

January 2011 Edition

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 15 February 2011, 7:30 P.M.
Veterans Memorial Bldg. (Northwest Room) Across from Fairgrounds

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Presidents Report

By: Jeff Penner

Happy New Year, it's that time of year already, the time of renewal and resolution. As we move forward into 2011 I am very excited about the potential that the new year brings. This club has great potential and possibility; I would love to see more of that tapped this year. Each year we have two or three learn to fly days, lets keep these going. It would be great to find a school group or scouting troop to invite as the main guest to each of the Learn to Fly days. If you know of a group that would be interested please let the board know. Another way to improve the club would be to find someone new to sponsor into this hobby. I also would love to see some "in club" Learn to Fly days this year. Red said that he would be glad to help and I think that it is a wonderful idea. Maybe a clinic on aerobatics or racing, please let the board know what areas interest you. We need other ideas as well, this is where you come in, please jump in and give us your

input. What would you like to see the club accomplish this year? Are there new events that we should host at the field? Or outside events where we could do a demo? Are there school or scout programs that we can help with? What type of information would you like to see presented at our club meetings? Any ideas or suggestions would be welcome.

I would like to take a moment and thank all of the officers and board members from last year. They worked diligently to keep the club running smoothly. In particular, I would like to thank Ian Rickard for performing the secretary duties last year. He was always willing to help out, make a flyer, follow up on an issue and just do what ever needed to be done. I would also like to thank the two new officers for this year, Dave Mercer and Paul Kohlman, for stepping up to participate in the running of the WCF. I'm looking forward to the new ideas and energy that they will bring. Last, I would like to introduce your board members for 2011; Red Jensen, Steve Cole, Roy Domke, Phil Leech and Guy Nicholas. As you can see, there's not a real change in the board from

last year. These guys are willing to do the work and are interested in seeing this club succeed, two important qualities that make this group a pleasure to work with.

As we look ahead to 2011 great events are in the works, Pylon Races, Float Fly at Sal Lake, Opening day, Wings Over Wine Country air show, and our Larry Frank event. With all of this ahead, let's make this year one of growth and sharing, both within the club amongst our members, and with the community by sharing the love of flying with anyone who will listen.

Board Meeting Minutes

7 Dec 2010

- The Events Calendar was reviewed and is nearly ready for distribution.
- Hobby Expo—this event generated only modest interest last year but it was agreed that the Club receives valuable exposure by attending it. Volunteers to staff a booth and provide airplanes and demonstrations will be sought at the next Members Meeting.
- Pylon Races will be held on the third Sunday of the month this year. A new class has been added and the rules need to be updated. Changes including splitting the season and how to handle late season makeup races were discussed.
- Field Events—only three events are scheduled at the Club Field for 2011. This doesn't seem like enough and ideas for additional events like tuning and flying clinics for members were discussed.
- Swap Meet—due to the success of last year's swap meet there was discussion of adding a second one, possibly at the Hobby Expo. A flyer for the outside swap meet should be distributed at the Hobby Expo.
- Indoor Meet—Red discussed the success of the indoor flying meet sponsored by Jake's Performance Hobbies. There was a lot of interest in supporting similar events, particularly in a larger venue. This could be a productive source of club members and a great way to expand the Club's presence.
- Hobby Shop Alignment—the unfortunate closing of Awesome Hobbies was recognized. The Board considered alignment with Jake's or Porkeez.

- Christmas Party—displeasure with the catering led to a general discussion of how the party will be improved in 2011. An explanation and a breakout of the party expenses will be presented to the Membership.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

The Importance of Setting Headings

By: Mike Lynch

From the official newsletter of the Circle City Flyers of Corona, California

One of the first goals of flying RC is to be able to make smooth, level turns. As early as your first practice flight, your instructor will tell you to bank with ailerons, maintain the turn with the elevator, and straighten with the opposite aileron. The goal is to maintain a smooth turn with no gain or loss of altitude. The time it takes to master this first step varies from one beginner to another. And the good feeling you get from mastering this step is but one of many you will enjoy as your flying improves.

With this step mastered, you will be able to “keep the airplane in the air.” However, you may not be able to enter and exit the turns you make as predictably as you would like. You may find that the airplane is flying you, wandering all over the flying field. The second step to flying is to master entering and exiting turns precisely—and the importance of this step cannot be over assessed. As you begin learning how to land, it is mandatory that you are able to exit your last turn (during final approach) in a manner that has you perfectly aligned with the runway. You can master this very important talent only by knowing how to set headings.

Practice with figure eights. Once you are relatively comfortable making smooth, level turns it is time to begin practicing more precise turns. Figure eights are excellent for this purpose because they force you to make left and right turns equally to avoid the “I can only turn left” syndrome. To begin, we recommend making left turns on your right side and right turns on your left side. This way the airplane will always be turned away from you. (Many beginners feel uncomfortable when the model is coming directly at them, even in a turn.)

At first, you may find this quite difficult. The goal is to exit each turn with the airplane heading directly toward a corner of the field (with the center of the figure eight directly in the middle of the field). You will find that you must begin exiting the turn slightly before your desired heading is reached, which can be tricky. Your first few attempts will probably not be perfect and will force you to make minor corrections; you must be quite gentle with the controls to avoid over correcting. Once you have mastered, reverse the direction of the figure eight and start again (right turns on your right side, left turns on your left side).

Always remember the importance of setting headings. As you practice landings (and even after you have performed your first solo), whenever you are having problems setting up your headings, go back and practice figure eights.

On the Cover

By: Guy Nicholas

The glorious glow of the PW J58. When I was stationed at Beal AFB in Yuba city they would do engine runs on these things for hours in the middle of the night, and though they look really cool, they are very, very loud, and it made it quite hard to sleep.

(Tentative) WCF 2011 EVENTS SCHEDULE

HOBBY	SAT FEB	?
PYLON RACE #1	SUN MAR 20	ADAM
PYLON RACE #2	SUN APR 17	ADAM
FLOAT FLY #1	SAT APR 30	?
WORK PARTY	SAT MAY 8	GUY
OPENING DAY	SUN MAY 15	?
PYLON RACE #3	SUN MAY 22	ADAM
FLOAT FLY #2	MON MAY 30	SID
PYLON RACE #4	SUN JUN 12	ADAM
LEARN TO FLY	SAT JUN 19	ADAM/JEFF
DAN SULLIVAN – UKIAH	SAT JUN 26	PROPBUSTER
FLOAT FLY #4	MON JUL 4	SID
SWAP MEET	SAT JUL 9	ADAM
PYLON RACE #5	SUN JUL 17	ADAM
WINGS & WHEELS	SAT JUL 16	PETALUMA
PYLON RACE #6	SUN AUG 14	ADAM
PCAM	AUG 20-21	JON
FLOAT FLY #4	MON SEP 5	SID
PYLON RACE #7	SUN SEP 1	ADAM
LARRY FRANK/NEILTAYLOR	SUN SEP 25	PHIL/JON
PYLON RACE #8	SUN OCT 16	ADAM
PYLON RACE #9	SUN NOV 20	ADAM
CHRISTMAS PARTY	FRI DEC	ROY/PHIL



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