

Mar 2010 Edition

# Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 16 Mar 2010, 7:30 P.M.

Veterans Memorial Bldg. (Northwest Room) Across from Fairgrounds

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## ***Presidents Report***

By: Red Jensen

- Prez says...or whatever you want to call it :-)
- Wahoo! Looks like we finally have some flying weather here! By the time you read this we should be getting ready for our first points pylon race of the year. it will also be a first "trial run" of the new 1/12th scale class and 3 pylon course. Should be a blast.
- By now the lock combo has been changed for the remainder 2010. Please, if you know of somebody flying who has not rejoined, bring it to the club's attention. If you forgot the new combo or don't have a copy of it for some reason, please contact a board member.
- We have our Opening Day event coming up in May. This will be a free event for all club members and their families that will include a BBQ, a mixture of open flying, demonstrations and fun fly style events that anyone can compete in! We will be organizing a work party prior to make sure the field looks its best.
- Please mark your calendar that Saturday March 20th is an Electric Only fly day.
- I'm still scratchbuilding as fast as I can. I'll have an update on my Nemesis racer progress and maybe talk a little about mold making and composite construction at the next meeting if anyone is interested.

## ***Board Meeting Minutes***

3 Mar. 2010

- The meeting was brought to order by Red Jensen at 6:30 pm. by telephone as Red couldn't be physically present. Members attending were Jeff Penner, Jon Stychno, Merle MacGregor, Guy Nicholas, Steve Cole, Adam Clement and myself, Phil Leech.
- Since the deadline for paying dues has passed the combination lock on the gate needs to be changed. Either Steve or Adam will change the combination. Jeff needs about a week before all of the name tags can be sent.
- Red informed us that he has pursued finding out if we are supposed to file a return with the government regarding our non-profit tax exempt status. We do not have to file a return with the

feds since our income is under \$25,000 per year but we do have to file a form with the State of California. It is to be filed on State Form #190. Jeff will pursue this and get the form filed.

- Red has prepared a "New Member Info Packet" that contains a Welcome Letter, Field Rules, and is working on a site plan of our field showing a No Fly Zone.
- Jon Stychno presented a proposal that he has prepared for installing a solar powered electric charging station at the field. This feature will be a convenience for members but it is really a safety measure. It has been documented by the AMA that horrendous fires have resulted from the practice of charging batteries on guy's car batteries resulting in fires destroying vehicles. That would probably be the end of our time at Trentadue if something like that were to occur. There was some discussion about a live 120 volt station versus a battery approach but it was realized that a 120 volt solution would entail an electric meter with monthly bills to pay and it was decided to pursue the battery solution which would require two or three 12 volt deep cycle batteries. These batteries are the type used in golf carts or large trucks. The solar panels are available from Harbor Freight and Mike Cracchiolo has some source for donated batteries. The cost for the charging station might range from \$500 to \$1000 depending on the source of the batteries. Jon will contact Victor to inform him of what we are planning to do. He will also get more accurate information about cost and availability of material to present at the next meeting.
- Jeff Penner presented a proposal for an addition to our PCAM show. Someone from PCAM had suggested that we might add a novelty plane to the air show. He had seen pictures of a "Flying Lawn Mower". I remember Red's "Flying Pizza Box" from several years ago. Anyway, Jeff looked for plans on the internet and came across plans for a "Flying Doghouse" that had a "Snoopy" attached. He thought it would be a great idea to include it in the WW1 sequence and could maybe have smoke included. It was decided that we should contact someone from the

Schulz family for permission to proceed but the fact that it would be performed at the Charles Schulz Airport seemed like a natural idea. Jon knows someone to contact.

- Jon plans to attend the Warbird Races at Morgan Hill April 24. Should be an exciting event.

- Adam is pursuing plans for a Swap Meet. He would like to have the Swap Meet at the Veterans Building in the parking lot and has selected Saturday, May 22. He would like the event to be open to all RC venues, planes, boats and cars.

- Jon has proposed that we erect some sort of tower at the start/finish line of the Pylon Races maybe with a checker board pattern on it. He would also like to see a centerline and a start/finish line painted on the runway. This discussion led to plans for a work party tentatively planned for Saturday, May 8, just before our "Opening Day Event" the following weekend. Steve and Adam volunteered to head up the paint the centerline on the runway and Merle will see to it that tables that need covering gets done. Guy Nicholas signed on for painting the storage shed and covering the Porta-Potty with bamboo material. Such volunteers we have! Oy vay!

- Steve told us that Victor has called him about a plane that has flown too close to the Winery. Victor has a shotgun that he threatens to use!

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45

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

### ***General Meeting Minutes***

16 Feb. 2010  
By: Ian Rickard

- Meeting started at 7:28pm.
- Guests none.
- New member Paul Pullman from Windsor was welcomed to the club, he also designs kits.
- Joel Pringle won the fuel prize and subsequently re donated it to the raffle.

Presidents Report:

- Reminder to pay outstanding dues, end of February is the deadline.
- Guest Policy, guest (flying) is allowed twice at the field only, third visit is with WCF membership only.

Treasurer Report:

- 64 members Received \$2,900 Spent \$530
- \$ 10,332 on hand.

Other business:

- Hobby Expo on Saturday in Petaluma. Adam needs volunteers to donate planes and time.
- Work Party needed to fix tables and fencing. To be scheduled at next board meeting.

Raffle:

- Justin Langlois took the Aeroworks Sukoi.
- Olie Bird took the Aeropet A197.
- Merle McGregor took the servos from Spektrum.
- Dick Maddock took the driver set.
- Ian Rickard took the fuel which was donated by Joel and gave it to Julio.
- Larry Gustafson took the 0.40 engine.
- Joe Kagen took the power squid charge lead.
- Bill Van Asdian took the hinges.
- John Lehito took the old helicopter.
- Glen Binkley took the sanding block.
- Adam Clement took the tail wheel.
- Dave Mercer took the balsa gliders.
- Meeting closed at 7:52pm.

### ***Name the Plane***

By: Red Jensen

There will be a slight format change for the contest. Now during the monthly meeting, I will circulate a picture or a clue. You will then write your guesses and we will determine the winner. This will put everyone on level playing field and keep the mighty Google out of the equation! Since the last newsletter was a bit late, we'll actually have two contests this month. The picture that was published last month and a new one at the meeting. There will be prizes for both....be there!

***For Sale***

Hanger 9, F6F Hellcat 60, ARF in the Box.

\$200.00

Contact, Joe Kagan, 792-4494

I will bring it to the general meeting.

Thanks

Joe Kagan

## WCF 2010 EVENTS SCHEDULE

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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