

August 2011 Edition

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 16 August 2011, 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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Promoting Model Aviation in Sonoma County

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Presidents Report

(Ed: None Received)

Board Meeting Minutes

By: Paul Kohlmann
2 August 2011

- Airshow Update: the first practice session went well. The routine could use some more pilots though—there has been a drop out or two so far. A mandatory practice is coming up August 7th. Jon has applied to the AMA to insure the event and expects it to issue in time. Jon will also work on procuring a second kid's raffle prize so that one can be awarded each day of the PCAM show. Still plenty of details to nail down but it's shaping up to be a heck of a show.
- No Fly Times: there have been two incidents recently where members on the field have been asked to stop flying due to a winery event. These issues have passed smoothly, but please be sure to check the No Fly Times on the website before heading to the field.
- Swap Meet: Liberty Flyers is hosting an all-hobby event on August 13th in the HobbyTown parking lot.
- Float Fly: Merle is preparing for the next one scheduled Labor Day, September 5th.
- Canvas Falcon: Liberty Flyers are holding a biplane flying event on September 11th.
- Larry Frank: this scale fly-in is coming up toward the end of September. Time to get planning!
- Meeting convened at 7:25pm.

General Meeting Minutes

1 July 2011
By: Paul Kohlmann

- This was an outstanding meeting with a lot of participation from Club Members! If you are on the fence about attending Membership Meetings you should give it a try. The increased number of Show and Tell topics and Member contributions have made a big impact.
- Glenn won the "fuel"--\$25 gift card.

- Member update: Sid recently underwent surgery but is recovering nicely. The Members wish him a speedy recovery.
- Treasurer's Report: CD balance is \$6948, Checking balance \$3488, 90 members.
- Ukiah Scale Event: Wayne reported on the competition as he judged the event. There were ~15 entries although a few were lost to crashes.
- Float Fly: a modest turn out was had and the BBQ went quite well. Thanks to Merle and Larry. It is also worth mentioning that Larry donated his earnings from the BBQ to the club—thanks again.
- Swap Meet: 30 tables were sold which covered all expenses and added a few bucks to the coffer. While sales were on the slow side there were some great deals to be had! Speaking of swap meets—HobbyTown will be hosting one soon and WCF may coordinate one held in conjunction with an Indoor Fly later in the year.
- Pylon Race: there were a couple of new contestants last weekend and some good racing. Only 2 for nitro, though, and Steve lost his P39 to the grapes.
- PCAM: August 20-21. Breaking news—the RC demo is now scheduled for noon this year. John continues to refine the program and will be challenged to fit all of the elements into the 20 minutes allowed. The site will be set up the same as last year. Bob Hixson shared a story about a flyer/traveler who was detained by airport security. Turns out that he had spilled nitro fuel on his pants and that tripped the explosives detector!
- Vacuum Forming: Paul Kohlmann showed his homemade vacuum-forming box and described the process.
- Banana Hobbies F117: Jerry Leston and John Stychno showed off their project. It's a nice, well-detailed model and will be ready to maiden soon. They have converted the Tx/Rx from the stock Banana gear to the new Spektrum DX8.
- Robert Hixson: he's going to pass down some of his Control Line and RC projects (powered and slope). Adam took the two C/L and the four RC planes went into the raffle.

He also donated a couple of plastic aircraft models. Thanks very much to Bob for his generosity.

- Raffle: recently the Board has reduced the amount of Club funds used to purchase raffle prizes, but a number of members have stepped up to donate excess planes and equipment to the kitty. This month, Bob's generosity increased the number of tickets sold from 70 in June to 165 in July! These Member additions made it possible for each person present to collect a prize. Here's a partial list of what went where: Brian-Synchro ARF, Glenn-big slope soarer, Merle-receivers from Adam, Paul Eason-prop, Larry-small slope soarer, Dave-RC handbook, Adam-Mig plastic model, Gabe-RC (Dalotel), Paul Kohlmann-Berg Rx

On the Cover

By: Jon Stychno

Show and tell will be a 70 mm twin ducted fan F-22 Raptor. Jerry Leister is the owner. We have installed telemetry for airspeed altitude, temp and voltage. More info can be found at <http://www.bananahobby.com/2073.html>

Safety is the Name of the Game

by Jim Wallen, AMA Insider Club Editor

- Every AMA club has a safety officer. It is a requirement if the club is to be AMA sanctioned. All too often we quickly identify a safety officer and then go on our merry way, paying little attention to significant safety issues. Let's identify a few of them and see if they might make sense for your club.
- AMA issues a safety code to all AMA sanctioned clubs every year and it should be posted at your flying site. This listing of safety requirements has been a valuable asset over the years that has contributed to minimizing accidents and injuries. Take the time to read it to refresh your memory.
- Have your safety officer give a brief presentation at one of your club meetings. Perhaps having a guest speaker come to the meeting and give a talk about procedures to

follow for such things as lacerations, heart attack, or some other potential problems that could arise.

- Keep the address or location of your flying site prominently posted in case of an emergency that requires medical assistance. Minds can get fuzzy when you are in the middle of an emergency! If you have to make that 911 call, you need to know where you are.
- We have a lot of hard-earned cash invested in our aircraft. They don't stay in good shape forever. Take the time to periodically check them out for wear and tear. This is especially true for batteries. Electrical failure is the source of numerous unexplained crashes.
- Pilot error is always a major concern. Maybe conducting classes for pilots to fine-tune their skills would help out. Many clubs provide training for the new fliers but pay little attention to pilots who have successfully soloed. There is always room for improvement.
- Courtesy and common sense often fix a potential safety issue before it becomes a problem.
- Our hobby often puts us in potentially hazardous environments. We need to think of safety issues that are not directly related to flying. Do you have an area at your flying site that is a great hangout for snakes? Stay away if at all possible. Extreme sunlight can be damaging to your eyes. Take a look at getting some proper eye protection. Some tints of color actually let you see your aircraft more clearly. Polarized lenses are a great form of protection. Our hobby is notorious for putting us in jeopardy from sunlight. Always slather on sunscreen before going to the field. It is a good idea to reapply during the day. Skin cancer is a terrible thing!
- Take the time to think about safety. Safety doesn't happen all by itself. It takes your thoughts and actions to make it happen. Modeling and flying is one of the best sources of fun and enjoyment that I can think of. Creating safe environment will help keep it that way

WCF 2011 EVENTS SCHEDULE

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 9	Phil/Guy/Roy/Adam/Jon



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