

December 2010 Edition

# Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 18 January 2011, 7:30 P.M.  
Veterans Memorial Bldg. (Northwest Room) Across from Fairgrounds

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## **Prez Sez**

By: Red Jensen

Happy New Year to all of my fellow airplane nuts! Another year has come and gone for our club and as always was filled with many wonderful things. For me I'm most grateful not only to have such a picturesque flying site in an area where open space is neither easy nor cheap to come by, but also for such great friends to share it with.

As with any club, the thing that really makes it work is the people. For me as president this past year the people around me are what have made it so enjoyable. First and foremost I'd like to thank Victor Trentadue and family, for without them, it would be a very different situation in our club. The board of directors made my job easy, Phil, Ian, Jeff, Merle, Steve, Adam, Guy, Patrick and Jon, thanks for the support throughout the year. You guys are the ones who really put in the bulk of the effort for the necessary day to day tasks. I'd also like to thank the many other members who put out the effort to attend work parties, make field improvements, keep the field in order and put on events etc. Clubs are always about what effort goes into them, and I feel we have a very active membership compared to many others. Lastly I'd like to thank the general membership itself. We have a great group of folks who support model aviation in Sonoma County and it shows.

I'm looking forward to see what the New Year brings. I know the club is in good hands with incoming president Jeff Penner and crew.

Happy Landings!

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

7 Dec 2010

- Pylon racing will be moved to third Sunday of the month to avoid conflicts with other clubs. Motioned by Adam, seconded by Red approved by all present.
- Racing in 2011 will be scheduled with fixed "make up" days in case scheduled days are rained off. This will keep scheduling more

manageable for members with no last minute changes as has been the case several times in 2010. Days to be decided early in 2011.

- Pylon racing will be paid as follows;
  - 12th scale and Reno 450 will pay top three places. T-28 will be paid to the top five finishers.
- Drink price will be \$2 each this year at the dinner.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

## **General Meeting Minutes**

19 Oct. 2010

Meeting started at 7:35pm.

- Door prize won by Richard Coleman, he is a retuning member along with his son.
- New members. None present.
- Presidents report. WCF member Roland de Conti passed away at 91 last week. He started flying aged 80. He will be greatly missed.
- Christmas party mailers went out this week, please make sure to reply as soon as possible. The venue will be Trentadue as in 2009.
- Make up pylon race last weekend went well with lots of carnage.
- Brian Germone has clinched title in T-28 and Reno racers the Nitro class is still up for grabs.
- Treasurer's report. 93 members. \$1100 in coming \$356 out going \$8112.96 cash balance.
- Secretaries report approved as published in newsletter.

New business.

- Red proposed a second swap meet in early 2011.
- John Reade. Donated a Super Chipmunk to the raffle along with a check for \$56.
- Elections 2010.
- Attendees were asked if anyone wanted to run for elected position in the club who was not already on the ballot. No respondents.
- Votes were counted. Results as follows;

President : Jeff Penner.

Vice President: Dave Mercer  
 Secretary: Paul Kohlmann  
 Treasurer: Adam Clement

- Board members will be appointed by Jeff Penner shortly.

Show and tell.

- Red Jensen brought his home made micro gliders which he and his tow with an ultra micro T-28 and also his indoor slope glider which was only about 5 inches long made of EPP foam.
- Adam Clement and Patrick have been in contact with a donor who contacted WCF through our website. Her name is Gloria Forman. Her husband had been an aeromodeler. She had quite a number of items to donate including many books and a plane to show WCF members.
- Raffle takings \$142.

Paul Kohlmann took the Edge 260  
 Merle took the \$56 check.  
 Ollie took the Chipmonk  
 Richard Coleman took the hinges.

John Reed took the soldering iron.  
 Patrick O'Halloran took the engine mount for a Dumas boat.

Cover Photo: FanWing  
 By: Gizmodo article

The FanWing has to be weirdest aircraft ever devised: it doesn't use rotors or jets for propulsion, but a patented "distributed-propulsion vortex-lift" technology which is similar to the blade cylinders used in harvesting machines. In fact, that's exactly what it looks like, a flying harvester. This prototype was presented at the recent Farnborough International Air Show, and seeing it flying in the video is weird, to say the least.

Video here:

<http://www.flightglobal.com/blogs/flight-international/2008/07/video-exclusive-revolutionary.html>

WCF 2010 EVENTS SCHEDULE

We be done!



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