shop. I'm surrounded by some of the coolest planes on the planet at work, so I guess that filled the void somewhat, but as soon as I started racing again I feel like a fresh addict all over again.

If you've been watching the WCF online forum, you'll notice a bit of activity there. If you haven't checked it out. I'm making it a point to actively post as much as I can. I'll also be bringing back the "Name the Plane" contest for fun and bragging rights.

We are going to try a new racing class this year in addition to the T-28 & Foamy Warbird class. The new class is 1/12th Scale Warbird. Look for all of the racing rules elsewhere in this issue. They will be powered by a .30 4 stroke and should satisfy some of us who want to go faster and maybe make a little noise.

I'd also like to maybe add a fun fly event with some crazy limbo and timed type events. In the past we always made sure that anybody, even if you are on a buddy box could participate. Does that sound like fun to anybody? Please let me know, my email box is always open. rjensen@arcturus-uav.com

Name the Plane

By: Red Jensen

Each month I will publish either a question or a picture. Bring the correct answer to the general meeting for fun and (maybe) prizes. Name this plane! (ed: See cover photo)

Board Meeting Minutes

5 Jan 2010

Robbie Jensen (RJ), Adam Clement (AC), Merle MacGregor (MM), Phil Leech (PL), Ian Rickard (IR), Steve Cole (SC), Jon Stychno (JS), Jeff Penner(JP), Guy Nicholas(GN), Patrick O'Halloran (PO)

- Discussion of non-profit status, Robbie to review old documents presented by Jon including the signed copy of the current bylaws.
- Robbie to circulate current bylaws to all 2010 board members.
- Patrick O'Halloran stepped down from the board to keep the number at 10 for 2010. Patrick will become "web guy".
- Discussion of how to nominate board members for the 2010 election cycle.
- Also discussion of eligibility for office and what requirements might need to be in place to be amended in the bylaws.
- Agreement made that "a member in good standing" should have joined prior to August 31st in any given year to be allowed to vote in that year's election cycle.
- Any person running for president must have been a member for one year.
- Board membership will stay at 10 with 5 members giving a quorum.

Racing.

- Robbie volunteered to put the rules in writing for future reference of members via the WCF website.
- Adam Clement will be race director at each race and will have final authority at each race. Suggestion made that John Blum be nominated as he would be impartial as a non-racer.

Outside participation discussions

- Ukiah Propbusters is hosting T-28 races in 2010 without landing gear.

- Suggestion made to create a racing team to compete in these events.
- Discussion of how prize money might be distributed and if non-members can be awarded prizes.

Motion by Robbie, seconded by Guy.

- Non-members will be allowed to race in all upcoming events, all board members in agreement.
- Non-members will be eligible for prize money just like members, all board members in agreement.
- Non-members will be assessed an extra \$5 per day that they race.
- Non-members must be AMA members and must be previously known to board members as a capable pilot. If flying status is not known the non-member must demonstrate their capabilities prior to racing.

2010 events.

- Phil Leech provided a list of last year's event dates.
- Guy suggested that racing not be held on 3 day weekends.
- Sid Maxwell will run float flys again in 2010.
- The cost per year is \$208 and Sid has suggested that the event be split between

WCF and Liberty Flyers \$104 each. Motion to accept Sid's proposal by Ian seconded by Steve Cole all in agreement motion passed.

- Scheduling for 2010 events will be finalized by Phil and published on the WCF website.
- Suggestion to give paid up members of WCF or Liberty Flyers an associated membership for \$100 without having to pay the initiation fee.
- Roy Domke to chair General Meeting

Programs in 2010.

- Jon Stychno made suggestion that WCF club install a charging station.
- Robbie motion Steve seconded that WCF make Gill Delagnes an honorary member based on prior membership and service to WCF. All board members in agreement motion passed.
- Gate code for entry to the field will be changed at the end of January. Adam will change the code and Jeff Penner will advise the membership.
- Patrick asked that all members update their information on the WCF website. Robbie volunteered to make sure that this is current.

Meeting ended at 8:25PM

(Ed. Here are the 2010 racing rules and regulations, for these documents are also available on the web where they also include all the cool artwork Red put into them)

Race Operations

General

- Adam Clement is CD for all races
- Entry fee will \$5 for each class, non club members will pay a \$5/day site fee
- All monies collected (except site fee) will be distributed amongst participants at the conclusion of the championship according to point totals
- Site fees go straight to the club treasury
- Races will consist of 15 laps (10 laps for T-28/Corsair) flown counter clockwise around the pylons
- The course will consist of 2 pylons parallel to the runway – **Except 1/12th Scale**
- **1/12 Scale only**-The course will consist of the 2 pylons mentioned earlier, plus a 3rd placed directly east of the runway
- All pilots shall have a caller to count laps and advise of traffic
- Not flying around a pylon will be considered a cut
- Flying outside the racing course (over pits, crossing deadline, wrong direction etc.) will be considered a cut
- Jumping the start will be considered a cut
- A warning will be issued for low flying (below pylons)
- CD had final authority for all disputes

Start

- All races will be conducted with an air start
- At the beginning of each heat, a 2 minute clock will start all participants can take off
- After the 2 minute clock has elapsed (or before if all participants are ready), the CD will verbally count down 10, 9, 8.....2, 1, go. The go will signal the beginning of the race
- Pilots crossing the Start/Finish line before go will be considered to have jumped the start and penalized 1 lap
- Pilots may **not** loop or circle their aircraft erratically to prevent a jumped start. Slowing down and S turns are permitted however

Race

- The pilots caller will hold fingers aloft and announce verbally the completion of each lap
- On the final lap the caller must announce "Last Lap" so the CD/Scoring Official can hear
- If a plane is involved in a mid air and is still flyable, the pilot must land and inspect for safety. That pilot will be awarded points based on aircraft still flying. i.e. if three planes are left flying, the pilot who lands to inspect will get 3rd place points not a DNF

Scoring

- 1 pylon cut/ jumped start will be penalized 1 lap
- 2 cuts is considered a DNF
- Win = 5 pts.
- 2nd = 4 pts.
- 3rd = 3 pts.
- 4th = 2 pts.

- DNF= 1 pt.
- DNS= 0 pts.
- 2 low flying warnings or safety violations will be considered a DNF for that round
- Excessive low flying or safety violations will result in DNF for the day
- Points are accumulated towards a year end championship
- In the event the CD is involved in a dispute, decision authority will be in the following order:

Steve Cole
Red Jensen
Phil Leech
Jon Stychno

Foamy Warbird Racing Class

The purpose of this class is to provide a Warbird/Reno type class to promote scale racing. The aircraft are more loosely constrained and airframe modification is encouraged. Reno type color schemes are also encouraged but not required.

Airframe

- Any brand of foamy Warbird
- Minimum wingspan of 31 inches
- Wings, tail & fuselage may be clipped, sanded etc.

Power section

- Stock E-flite 450 outrunner *only*
- 3S (11.1v) lipo only of any capacity
- Any prop

1/12th Scale Reno Racing Class Rules

The purpose of this race is to provide a Warbird/Reno type racing class that utilizes larger and faster airframes. Aircraft are to be 1/12th scale +/- 5% and will allow for twin aircraft and a specified engine. Reno type color schemes are encouraged but not required.

Airframe

- The model must be scale replica of a pursuit, fighter, or attack aircraft produced or in service between 1935 and 1955, or have raced in a Reno Unlimited heat. For the purpose of this contest, an aircraft shall be considered a pursuit, fighter, or attack aircraft if its missions routinely involved, or its designer intended any of the following:
 - a) interception of enemy aircraft;
 - b) high-speed ground or sea attack;
 - c) dog fighting;
 - d) long- and short-range escort.

- The aircraft must have been originally designed to have had onboard guns installed. Aircraft that had guns mounted for defensive purposes only shall not qualify as pursuit, fighter, or attack aircraft.
- Aircraft must resemble their full-scale counterparts, and be 1/12th scale +/- 5%.
- All deviations from scale outline must be within five (5) percent of each other and within five (5) percent of scale, and retain scale shape and proportions. For example, scaling a model's wingspan up 5% and the fuselage down 5% is not allowed. The deviations shall all be in the same direction (plus or minus); it is not permissible to scale some elements up and others down. Fuselages must be fully built, no profiles allowed. Landing gear not required.

Engine

- Only Magnum or O.S. .30 4 strokes will be allowed. Engines must remain unmodified.
- The ***Only*** exceptions are:
 - Glow plug of choice
 - Muffler may be removed
 - Any prop
 - Any fuel

T-28/Corsair Racing Class Rules

The purpose of this class is to provide an entry level as well as a "one design" type class to promote racing in general with specific limitations on the airframe and modifications to ensure easy participation.

Airframe

- Only stock ParkZone T-28 or Corsair is eligible
- Must have ParkZone landing gear installed and propeller provided with the kit
- No modifications of any kind to the airframe. (ie clipped wings or tail)
- Decals may be removed and personal markings applied
- Planes may be repainted

Power section

- Stock ParkZone 480 motor *only*
- 3S (11.1v) lipo only of any capacity
- Propeller may be balanced
- Stock E-flite ESC



WCF 2010 EVENTS SCHEDULE

HOBBY EXPO	SAT FEB 20
PYLON RACE #1	SUN MAR 14
PYLON RACE #2	SUN APR 4
SID'S FLOAT FLY #1	SAT APR 24
PYLON RACE #3	SUN MAY 2
OPENING DAY	SAT MAY 15
SID'S FLOAT FLY #2	MON MAY 31
PYLON RACE #4	SUN JUN 6
LEARN TO FLY	SAT JUN 12
SID'S FLOAT FLY #3	SUN JUL 4
PYLON RACE #5	SUN JUL 11
PYLON RACE #6	SUN AUG 1
PCAM	AUG 21-22
SID'S FLOAT FLY #4	MON SEP 6
PYLON RACE #7	SUN SEP 12
LARRY FRANK/NEIL TAYLOR DAY	SUN SEP 19
SID'S FLOAT FLY	SAT SEP 18
PYLON RACE #8	SUN OCT 3
PYLON RACE #9	SUN NOV 7
PYLON RACE#10	SUN DEC 5
CHRISTMAS PARTY	FRI DEC 10



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