

July 2012 Edition

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 20 Aug 2012, 7:30 P.M.
Veterans Memorial Bldg. (Northwest Room) Across from Fairgrounds

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Presidents Report

By: Jon Stychno

- It's been a great summer for the Wine Country Flyers. The weather has been great, and with numerous events on the calendar, there has been something for everyone.
- On July 4th we had our third float fly of the year, and as usual, the weather was great, water conditions were good, and the turnout was impressive. We'll have the last float fly of the season on Labor Day, Sunday September 3rd.
- WCF held its first helicopter fun fly on July 8th. There were 7 pilots; some bringing a few heli's each! Fil Lowe put on a couple great demos, which are always impressive. Events included drag racing and auto-spot landing. Thanks to Steve Cole and Jeff Penner for helping with the event. We will definitely have another in 2013.
- The last round of the pylon racing Spring Series was held on June 17th. Congratulations to the top three finishers in each class-
T-28/Corsair
 1. Mike Kalua
 2. Jeff Penner
 3. Jake McDonald

Reno 450

1. Steve Cole
2. Tony McDonald
3. Adam Clement

Dogfighter

1. Jon Stychno
2. Adam Clement
3. Brian Young

EF1

1. Steve Cole
2. Red Jensen
3. Jon Stychno

- The first round of the pylon racing Summer Series took place on July 15th. This will be a 5 race series, with the best 4 round scores counted. I had a great day, taking some wins and keeping everything in one piece. There was some carnage this time, with more than a

few vine and pylon collisions, resulting in some disintegrated race planes. Round 2 of the Summer Series will take place August 26th.

- On Saturday July 21st the EAA of Petaluma will be holding a Young Eagles event at the Petaluma Airport. The EAA's Young Eagle's program offers free flights to youngsters to generate interest in general aviation. The club will have a display, showing of some of our planes, and handing out flyers to promote the club. Big thanks to Merle McGregor, Adam Clement, and Paul Kohlman for helping out with the booth. The event is from 10-3pm.
- The club learn to fly day will be held on Sunday July 22nd. This is a great time to introduce friends or family to the hobby, or brush up on your own skills. I have been flying for 18 years and a still have room to improve. That's what I love about the hobby, You never can say you have it "all figured out". The event will run from 10 -1.
- The Wings over Wine County Air Show is approaching fast. The Air Show is August 18th and 19th. We will be having a practice day on Sunday, August 5th, and a dress rehearsal on Sunday, August 12th. Please contact me at jon@epsinsurance.com if you would like to help out with the display booth, as we still need volunteers. You'll receive free admission to the air show, and have a great time hanging out in the shade interacting with the public.

I'll see you at the field!
Jon Stychno

General Meeting

By: Paul Kohlmann
19 June 2012

- Your trusty secretary showed up 30min late and missed a few topics, but here is the balance of the meeting:
- Pylon Racing: Steve Cole, Red Jensen, and Bryan Germone ran down to LA to participate in the pylon racing down there. The hosting club is a 400 member outfit and runs a first class operation. Steve gave a recap, including quite a bit of detail on the management of the event.

- The racing bug seems to be biting hard: Red and Steve are planning to race in a national event in Muncie and Jon pointed out that there is another big event coming up in WA state.

- Ukiah Prop Busters Scale Masters Event: Wayne Frederick, who judged the event, gave a recap. WWI subjects were well represented along with some other interesting aircraft.

- IMAC in Lodi: an aerobatic competition is scheduled for the weekend of 6/23.

- Heli Fun Fly: the inaugural heli event will be held on July 8th. This should be a good one as there are quite a few ideas falling into place regarding the

- PCAM: the club is actively recruiting volunteers for of all capacities. There will be practices for pilots on 8/4 and 8/11. The event will be held on 8/18-19

- Learn to Fly Day: anyone interested in getting off the ground or who has a friend that needs some lessons, here's your big chance. July 22nd.

- Show and Tell: Drew and Paul Kohlmann brought in their Shumate T38's build from cheap flat foam. They expect to be flying them next weekend.

Steve Cole also showed off a foamie: a Sea Dart that Red laser cut from downloaded plans. Red and Steve each have one and they have been flying them at the Float Flies.

Larry Gustafsen brought in a Whatsit? He has been given an airframe that needs to be completed but it is uncertain what it is. Looks a lot like a Slow Stik, but much more interesting.

Adam Clement brought in his Xeno wing that can be flown as a powered plane or unpowered slope soarer by simply removing a motor pod. He's flown his at Goat Rock. He showed off his because Jake got us one for the raffle.

Raffle: \$TBD taken in.

Dick Mattox: Xeno ARF

Larry Gustafsen: Orange Monokote

Paul Kohlmann: Jake's Gift Card

Adam Clement: Blue Monokote

Brian Young: Green Monokote

Dave Mercer: FM Radio set

Adjourned at 8:50

Board Meeting Minutes

By: Paul Kohlmann

- 10 July 2012Wings Over Wine Country: coming up August 18-19. Trying to nail down the pilots for the demonstrations. The Snoopy Doghouse will be resurrected as it has had a year off. Other suggestions were powered paraglider and gyrocopter. We are looking for variety. Adam has his Sukhoi, Gabe a heli, Steve may miss this year, Jon will be looking to other clubs for jets. Also need an assortment of Warbirds. A big powered glider would help round things out, too. PCAM has not gotten a schedule out, yet, so it is uncertain how much time will be available. Practice days will be scheduled for 8/5 and 8/12 (mandatory). Wristbands for participants will be distributed on 8/12. Raffles will continue again for both kids and general and will cover both days. Adam will check on the expenses for last year, but we turned a profit. This year the prizes will likely include a heli.

- 2011 Financials: Adam's computer died, but he will work with Jeff to pull something together for next month.

- July 4th Float Fly Recap: 29 pilots showed up and there was a lot of great flying and a few splashdowns. John Reade was back in action and flying his high speed inverted circles! Good to see John at it again.

- Night Fly #2: coming up this Saturday July 14th!

- Mowing at the Field: Victor called to bring our attention to the high grass and weeds around the field. The field is currently mowed every two weeks, but things are growing fast this time of year. If anyone is at the field and sees it looking shabby, please give a call to an officer/board member so that we can stay ahead of Victor.

- Young Eagles: the Club has been asked to participate in this youth awareness event by manning a booth to promote RC on July 21st. 200-500 kids are expected.

- Learn to Fly Day: scheduled for July 22nd.

- Liberty Flyers: are holding a Freedom Day open house on Sunday 7/8.

- Parking Poles: the poles between the pit and the parking lot are rotting and present a tripping hazard. A discussion over the usefulness of the poles followed but there was concern that without them the awning will get hit without them or some replacement. Steve will look into replacing the poles with concrete pylons.

- Family Memberships, etc: The \$100 assessment was confirmed to be a one-time lifetime event even after a lapse in membership. Junior members will not be assessed after they turn of age. Proration of adult dues to \$50 after July were discussed and it was decided to keep this policy intact. There will not be a proration of junior member as their dues are only \$30.

- T-Shirts: Jon is trying to make some time to design a club T-shirt in time for the airshow. They can be worn by club members participating in the show and they can be sold at the airshow to the attendees. There is some interest in revising the Club's logo.

- Heli Fun Fly Recap: Jeff reported that the event went really well and drew 8 or 9 pilots. Events included Drag Racing, Spot Landing, and others. Due to the success of this event, it will be repeated in 2013.

- Charging Stations: the improved system is working well but at times it is stretched by larger systems like the 6S helis. A discussion was held regarding another solar panel upgrade or dropping an electrical panel but at this time no action will be taken.

Pylon Racing: cash prizes have been sorted out and plaques will be ordered from Wayne soon. Mike Kahlua dominated T28, but the Board agreed that he will be eligible to race the second half of the 2012 season but that he will need to move up to a more competitive class in 2013. Congratulations to Mike! The second half of the season will be composed of five races with one throw away.

John Lehto: John's wife contacted the Club to ask for help with the sale of his hangar. Phil and Adam will drop by to see what is there and will see if some of it can be raffled. Jeff got a similar call from the widow of a nonmember. She will be contacted to see what the Club can do.

Meeting convened at 7:55pm.

WCF 2012 EVENTS SCHEDULE

August 18-19th -Wings over Wine Country

August 26th - Pylon Race # 2

September 3rd -Float Fly

September 12-16 -Reno Air Races

September 23rd - Pylon Race # 3

September 30th -Larry Frank Scale Fly-In

October 21st - Pylon Race #4

November 18th -Pylon Race # 5

December 8th -Christmas Party



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