

October 2014 Edition

Wine Country Flyers



**Next meeting: MONDAY 17 November 2014, 7:00 P.M.
At Round Table Pizza**

Once again the meeting will be held at Round Table Pizza
2424 Magowan Dr. in Santa Rosa
Pizza served at 6:30 PM, meeting starts at 7:00 PM
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Promoting Model Aviation in Sonoma County

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Cover Image

Photo submitted by: (not sure) most likely Jon Stychno
or Larry Gustafson, our two most avid photographers
Caption and comments by: Dave Mercer

Here's a photo taken at our June 2014 Open House Event
It shows club members, family, friends, guests, and the general public all enjoying the relaxed atmosphere combined with the spellbinding excitement that's so typical of our annual event. Everything from Adam's rockets to Jerry Leister's jets are out there tearing up the sky. It doesn't get much better than that. It was a great turnout. Let's do it again in 2015!!!



Presidents Report

By: Tony McDonald
17 October 2014

We have some dedicated members in the Wine Country Flyers club this year. Richard Skaff has thrown himself into the task of planning the 2014 Christmas party. It looks like the Officers for 2015 are starting to take shape as of late.

I would like to bring the long and outstanding service of another one of our members to the forefront of my Octobers Presidents report. He is one of the kindest and most compassionate people that we have the pleasure of having as a member in our club.

Phil Leech has been a steady presence in the leadership of the Wine Country Flyers club for

many years now. Many of us see Phil at the meetings, races, float flies, fun flies, scale meets, always lending a helping hand and, or, performing some job that needs to get done. I've relied on him to do what is probably the most important job in the club, being the treasurer. This job is the hardest of the officers to do correctly I believe. Since Phil has joined the club in 2000 he has worked the BBQ, been a board member, Secretary, Treasurer, and was President for a short duration, Christmas party coordinator and more. That is a long list of jobs in a short time! In short the club wouldn't be in as good of shape as it is now without the dedication of Mr. Leech. Next time you see Phil take some time out to thank him for his work.

Tony

Vice Presidents Report Safety Officer Report

By: Wylie Walters
25 October 2014

For those of you who have not heard it is with great sadness that we will need to find a new flying site for Wine Country Flyers. I would like to thank the Trentadues for the many great years they have let us fly on their property. I know I have had many great times, met many great people and made a lot of new friends there over the years.

Looking towards the future we will need to find a place that will meet the clubs needs. The Trentadues have been gracious enough to give us a year to find a new home. So please keep your eyes and ears open to anything you see or hear about. If you have any ideas please let any of the board members or officers know.

Wylie

Editors Update

By: Dave Mercer

By now, most of you, if not all of you should be aware of the recent developments concerning our flying field. Wylie's VP Report summarizes our situation. Our current president Tony has issued a statement that all of you should have received as a separate e-mail. It closely resembles Wylie's sentiments, so I won't reprint it here. I would like to add a few comments of my own about the whole situation.

When I first joined the club, years ago, within a year or so we were informed that we would have to leave our flying site (back then it was the Sonoma County transfer station site in Healdsburg.) Did the club panic? NO. Did it

spell doom for the club? Again, NO. The club worked hard to find a new site.

Mostly through the efforts of Steve Cole we were introduced to Victor Trentadue; a man with the vision and generosity to allow us to establish a flying field on his families property. From the beginning, it was NEVER implied or explicitly stated that we could remain there forever. It was a privilege and rare opportunity to relocate and establish our flying field as it exists today.

Victor remains one of our biggest advocates and supporters. The decision to ask us to leave by October of 2015 was simply a business decision, decided by the Upper Management Group of Trentadue Winery. Victor is just one member, and finally this year his desire to allow us to remain was out-voted by others who wanted to develop the land our field sits on into more vineyard plantings.

So it goes. We can enjoy one more year of flying from our current field, but we really need to focus on finding a new location to relocate to, establishing a new field once again. Victor has pledged to help us in these efforts. Perhaps we can simply move down the road to another winery. Maybe we will end up moving a greater distance. Whatever the outcome, the Wine Country Flyers will persevere; we will find another home. Yet now is the time for each of us, as club members, to pursue every opportunity that presents itself as a possible solution to this challenge. We need to work together, and collectively as a group, to find a solution to this challenge, and get this process moving forward NOW and not be lulled into thinking that all this will work itself out in the end. We can't wait till next October is nearly upon us and realize that everything is still in limbo.

Make no mistake about it, this will be a challenge. I remember all too well the struggles we faced before finally securing our current flying site. I'm also confident we can meet this challenge again. None of us should lose sight of the fact that our club is 87

members strong, chock full of smart people; people with connections to other folks with potential solutions to our dilemma. The interest in model aviation is still strong here in Sonoma County. Let's work together and get this done!!!

For the past six years we have been privileged to enjoy an awesome flying site, all due to the generosity of Victor Trentadue and the Trentadue Winery. We should all take a moment and reflect on what a great time it has been. I hate to use the past tense, since it's not over yet, but even after next October rolls around and we find our club flying from another location, the great memories will remain of the seven years we spent at the Trentadue Winery. Think about it...seven

years!!! It's a pretty good run for any venture. How many marriages, business partnerships, football, baseball, or basketball coaches...(the list could go on and on...) last longer than seven years? Not many. Things change, and none of our hopes and desires can alter that fact.

The way I see it, a year from now a chapter of the saga of the Wine Country Flyers will come to a close and a new chapter will unfold. All of us need to strive to make it the start of another great chapter.

WCF Newsletter Editor
Dave Mercer

Guess This Mess!!

By: Dave Mercer

Last month's shop: Charles (Chuck) McDonald

Winning Guess: Nobody!!! It stumped all of you. Not one person submitted a winning guess.

Better luck this month.

Whose shop is this? Anybody care to guess?



General Meeting Minutes

October Meeting

By: Paul Kohlmann
21 October 2014

October 21, 2014

Round Table Pizza

Called to order by Tony MacDonald at 7:00pm
21 members and 1 guest were present

VP/Safety Report—no report

Treasurers Report—\$3,115 in checking and \$7,520 in the CD. Two new members have joined including one junior, bringing the total membership to 87. Phil and Patrick plan to put the membership renewal packages and Holiday Party invites together this weekend.

Secretary's Report—no report

2015 Officers—slate for 2015 is now complete with Adam as Pres, Paul Gibson as VP, George as Treasurer, and Richard as Secretary. Election will be held at next month's Members Meeting.

X-Mas Party—Richard Skaff was unable to make it, but he has done quite a bit of work on the party planning. He has locked down a caterer to BBQ. We are looking for volunteers to bring desserts and to help clean up, but all other functions will be catered this year per the feedback from the membership.

Pylon Report—Jake McD will be the race director again next year. Dogfighter will be replaced with the RocHobby class. Quite a few guys are flying the Strega, Voodoo, and Critical Mass already.

Special Guest—Steve Situm joined us to discuss F3F glider racing with us. Steve is a national competitor dedicated to this sport. F3F is a 100m pylon course, where each competitor runs 10 circuits as fast as possible in a solo, timed trial. Steve drew a ton of attention when he put his huge glider together in the middle of the restaurant.

Steve is practically begging for junior members to work with him with the goal of adding members to the US team. He promised to keep us in touch regarding local events.

Steve can be reached at (707) 559-5001, (415) 497-2237cell, or svsitum@gmail.com and he is serious about talking with anyone who is interested about flying gliders.

Show/Tell—Mike showed off his RocHobbies Critical Mass that is now sponsored by Budweiser. Buzz put a new paint job on it and it looks like great.

Paul came back with the Shumate Bandit pusher jet. It is now complete with paint job and has flown a bit.

Auction/Raffle—John pointed out that Jake Rosen has given us discounts of over \$346 just this year. Jake also knocked off \$160 on the raffle prizes for PCAM. Jake's Performance Hobbies has been a tremendous supporter of our club again this year, so please return the favor.

The Auction pulled in \$82
\$57 to George for a big Corsair ARF
\$25 to Buzz for an Alfa Albatros kit

The Raffle pulled in \$137
George walked away with the RocHobbies Voodoo.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Board Meeting Minutes

October Meeting

By: Paul Kohlmann
6 October 2014

VP / Safety Officer's Report (Wylie)—new member Dan Golden has passed his safety check on multirotor and is now buddy boxing with Paul Gibson. Congrats to Dan!

Treasurer's Report (Phil)—Checking at \$3,815.86, CD \$7,482.75. We discussed the level of funding for the Member's Meeting raffle. Typical meetings take in ~\$100-\$150 in ticket sales. We agreed to keep funding at \$200 plus the previous month's raffle proceeds.

Secretary's Report (Paul)—last of the PCAM expenses were submitted, and all of the raffle winners have been contacted.

Salvation Army—Merle has a check for \$275 from the collection at the Float Flies plus \$100 from the Club till.

Editor's Report (Dave)—this month's Guess the Mess stumped everybody! Dave just got a new one in.

Events—a number of things are popping up as the year winds down. Adam has a Swap Meet scheduled, Tony is threatening to host one more Fun Fly, and rumor has it that Adam will pull together a Night Fly. Other than that, we only have a couple of Pylon Races and the Christmas Party on the official calendar

Pylon Race Report (Jake)—the new hardhat rule went over fine, and we hear that the hardhats are really comfortable. Thanks, Tony.

2015 Officers—we still have one officer slot to fill. We discussed moving the candidates around to different positions to try to get that last slot filled. Still working on it.

Christmas Party Planning—Richard is working on the planning, has talked with several caterers, and is working up different options. Richard found a caterer that was down the row from us at PCAM and drew a big crowd. The Board voted to authorized Richard to move forward with this outfit.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Treasurers Report ***October 2014***

By: Phil Leech

Membership:

Total: 87
Returning: 72
2014 New: 15
Youth: 9

Financials:

Checking balance: \$3115.00
CD balance: \$7520.00

Upcoming Events

By: Jake Rosen
3 October 2014



Buy ~ Sell ~ Trade
All Hobbies Welcome

Presented by:
The Wine Country Flyers Club
and Jake's Performance Hobbies

November 8th, 2014
8:00am to 11:00am (set-up at 7:00am)
Veterans Memorial Building, Lodge Room.
1351 Maple Ave. Santa Rosa, CA.
\$10 per table, limit 2 tables per person.
R/C Airplanes, Heli's, Cars, Trucks,
Boats, Rockets, Trains, Models, etc ...

E-Mail adamclement@gmail.com
for more info, or to reserve a table.

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WCF 2014 EVENTS SCHEDULE

Event	Date	Contact
PYLON RACE #9	SUN NOV 16	JACOB
CHRISTMAS PARTY	SAT DEC 6	RICHARD SKAFF