

Sept 2010 Edition

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 21 September 2010, 7:30 P.M.
Veterans Memorial Bldg. (Northwest Room) Across from Fairgrounds

Get there early for your free door prize raffle ticket!

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Prez Sez

By: Red Jensen

If you missed it, we had a great showing at the Wings over Wine Country Airshow in August. I had my own fair share of challenges to have flyable aircraft there. I had built a Snoopy's Dog House so Steve Cole and I could reenact Snoopy's famous dogfight with the Red Baron, but the Dog House bit the dust the weekend before. I scrambled to rebuild it and incorporate changes to make it flyable and luckily the Thursday before the show I was able to get a test flight on it. It ended up flying pretty well and thankfully we were able to pull off a passing recreation of Snoopy's getting shot down. Many thanks to all of you who volunteered your time, and especially Jon S. who makes this kind of thing possible every year. The public seemed to get a kick out of it, and we had tons of positive comments.

On a much sadder note, Steve and I were flying matching P-47's (mine was borrowed from Bryan Germone) in the Warbird portion of the show, and during a formation loop I lost radio about 2/3rds of the way around resulting in a spectacular vertical impact and total destruction of the plane. Many thanks to Bryan Germone, for selflessly loaning the club his personal model without him present. Luckily it impacted well away from anybody and the only damage was pride and balsa.

We had near perfect conditions for the Labor Day Float Fly. I was lucky enough to be able to fly a few others planes, including Bob Rose's "Pahgunt" modified slow stick with a camera (can't wait to see the footage!), Merle's Seawind and Roy's Cub. I have to tell you I made some of the smoothest landings with Roy's Cub. There wasn't a ripple on the water and on a couple of them the only way you could tell it touched was from the trail of the water rudder. Too much fun!

Special thanks go to Merle McGregor. He climbed out on the end of the dock and raked weeds out of the way for a good 2 hours allowing us to have a weed free zone to taxi through. Way to go Merle!

Don't forget the Larry Frank Fun Fly September 26. This is a scale fly in where the

goal is to fly replicas of full size aircraft in a prototypical manner. We also hand out the annual Neil Taylor award to a member that has gone above and beyond normal duties in support of the club. This is the most prestigious award that we give out, and it is a great honor to receive it. Who will get it this year? Be there to find out!

I didn't receive any questions this month for Red's Corner. Please send in anything you may have a question about no matter how small. You never know what a great discussion it might inspire.

Racing is still going strong and the fight for the lead is tight in all three classes. Come on out and see the spectacle!

On a minor housekeeping note, there has been some trash left at the field recently (water bottles, wrappers etc.). Please remember to take this stuff with you. We are Victor Trentadue's guests and we need to keep him happy.

See you at the field!

Board Meeting Minutes

7 Sept. 2010

- Larry Frank on the 26th, fliers went out in the mail 9/7/2010.
- WCF field porta-potty needs service, Robbie has called the company to get service.
- Jeff reviewed WCF finances which are showing a positive situation with all predicted expenses covered until the end of the year. Christmas raffle will be well funded again.
- WCF board will investigate ways to find a replacement for Bryan Germone's plane that went in at the air show. Robbie motioned the above, passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

General Meeting Minutes

20 July 2010

- Meeting started at 7:35pm.
- No new members in attendance.
- Door prize run by Merle McGregor.
- Guest Speaker; Lawrence Tougas candidate for AMA District X Vice President.

Old Business.

- PCAM practice last weekend went well, after several planes crashed!. Snoopy and his dog house are in rapid rebuild stage after Red stacked it at the practice.
- Fun Fly that was scheduled for September 5th has been cancelled to be rescheduled later.
- Larry Frank, Neil Taylor event is scheduled for September 26th, this will be a free event as usual for all WCF members and their family.
- WCF finances review by Robbie Jenson.
 - Monthly general meeting raffle subsidy will be discontinued to save money.
 - Budget committee will review other ways to save money, (Jeff Penner, Phil Leech and Roy Domke).
- Treasurers Report. WCF has 90 members, CD is \$6300 Bank account has \$1500. Xmas party is paid already.
- Board Meeting Minutes approved motion by Phil Leech seconded by Steve Cole, motion approved.
- PCAM review for this coming weekend.
 - Jeff is putting together a list of people to cover the booth.
 - Ian is doing the flyers.
 - Jon Stychno is well in control of all the organization as usual.

- Please bring display planes if you want to.
- Also bring your own chairs.
- Raffle will be the same format as last year. Two raffles, free give away for the under 17s and \$1 per ticket for all others.

New Business;

- Next general meeting Robbie hopes to bring one of his aircraft from his employer, which is a drone aircraft.
- Wayne Frederick is going in for surgery soon, we all wish him well.
- Roy Domke introduced our guest speaker Lawrence Tougas who is running for AMA district X Vice President in a special election due to the death of the incumbent Vice President. He will be running against the interim VP.
- When voting cards arrive PLEASE do NOT send them back to Muncie Indiana, please send them to the address on the voting card. If they are sent with your dues to Muncie your vote will not count.
- Raffle receipts for next month are \$174, given to Steve Cole ready for next month.
- Winners this month are;
 - Jeff Penner took the F-86 Sabre ARF.
 - Olie Burns took the plane donated by John Reed, (Ultra Sport 40) receiver ready.
 - Robbie Jenson took the 18amp ESC from Castle Creations.
 - Dick Maddock took the plane stand.
 - Bob Rose took the hinges.

Meeting adjourned 8:27pm

WCF 2010 EVENTS SCHEDULE

PYLON RACE	SUN AUG 1
PCAM	AUG 21-22
SID'S FLOAT FLY	MON SEP 6
PYLON RACE	SUN SEP 12
LARRY FRANK/NEIL TAYLOR DAY	SUN SEP 26
PYLON RACE	SUN OCT 3
PYLON RACE	SUN NOV 7
PYLON RACE	SUN DEC 5
CHRISTMAS PARTY	FRI DEC 10



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