

November 2012 Edition

Wine Country Flier



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

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Presidents Report

By: Dave Mercer

Greetings everyone,

Here we are, with the end of the year rapidly approaching. Where did the time go? Several important topics need to be mentioned. First of all, next week on Tuesday Nov. 20th we will be having our general club meeting at the Round Table Pizza in Montgomery Village ••NOT AT THE VETS BUILDING !!! This is a first time trial run to see how well things work out to change our current meeting place from the Vets Building to Round Table Pizza. Based on the recent members survey there was a two•to•one increase in participation by making the change. Let's see if that's true. This is an open invitation to any and all club members to show up at 2424 Magowan Dr. in Santa Rosa, which is at the eastern edge of Montgomery Village, on the corner with Hahman Dr. There's parking available out front, across the street, or even out back in the rear parking lot. Show up and enjoy some pizza •• provided by the club •• or an adult beverage, or whatever, it's your choice. Another important part of our next meeting is our annual election of the next year's club officers. Some of you may be fed up and disgusted with the recent national and local elections....some of you may be thrilled....none of that matters, this is about electing next year's officers for YOUR club. Show up and make your vote count for the future of OUR club. Get involved !!!

Keep in mind that this change in venue is NOT etched in stone. We have NOT abandoned the Vets Building just yet. That's why we're trying this out in November, before we have to renew our pact with the county for our Vets Building room. If it doesn't seem like a good thing to do we won't pursue it. This could either be a brilliant move or a total failure. Personally I'm hoping that the interest is there to make a change. Round Table offers food, beverages, a huge flat screen TV/monitor capable of displaying club videos or other

entertainment. The possibilities are endless. The Vets Building offered us a clean barren room with lighting, and little more. But it's been OUR room on the third Tuesday of every month for so long that some people may resist any change at all. Sometimes change is good, though it's only realized after that change has occurred. I think we can make this change work....but that's only my opinion. We need YOUR feedback to help consolidate the wishes of the club.

Moving on to other current events....there's only one more Pylon Racing event and things are once again coming right down to the wire. The competition has been fierce, as it usually is at the end. In T•28 / Corsair Jake McDonald holds a slim one point lead over Jeff Penner with the next three contestants all tied!! Anything could happen at the last round. With Reno 450 there's more of a gap with Tony McDonald holding a lead over his son Jake, yet this class is also undecided till the very end. In the Dogfighter class there's still a battle between Jon Stychno and Adam Clement but there has only been three steady participants in that class all year. That kinda surprises me, those Dogfighters fly sweet, and when we started that class we thought for sure that the interest would be greater. However EF•1 has been a great addition to our Pylon Racing schedule with strong support, spectacular racing and once again a down•to•the•wire finish. The last and final round is coming up, Nov. 18th. Don't miss out on the action, show up and help out or just watch, it doesn't matter. You'll be glad you did.

Another important event coming up....our annual Christmas Party. By the time you read this many of you may have already received your Christmas Party RSVP and club renewal form in the mail. Don't hesitate to mail that back in. It's essential that we know how many members are planning to attend so we can plan accordingly. An enormous amount of effort goes into planning and carrying out the Christmas Party. It's a great event and you really don't want to miss it. This year it's scheduled on a Saturday, Dec. 8th. Mark your

calendars and don't miss out. It's a great time to socialize, relax, and reflect on the past year's flying fun. I hope to see you there.

That's all for now,
Dave Mercer
President Wine Country Flyers

General Meeting

By: Paul Kohlmann
16 October 2012

(ed: I had a problem and lost the meeting minutes. I wanted to send this out before the general meeting so I am sending it sans the minutes. I will send out a revised newsletter when I get them back.)

Board Meeting Minutes

By: Phil Leech
7 November 2012

The meeting was brought to order by Dave Mercer at 6:30 pm. at the Round Table Pizza, Montgomery Village. Members attending were Patrick O'Halloran, Adam Clemnet and myself, Phil Leech.

- Pylon racing for 2013 was discussed and the question of whether we should abandon the two session season that we have tried this year. The sentiment favored returning to the previous format that would require half the number of award plaques.
- We reviewed the facilities at the Montgomery Village Round Table Pizza and concluded that the size of the room would work out OK. We will have to move a table or two but it looks pretty good for the General Meeting scheduled for Nov 20.
- We discussed the RC contributions from Jack Collins and how to maximize the sale of items. We will try to advertise selected prizes in the newsletter before each meeting so that

members can anticipate the offerings before the meeting.

- I submitted a draft for the Christmas Party Invitation and it was decided to retain the \$30 price for the event. I told everyone that Guy and I were up for ordering food and preparing same. Merle and his wife, Ann will be providing the baked potatoes in the Kitchen. We will still need help and volunteers will be welcome.
- We reviewed the projected nomination slate and included Wylie Walters for Field Safety Officer but retained the slate as presented at the October General Meeting.
- Adam and I will be sending out the invitations and the 2013 Dues message no later than Monday Nov 2.
- Adam requested a work party to straighten out the runway that was damaged due to a mini tornado a week ago. It was suggested that guys would be available to help at the next Pylon Race Nov 18.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Report prepared and submitted for Paul Kohlman, Secretary by Phil Leech.

On the Cover

By: Guy Nicholas

I have recently read a few articles about various agencies, police, sheriff, etc. wanting to use drones. So I thought this picture was fitting.

WCF 2012 EVENTS SCHEDULE

December 8th •Christmas Party



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