

January 2012 Edition

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 21 February 2012, 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

What a great time to be a flying model aircraft! The abundance of high quality airplanes and helicopters on the market is mind boggling, and it seems a new item is announced almost everyday. I'm still trying to figure out how to get them all! Thanks to the 2011 officers and board for making it a great year. We had many well attended events, and finished off the year with a top notch Christmas party. It's an honor to lead such a great group of modelers into 2012. To start things off, be sure to make it to the Hobby Expo at the Petaluma Community Center on February 11th. Every imaginable hobby will be represented. The Wine Country Flyers will have booth, and we'll be logging lots of demo flights as well. If you'd like to contribute, contact me. Please mark your calendar for the March 11th work party at the field, as it needs some attention. We have a wonderful flying facility thanks to the generosity of the Trentadue family, and we need to keep it in tip-top shape. One of the projects on the list is expanding our solar charging station, due to the fact the system is maxed out on a busy day. The pylon season will kick off March 18th, and with the addition of two new classes this year, I'm pumped! The all electric class line-up will consist of T-28/Corsair, Reno 450, and the new Dogfighter and EF-1 classes. Refer to website for more information on rules and a full schedule. Swap meets are always popular, and one is planned for March 24th at the Vets Building in Santa Rosa, coordinated by Adam Clement. Along with our usual annual events, we are also planning on a helicopter event in July, and an indoor fly-in this summer as well. A full event calendar will be posted on the website soon.

If you haven't renewed your membership, please do! The gate combination will be changed February 1st, and only paid members will receive the new combination via email. Also, please keep in mind member guests **must** have AMA membership to fly, and may only fly at the field **two** times before being required to join the club. It's only fair to the paying members to have this policy in place, and it will be strictly enforced this year.

When its time to buy kits or supplies for the hobby, try to avoid buying online, and support your local hobby shop! Jake's Performance Hobbies supports the Wine County Flyers, and has all of the newest stuff in stock at great prices (sometimes cheaper than anywhere online), so please return the favor and support the store!

See you at the field!

Jon Stychno

Board Meeting Minutes

By: Paul Kohlmann
10 Jan 2012

- Safety Officer: Merle McGregor has stepped down after a number of years of service to the club and will move to the board. Steve Cole is standing in as interim Safety Officer until a vote can be held at the January Membership Meeting. Patrick O'Halloran will take on the role of Web Master and will release his Board responsibilities to Merle to facilitate this change.

- Indoor Fly-In: last year the Board discussed holding a flying event at the Fairgrounds but this did not materialize due to costs. This year, Jake Rosen is driving this idea again and is looking for sponsors and partners to help coordinate the event. The Club is interested in actively supporting this event. Target Sunday dates of June 3 and June 10 will be pursued.

- Scouting and the Club: the Club is looking for ways to support the hobby by helping kids learn to fly. Learn to Fly events are a natural fit here as are other types of demonstrations. There are a number of Cub Scout and Boy Scout opportunities to further this goal.

New Flying Site: now this is odd, but a property owner has a problem with birds and needs some noisy airplanes to disrupt them. Merle will meet with the owner and see what can be arranged.

- Pylon Races: The season will again run through November. Reno 450 racers will be limited to 9x7.5 prop to keep the speeds modest for our smaller field. Testing will be

held this weekend to verify that this is the right prop. Discussion was also had regarding limits to airframe modifications but in the end no changes will be made this year. No changes to T28: it will remain a stock class and novice only. Jake Rosen and Tony McDonald were deemed to have graduated to Reno 450: congratulations! The merits of both EF1 and the Dogfighter were hashed out and a vote was held to nail down the final class for the season. After an impassioned discussion it was ultimately decided to race both classes (4 class season). The rules for these classes will be hammered out at a later date.

- Rules Review: a couple of holes in the rules have been identified, particularly in regard to guests of the field. The Club definitely welcomes guests, but we need to insist that guests have current AMA and that they need to join the Club after two free uses of the field (vote held and approved). Guests who merely observe will not be limited. A rule was also passed requiring that a buddy box be required in conjunction with the use of First Person Video (FPV) control.

- Meeting Locations: the Vet's Hall will remain the site for the Member meetings, while Board meetings will move to John's office.

- Renewals/Gate Code: it's time to renew again. The Board will decide the new gate code in February. This code will be issued to members in good standing shortly afterward.

- Port-a-Potties: the Club has let Liberty Flyers use two portapotties for the last couple of years. The Board voted to offer them to Liberty for \$50 each.

- 2012 Events Schedule: a quick review was made of Board and Membership Meetings and other key events including the following:

- Hobby Expo: this is coming up quickly on 2/11. Adam, Jeff, and Phil have volunteered to staff a booth. John will be setting up a shade tent and outside booth.

- Pylon Race Days: the first race is scheduled to be held on 3/18. The third race will be moved to May 6 to avoid Mother's Day. August race will shift to 8/26 to avoid the Airshow. September race moves to 9/23 to avoid the Reno Air Races. Swap Meet: scheduled for 3/24 at the Vet's Hall. Last

year's was pretty good but Adam has plans to advertise this event more aggressively.

- Float Fly: Float Fly's are scheduled for Sunday April 22, Memorial Day Sunday May 28, Wednesday July 4th, and Labor Day September 3. The general consensus was that Sunday is better for this event when not on a holiday.

- Opening Day: 5/6.

Work Party/Field Maintenance: scheduled for March 11 to get the field in shape for Pylon Racing. The field solar charger needs attention and there may be another solar panel and possibly additional batteries. Discussion ensued regarding the installation of a second system.

- Helicopter Event: the Club has never before held a heli event, but the Board thinks that it is time. July 8th has been penciled in. This is shaping up to be a Fun Fly with a freestyle competition. There will probably be some beginners events, too.

- July Board Meeting: moved to 7/10 to avoid the Holiday festivities

Club Learn to Fly Day: 7/22.

Wings Over Wine Country: 8/18-19

Neil Taylor: 9/30

- 2012 Christmas Party: Phil Leech is already laying the groundwork for next year and he has negotiated with Trentadue to hold our party on a Saturday for the same price we have normally paid for a Friday. This is a \$900 savings. The party is now scheduled for Saturday, December 8.

- Meeting convened at 9:30pm.

On the Cover

This months cover is also this months give away (see previous article). A Etrich-Rumpler Taube. Read about it here:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Etrich_Taube And

watch one fly in this video here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=--NLkK74hNw>

Let's Race!

(Photo by Patrick O'Halloran)



WCF 2011 EVENTS SCHEDULE

February 11th -Hobby Expo

March 11th - Work Party

March 18th - Pylon Race #1

March 24th - Swap Meet

April 15th - Pylon Race # 2

April 22nd -Float Fly

May 6th -Opening Day Air Show

May 20th -Pylon Race # 3

June 3rd -Indoor Fly In

June 17th -Pylon Race # 4

July 4th -Float Fly

July 8th -Helicopter Fun Fly

July 15th -Pylon Race # 5

July 22nd -Club Learn to Fly Day

August 18-19th -Wings over Wine Country

August 26th - Pylon Race # 6

September 3rd -Float Fly

September 12-16 -Reno Air Races

September 23rd - Pylon Race # 7

September 30th -Larry Frank Scale Fly-In

October 21st - Pylon Race #8

November 18th -Pylon Race # 9

December 8th -Christmas Party



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