

June 2011 Edition

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 21 July 2011, 7:30 P.M.
Veterans Memorial Bldg. (Northwest Room) Across from Fairgrounds

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Promoting Model Aviation in Sonoma County

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Presidents Report

Maybe next month.

Board Meeting Minutes

By: Paul Kohlmann
14 June 2011

- PCAM—coming up soon! Board agreed to kick off the planning by meeting after the 6/21 Membership Meeting with John Stychno. Talked about possible demonstrations like Jim Swanson's awesome Do335 and others. Because last year the RC flight line was far from the crowd, there is interest in finding bigger planes for better visibility.
 - Christmas Party—the Trentadue venue is locked down. Phil is working on the catering and the menu. There was a great deal of interest in reducing ticket prices from last year's level. Quite a few options were reviewed including going without a caterer. The goal is to bring on a much better event than last year. After much discussion we agreed that the Club would grill the main dish at the Trentadue facility but servers would be hired for a proper sit-down meal.
 - Learn to Fly Day—scheduled for Father's Day, 6/19. Merle MacGregor, Adam Clement, and John Reade are planning to bring trainers. A bunch of trainer cords and batteries will be needed.
 - Roster—we are currently at 88 members with several more in processing.
 - Club TV—yup, we have a Club TV. It's an old CRT model and it's no longer welcome at Phil's house. It will be donated to a good cause.
- Meeting convened at 8:00pm

General Meeting Minutes

17 May 2011

- The meeting was brought to order by Jeff Penner at 7:30 pm., with 18 members present.
- The Door Prize of cash in lieu of a gallon of fuel was won by Richard Maddock.
- For New Members and Guests...there weren't any.

- The Treasurer's Report was presented by Adam Clement telling us that we have \$6927 in the CD and \$5036 in the checking account and we have 80 current members.
- The Secretary's Report was as published in the Newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

- Merle McGregor reported on the Float Fly held on April 30. We had 24 people attending with the weather cooperating nicely. It was generally a good day. The next Float Fly will be held on Memorial Day, May 30.
- A Work Party was scheduled for Saturday, May 7 to prepare for the Opening Day Event with only Dave Mercer and Merle showing up. Dave constructed the "Shooters Cages" to be used in the Paintball event and Merle re-built one of the picnic tables and scraped and sanded the rest. I couldn't attend that day but made it up on the following day and painted the tables.
- A review of the Opening Day Event developed. The event will be memorable for all who attended because of the showers and light hail that persisted. We suffered three windy episodes of rain that passed through before sunny sessions lasting maybe 45 minutes or so before the next 15 minute rainy period. We had rockets, sailplanes, warbirds, pylon races, helis and 3D aerobatics but the most exciting event had to be the paintball shootout. John Reade donated one target plane and Steve Cole donated two more. There were two shootout sessions but the first one had Victor Trentadue up front at the south shootout cage firing away with gusto. It takes quite a few hits to bring a plane down and that allowed a bunch of shooters to take a crack at them. We sold paintball tubs with 50 or 100 paintballs for \$5 or \$10 each. We broke even for the event but we do have a supply of paintballs for the future. The economics of this venture would never work if the target planes weren't donated. Bob Film reported on the BBQ proceeds. He tried a new approach eliminating the burgers and having only hot dogs. The cost for the food was only \$94 and we had a profit of \$45.

NEW BUSINESS

- Pylon Race #3 is schedule for Sunday, May 22 with signup at 9:30 and racing commencing at 10:00
- Our second Float Fly for the season is scheduled for May 30, Memorial Day.
- Learn to Fly Day is scheduled for Sat, June 19.
- The annual Dan Sullivan scale event is scheduled for the weekend of June 25-27 at the Propbusters field in Ukiah.
- There is another indoor event scheduled in Rohnert Park Sat, May 21.
- Adam Clement will host another Swap Meet at the Veteran's Building parking lot Saturday, July 9.
- Jon Stychno did a preliminary canvass of members who plan to participate in the annual PCAM Airshow at the airport. Jon would like to fly in this year's event and is making plans to allow him to do that.

SHOW AND TELL

- Jerry Leister, who is handicapped with limited use of his right hand showed us a modified gimball stick that he had fabricated to a special shape that will allow him to grasp the stick with his closed fist rather than with thumb and fore finger. Jerry plans to buy a T-28 for his first trainer and I'm sure he will get much support from members helping him learn to fly.

THE RAFFLE

- Richard Maddock won the big prize, an electric plane kit. I was next up taking an assortment of props. Adam Clement got some Epoxy glue and Dave Mercer picked up a prop for his T-28. Next was Merle McGregor selecting a set of three glo plugs, while John Reade settled for an assortment of R/C

hardware. Paul Euson selected the other package of props and Patrick took the gas tank with Japanese lettering while Jeff took the book that John Reade donated. Steve Cole got the spinner and Brian Germone got something but I didn't write that one down. At this point there were three small items left and we realized that everyone who bought tickets had won something so we decided to hold the remaining items for next month's raffle

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35. Report prepared and submitted for Paul Kohlmann, Secretary by Phil Leech.

PCAM

By: Jon Stychno

The Wine Country Flyers are will be flying in The Wings over Wine Country Air Show again this year. The Air Show is August 20-21. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jon Stychno or Jeff Penner. The flying program is coming together nicely. The deadline to sign-up for flying is July 10th. We need volunteers to man our display booth, as assistance is needed with the flight simulator, raffle, and interacting with the public. The first practice day will be held on Sunday, July 31st. The mandatory dress rehearsal will be held on Sunday, August 7th. Keep an eye on your email inbox for further news regarding the flight performance schedule and other details.

On the Cover

By: Guy Nicholas

Kalinin K-7:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kalinin_K-7

WCF 2011 EVENTS SCHEDULE

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 11	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	Phil/Guy/Roy/Adam/Jon



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