

November 2011 Edition

Wine Country Flier



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

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Presidents Report

(Ed: None Received)

Vice Presidents Report

By: Dave Mercer

Greetings everyone,

Well, it's coming down to the wire. The championship for both pylon racing classes will be decided at our last race, Nov. 20th. In the T-28 class Jake Rosen is clinging to a one point lead over Tony McDonald, and in the Reno 450 class Steve Cole is barely holding off Adam Clement, also with a one point margin. The racing has been fast and furious all year, with wingtip to wingtip battles lap after lap, lead changes swapping back and forth, and occasionally some spectacular carnage. It's been fun and exciting for everyone!

I would like to see even more people participate in the race action. In fact the entire board shares this view, since most are racers themselves. We've been tossing ideas around for some time now, to improve or tweak the current classes, and add other classes. The challenge has been to come up with classes and a rule structure that would generate the MOST interest and participation. There doesn't seem to be a clear consensus. We need feedback from any and all club members. What kinda planes you guys wanna race?? Red has a forum poll going on right now on our website. Register on the forum, click on Racing Crossroads Pt. 2 and vote!!! We need your input.

Some of you may not know, after years of dedicated service as the club's commander of the kitchen crew, Bob Film has decided to step down. The man deserves a gold-plated spatula, or something, in appreciation of all he's done over the years. Stepping in to fill this vacated position is Glen Binkley. Rumor has it his burgers and potato salads are outstanding. Here's another example of a club member willing to take on a needed role and help out the entire club. This is great.

Within the next few weeks the flyer for the Christmas Party and next years renewal form should arrive in the mail. Keep a lookout for it and I hope to see all of you at the Christmas dinner.

That's all for now....

Remember, fly often and fly safe.

Dave Mercer

Board Meeting Minutes

By: Paul Kohlmann

1 November 2011

- Pylon Racing: preparations are already being made for the 2012 race season. The board has the feeling that interest in racing is waning and that attention to the race class offerings is needed. There has been a lot of interest in adding an intermediate class between T28 and Reno 450. Factors under consideration are top speed, cost, availability of built up aircraft, etc. The Quickie 500 and the new Dogfighter foamie were active topics. There was also a lot of discussion over how much this class should be regulated. Should it be unlimited or more of an IROC? The board will be actively soliciting the membership, e.g. Red's two polls on the WCF website.
- 2011 Elections: no new nominations have been heard so far. The election will be held at November's Membership Meeting.
- Club Cook: Bob Film is stepping down as the club chef. The board is very thankful to Bob for all of his efforts. Glen Binkley has volunteered to fill this opening and we appreciate that too. A little transition will be required and Glen will probably need some help here and there.
- 2011 Christmas Party: Guy scored a fantastic deal on tri-tip. We reviewed a bid for catering the event and are working on scaling back a bit with the goal of keeping the ticket price in the \$30 range. This will be a significant reduction from last year, but with a marked increase in quality. We decided to continue to allow kids 6 and under for free and to discount under 12 by half. Time is getting tight, so there will be a lot of work required in

the next week or so. Guy and Adam will be pulling additional bids together.

- Meeting convened at 8:10pm.

General Meeting Minutes

20 September 2011

By: Paul Kohlmann

- Door Prize: Jon Stychno won the \$25 gift card.
- Two guest members: Patrick O'Halloran's son Fenton and Paul Kohlmann's son Drew were present.
- Treasurer's Report: CD ~\$7k
- Larry Frank: the scale event went off well and a good competition was had. Jerry Leister's F22 flew a demo with smoke. Steve Cole, Adam Clement, and John Reade took first through third respectively in the scale competition while Merle MacGregor won People's Choice.
- Neil Taylor: awarded to Patrick O'Halloran
- Pylon Racing: the season continues to go well with an exciting race last weekend. There were a couple of interesting contacts made with the pylons and the competitors are keeping the points close. There is also a poll that Red Jensen put on the WCF website regarding interest in alternate classes of pylon racing. During the meeting there was quite a bit of interest in the Quickie 500 class. Dave Mercer pointed out that there were some issues with the speed of this class and the current course layout. Steve pointed out that the noise of the Quickie 2-strokes might be a problem, too.
- Safety Report: President Jeff took some time to remind us that we need to be diligent in helping the kids at the field learn RC safety. Its easy to assume that someone else will make the effort, but the club benefits when we help each other stay vigilant. And please be prepared to receive constructive criticism, too.
- Club Elections: Jeff Penner nominated the board's slate:

Pres: Jon Stychno

VP: Dave Mercer

Treasurer: Adam Clement

Secretary: Paul Kohlmann

Nominees from the membership will be accepted in the November meeting, followed by the election. There are plenty of other functions like event cook (thanks Bob Film!), procurement office for raffles (thank you Bryan Germone!), etc.

- Christmas Party: Phil Leech updated us on the Christmas party. He is working hard to decrease the cost from last year to increase attendance, and simultaneously improve the quality.
 - Show and Tell: Adam and Merle showed off the Dogfighter that Merle took home from the raffle last month. It's a super slick kit that may be a good candidate for a new pylon race category.
 - Davis Jet Event: Jon checked out the new jet field just past UCD. He was impressed with the field and the flyers there were friendly. • If you go, go early: the pit looks due west. Paul and Drew brought back their scratch built B25. It's done now and has flown a few times. Steve Cole showed off his giant 1/5 scale P51. He found it at a yard sale in Bodega Bay awhile back. He is on a mission to rebuild this in the next month or so. This will include a significant reengineering of the stock propping while retaining the original belt drive.
- Raffle--\$160 in tickets sold.
- Bryan: 4-site, Brian: race plan, Steve: tape, Merle: Velcro, Dave: charger, Jerry: T28 props
 Bill: thingamabobs, John: hinges, Gabe: book
 Jeff: book, Adam: fuel tank, Larry: screws

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WCF 2011 EVENTS SCHEDULE

PYLON RACE #8
PYLON RACE #9
CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUN OCT 16
SUN NOV 20
FRI DEC 9

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