

September 2011 Edition

# Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 20 September 2011, 7:30 P.M.  
Veterans Memorial Bldg. (Northwest Room) Across from Fairgrounds

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## ***Presidents Report***

(Ed: None Received)

### ***Board Meeting Minutes***

By: Paul Kohlmann  
6 Sept 2011

• Airshow Recap – overall, the event went very well, although there were issues with a few planes, particularly Gabe and Merle who were unable to fly on Saturday. Fortunately, they both recovered on Sunday. Merle spoke with a free-lance photographer who said that he got some great shots of the RC demo.

A post-mortem was also held regarding the operation of the club booth and the demo. Overall the organization was good but there were areas for improvement. Most importantly, the consensus was that more well-defined assignments and work periods are needed. Reducing the number of people on the flightline during the demo for safety would help as well.

• Airshow Raffle - Approximately \$445 was taken in for the raffle. The two kids that won planes from WCF from the PCAM were at the field for lessons last Sunday and all went well. Well, mostly. There was a mid-air collision with one of the raffle planes and another club member!

• No-fly Times - there was another incident where clubmembers were asked to stop flying for a winery event. It seems that there was a miscommunication somewhere. This was not a contentious issue, but the club takes it seriously in order to avoid issues with our sponsor. Jeff and Steve are looking into it.

• Dust on the Road - Steve is working with Victor to see if the road into the flying site could be treated to keep the dust down.

• Larry Frank - the annual scale show and fly is coming up on September 25th. The field could use a little cleaning up in preparation. A free BBQ will be held on the day of the event.

• Canvas Falcons - Liberty Flyers will be holding their WWI show and BBQ on September 10th. A couple of 1/3 Fokker Dr.1's are rumored to be coming as well as numerous others.

• Float Fly about 25 people attended the last event. There were a few notable events including the demise of John Reade's Mariner.

Meeting convened at 7:30pm



### ***General Meeting Minutes***

16 August 2011  
By: Paul Kohlmann

• Old news - last pylon was highlighted by Steve Cole centerpunching the pylon. See the picture on the Wine Country Flyers website.

• Pylon Racing - the Club is still interested in improving the pylon races by adjusting the classes offered. Several options were discussed including bringing back the Quickie 500 and others. Next race is September 11.

Liberty/Hobbytown Swap Meet—Bill reported that it was a good turnout.

• Float Fly - coming up Monday, September 5.

• Larry Frank - scale fly-in, free BBQ, and award of the Neil Taylor. Coming up in September.

• Special Guest Appearance - Guy Nicholas was in attendance! (Ed. Everyone's a comedian)

• PCAM - John gave an update on the WCF routine. The practice session went well. John is still looking for members to staff the booth and the simulator. The raffle prizes are coming together nicely. John was also able to give an overview of the fullscale airshow schedule. Jeff pointed out that this year we are officially listed on the flyer—a first!

John and Jerry followed up their F117 demo from last month with their large F22 Raptor. This project is set up with telemetry instrumentation which was enabled through Spektrum technology—very cool! It has been

flown successfully a few times but John and Jerry are still wringing it out.

- Raffle - again, Jake provided a number of great prizes. \$112 went to the kitty.

Bill - ultramicro Corsair, Jerry - plane stand, Brian - epoxy, John - giant wheels, Dick - tools, Paul - props, Steve - aileron adjustment tool, Gabriel - fuel tank

### ***Larry Miller Donates His Stuff!***

By: Phil Leech

Larry Miller, a long time member of Wine Country Flyers, is fading out of RC after many years of participation with us. Can't believe it, but he has gotten the Hot Rod Car Bug pretty bad and has decided to pass along a bunch of his stuff to the club. Maybe he will come back some day? Anyway, he talked with me and John Reade at PCAM about passing on some of his stuff to the club and it looks like he is serious because John stopped by his house to see if he really meant it and sure enough he proceeded to load up John's truck with RC goodies.

The plan is to start feeding in his stuff at club raffles starting with this month. John will be bringing a bunch of wheels, props and other stuff for the September meeting and plans to bring a \$160 Balsa USA kit (new in the box) for a 1913 Etrich Taube 90 with an 83.5 inch wingspan for the October meeting and a \$150 Tower Hobbies Viper ARF (Quickie 500) also new in the box for the November meeting.

I'm sure this will spruce up the raffles and it is much appreciated but we'd rather have Larry back flying with us.



## ***FIELD HAPPENINGS***

By: Phil Leech

### **GABRIEL BLACK**

WOW, have you seen Gabriel Black fly his new heli? He must have been spending a bunch of time at his flight sim. I'm told that he has only flown it a few times but it looked like he had been at it for quite a while. We were all amazed at what he can do with it.

### **JIM SWANSON**

Jim Swanson was at the field with his giant scale P-47 that he has converted from gas to electric. It has a monster electric motor and I think I saw at least 2 5000 Mah 5 cell batteries to haul the 28 pound plane around the sky. Doesn't have much flight time, about 5 minutes or so but it was impressive. It featured a sound system that was awesome, especially at idle. Sounded just like a big Pratt and Whitney radial coughing and barking. Steve Cole flew it with low passes that Adam was clocking at over 100? It really looked great and the sound was a real treat.

### ***Don't let this happen to you***

Come to this month's general meeting and let Merle tell you about it.



The photo's in this month's newsletter were taken at the Labor day float fly and were just thrown in to add a bit of color.

## WCF 2011 EVENTS SCHEDULE

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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