

March 2011 Edition

# Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 19 April 2011, 7:30 P.M.  
Veterans Memorial Bldg. (Northwest Room) Across from Fairgrounds

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## ***Presidents Report***

By: Jeff Penner

As we look forward to a great year of flying we must be thankful for all of the opportunities that we have. We have a wonderful sponsor that allows us a grand place to fly. We have great club members that come together to create a community to share our love of flying. We live in an area of the country where the weather permits us to fly the year round. And we live in a country that allows us to practice our hobby without much restriction. Along that last note there are some changes coming down the river. If you read the last issue of "Model Aviation" you can see where the AMA is working hard to keep the restrictions to a minimum. If you log onto the AMA website you can read even more about this, as well as send a letter to your representative. If you haven't done so already it would be worth the time to take a look, support the AMA's effort on our behalf. I also found information about NOTAMs and TFRs on the website, a convenient place to make sure that we don't make a blunder around any regulations.

On a more local note, be sure to get ready for racing. If you have done it in the past then you know how much fun it can be. If you have not raced before, then come out and experience the thrill and challenge of flying in a group. It is one thing to fly around and turn when you feel like it, something completely different to fly a consistent course and turn where the pylon is every single lap. It will make you a better flyer and open up a whole new area of the hobby for you.

I am guessing by now that most of you have gone by Jake's to check out the new planes he has in stock. If not, stop by and say hi, let him know what you are looking for. We need to support our local hobby shops so that we can have that local help when we need that quick part or gallon of fuel. See you at the field.

## ***Board Meeting Minutes***

By: Paul Kohlmann

8 March 2011

- **Field Maintenance:** field is in need of weeding. A work day will be planned for Sunday, March 13 at 10am. May be coupled with a Pylon warm-up session organized by John Stychno.
- **PCAM:** John would like to fly. Need to coordinate announcing. John may fly with a headset.
- **Christmas Party:** date confirmed with Trentadue for 2011. Caterer paid for 2010. New caterer sought.
- **Float Fly:** Merle is waiting for the insurance info to submit to Salvation Army. AMA Charter packet has been submitted and is processing.
- **Pylon Racing:** Formula One class to start mid-year, no entry fees or points to start, three pylon course required. Red and Steve to set up a course at the Air Center on certain weekday evenings for practice. Some adjustment to the schedule was made for PCAM and Labor Day.
- **Indoor Fly-In:** Jake attempted to secure the Hall of Flowers as a site but fees mounted and the site has problems. Main Pavilion is under consideration, but Jake would appreciate some help with sponsorship and organization.
- **Gate Code:** new code selected. To be sent out to all members in good standing via email. Change will be made on March 13.
- **Opening Day:** May 15, discussion regarding hosting an Open House—the club could use some more members. If so, need to get a flyer circulated and collect costs on food for non-members. Bob will be on the BBQ and has some help.
- **Swap Meet:** scheduled for July 9 at the Vet's Hall. Adam will organize.
- **Flying Circus Fun Fly:** Merle announced a fun fly that is returning to the Wine Country Flyers with BBQ and events, July 17.

Meeting convened at 7:29pm to view the Space Shuttle and ISS.

## **General Meeting**

By: Paul Kohlmann  
15 Feb 2011

- Door Prize: Jeff initiated the highly entertaining Heads/Tails drill.
  - Treasurer's Report: 10k in the account but significant expenses pending.
  - Hobby Expo: this coming weekend (2/19), WCF has a table. Need banner, flyers, and members to man booth.
  - Indoor Fly-In: last weekend at University of Sports in RP. Several members attended and it was a good time. Steve mentioned that this was likely to be scheduled again.
  - Pylon Race Update: same classes as last year plus the addition of some new including a fast class that will need more room than the old course. Experts will have to move up this year. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month starting in March.
  - Float Flies: Sid is stepping down and Merle MacGregor will be stepping up. Additional help would be appreciated. New Commander at the Salvation Army needs to get approval. PCAM—John would like to fly rather than MC this year and needs some help with the show. Please contact him if interested.
  - Membership Dues: overdue now. Combo lock will be changing soon!
  - Show & Tell: the MacDonalds' eFlite F86 fresh out of the box. Adam's Pogo, NMPRA certified for pylon racing. The class opens nationally next year. Adam clocked his at 125mph!
  - Raffle: a lot of stuff kicked down from Jake's. \$155 in tickets sold.
- Winnings: Bryan Germone-covering, Adam Clement-L39, Chris Seppler-epoxy, Paul Kohlmann-dremel bits, Paul Eason-tools, Bob Rose-charger, Glenn Binkley-?, Will Whiteside-spinner, Bob Hixson-gas tank, Bob Film-book, Joe Kagan-servo extensions, Dave Mercer-book, Van Asdian-props

### ***Cleaning Pushrod Tubes***

San Gabriel Valley Radio Control League, South El Monte, California  
The oily residue of model fuel sometimes makes its way into the pushrod tubes, which also capture small particles of grit. The oily residue also makes some of the flexible plastic pushrods and tubes swell and soften slightly,

which makes operation in curves almost impossible.

A simple cure is to apply a solution of powdered graphite, mixed with mentholated spirits or rubbing alcohol. Holding the model in an appropriate position (thus having one end of the errant tube in an upright position), apply the solution with a syringe onto the rod (or it can be applied to the mouth of the tube while moving the rod in a back and forth motion) to encourage the solution to circulate. The mentholated spirits, or alcohol, wash away the oily residue and grit, leaving the graphite behind providing a good lubrication to the pushrod.

### ***Tools for Beginners***

Jim Kitchen, editor from the Sierra Flyers, Marysville, California

A beginner does not need a lot of fancy tools to do a good job. However, there are a few inexpensive tools that make life easier:

- X-acto blade and holder, usually a number 11 for most jobs.
- Coping saw.
- Razor saw to cut across grain and hardwood.
- T-pins. They come in three sizes, but generally the small and medium sizes are the most useful.
- 18-inch steel ruler is very handy. If the ruler tends to slip when using, try spraying with 3M-77 on the down side. Once dry, it acts as an antiskid.
- 90° plastic triangles for squaring assemblies. (Video cassette boxes are square, will stand alone, and are very useful for holding two parts such as a horizontal and vertical stabilizer when assembling.)
- Sandpaper; aluminum oxide sandpaper is best. This is sold at auto paint stores, has a long life, and is often less expensive than what is found at hardware and model stores.
- Sanding blocks. Always use a sanding pad or block. Various lengths of suspended ceiling tile grid make good, lightweight sanding blocks. (Use 3M-77 spray or rubber cement to attach sandpaper strips to a sanding block. Use a heat gun to loosen the adhesive when it must be replaced.)

## WCF 2011 EVENTS SCHEDULE

PYLON RACE #1	SUN MAR 27	Adam
PYLON RACE #2	SUN APR 17	Adam
FLOAT FLY #1	SAT APR 30	Merle
WORK PARTY	SAT MAY 7	?
OPENING DAY	SUN MAY 15	?
PYLON RACE #3	SUN MAY 22	Adam
FLOAT FLY #2	MON MAY 30	Merle
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	Merle
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	Merle
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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