

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: Cancelled due to Covid-19.

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Presidents Report

By: Guy Nicholas

Greetings and welcome to another month of sheltering in place. I am sure, like me, you are getting tired of it all, but as I am sure you are aware the order has been extended with some loosening of restrictions on businesses. The order as of this writing can be viewed here: <https://socoemergency.org/order-of-the-health-officer-no-19-09-shelter-in-place-extended/> Section 16.a.iii defines an essential activity as “To engage in outdoor recreation activity...” I am not a legal expert, thus I leave it to you to read and interpret the text. What I will say is if you do go to the field, I strongly urge you to follow the social distance guidelines here: <https://socoemergency.org/ufaq/what-is-the-new-health-order-about-facial-coverings/> which state a facial covering must be worn, “if the person is unable to maintain a six-foot distance from another person at all times”.

The field has been mowed and looks just dandy, thanks go out to Bill Lantz for that task. A few other items that were covered weeding and mowing done by Adam Clement, solar panel cleaning by Chris Bailey, battery maintenance by Chris Bailey and Jake Chichilitti, and I took care of getting the mower belt and battery replaced. There were a couple other tasks done, but I don't have names for those yet so they will be mentioned next month.

Thanks you Steve Koll for the new starting table.

One item that really needs to get done is a repair job on the sliding doors of the shed. If someone has some construction skills and is willing to fix them up please let me know.

Our opening day event has been postponed and we have decided to combine it with the fathers day fly-in on 21 June, and I am sure this will be a gala affair! A flyer will be forthcoming.

The runway project is still ongoing. We have some acceptable turf but we are still working out how to

Safety Matters

By: Safety Officer, Jake Chichilitti

The club's safety rules don't seem too important in times like these and I'm thankful that our field remains open to enjoy our hobby. Please maintain at least a 6 foot distance from the other folks when at the field. Being at the field and flying makes the situation we are all in a little bit more bearable.

I have been out at the field at least once a week and noticed that there is activity in the vineyards. It looks like you will see workers any day of the week, not just on Thursdays. Please do not fly near them.

Rule # 6 Mufflers are required on all engines. There are still a few of us wet power guys that make noise and smoke. We discussed this rule at a board meeting and voted to allow engines with a displacement of .049 c.i. or less to operate with out a muffler.

Rule # 7 No flying above 400 feet, Be watchful on full size aircraft. I wouldn't want a full size aircraft pilot to report us to the FAA. Be aware of aircraft, especially helicopters flying near our field and give them plenty of room

One last favor I would ask you do. Whether you fly electric or wet power, please shut the engine/motor down at the end of the taxiway where it meets the pit area and carry your model to the pit tables.

Thanks and stay safe,
Jake.

P-47 Building Project

By: Safety Officer, Jake Chichilitti

I've been plugging away on my Top Flite P-47 and wanted to share with you my progress. I have not been building at a fast pace since the shelter at home order went into effect. It has been very relaxing to be in the shop and just concentrating on not making any mistakes.

The 1/16 inch wing sheeting is finished and hinging the flaps and ailerons will be next. I am using Robart mechanical retracts and I mounted the servo just behind the leading edge. The flap and aileron servos sit side by side and all the bell cranks and push rods are installed. Those bags you see laying on top of the wing are snack zip lock bags filled with #2 lead bird shot I bought at the gun store. They are perfect for holding down the wing skins while the glue dries. So far the model has been built with Sig-Bond Aliphatic Resin and 30 minute epoxy.

Jake



Submitted by Jake Chichilitti
Originally from Brian Chan an Electric Airplane Junkie @ San Mateo, CA.



Model Airplane **BINGO**

CA'd fingers together	Built two left wings	Used silk span	Restored aiplane from trash pile	Flown off water or snow
Left transmitter at home	Attended an R/C Event	Cut finger on prop	Crashed on maiden	Own more than 50 airplanes
Own a plane over 20 years old	Built and flew a kit all by myself		Own all: glow, gas, and electric	Flown a COX .049 airplane
Landed in a tree	Trained a new pilot	Torn gear off during landing	Stayed over 8 hours at the flying field	Built a Guillow's model
Have had a mid-air crash	Taken off with ailerons reversed	Flown a warbird	Stepped on an airplane	"Just one more flight"

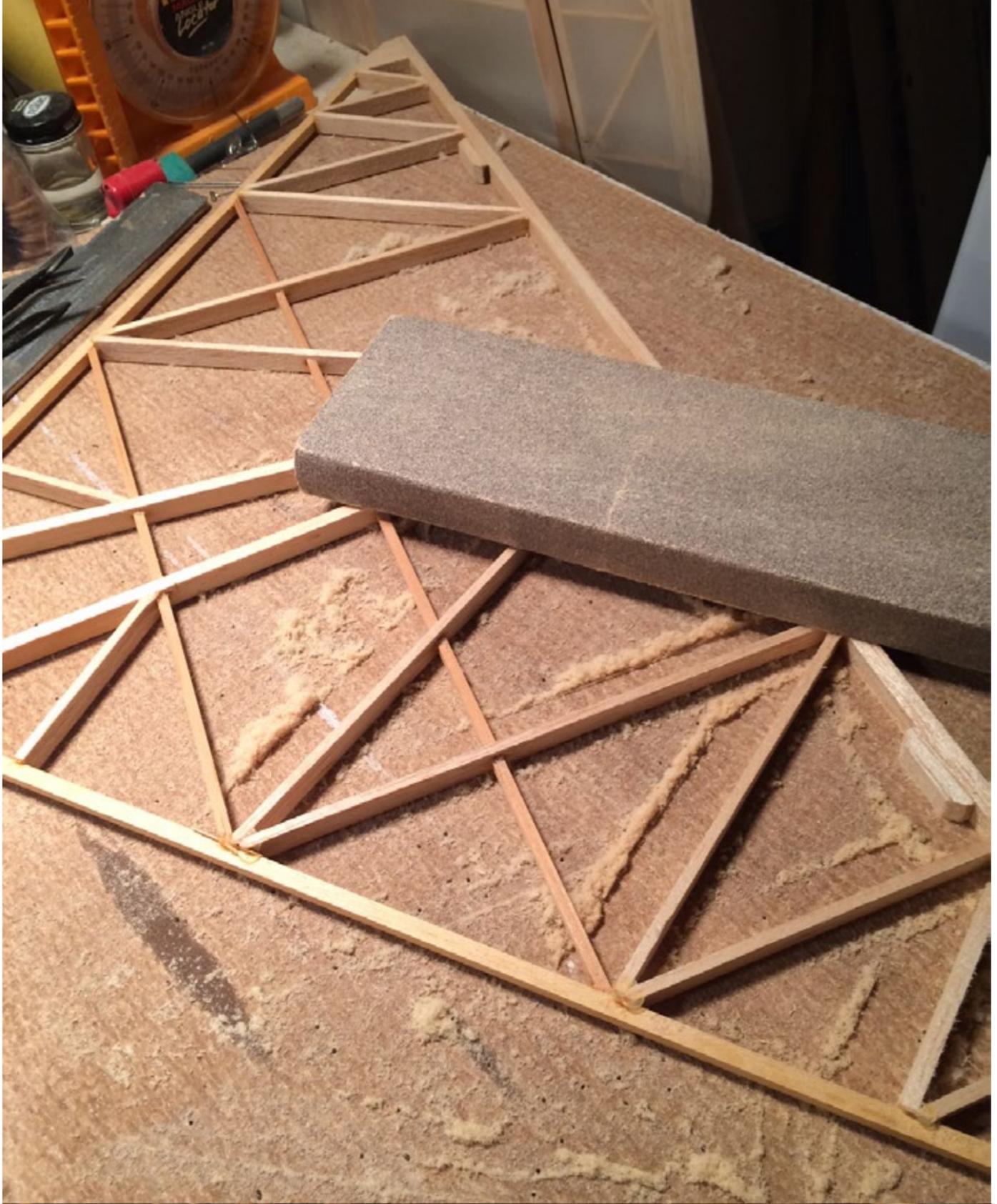
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Proctor Nieuport 11

By: John Cole

The Proctor Antic project is coming along very well. Once the flying surfaces are built, different grits of sanding blocks are used to level everything out. Don't tell anyone, but sanding blocks are a modeler's secret weapon.

John Cole



Board Meeting Minutes

12 March 2020
By: Chris Bailey

- Meeting started at 6:30 pm (via telephone/computer)
- Present: Bill, Adam, Jake, Chris, Guy, Eric, Steve Koll, Steve Cole, Paul
- Tasks from last meeting:
- Adam to check on fuel cost for equipment, he was not sure which equipment would be used, so was unable to estimate total fuel cost to club
- Steve Koll and Paul drove to Sacramento and brought back a sample roll of one style of artificial turf
- Guy has not had a chance to attach spectator signs at the field
- Guy has not had a chance to meet with Aiden to discuss club T-shirts
- Adam has contacted Vets Building in Santa Rosa, Swap Meet is cancelled
- Guy picked up a sample roll of a different style of artificial turf
- Adam has discussed alternative dates for the Swap Meet with the Vets Building. They have May 17 available, group discussion, concluded May 17 was too soon. Sunday, July 5 available, they have tentatively reserved that day for us, Steve Koll asked if we can cancel this date without cost to the club if it doesn't work, Adam replied yes, group discussion, many people will be travelling on July 4th weekend and not at home to attend Swap Meet that weekend, Steve Cole pointed out that at this point in time, more time is better, more people would probably attend if done later in the year, Adam said he thought there was a date available in November, he will check with Vets Building, Guy said that November is probably better than July 5th, more people will be back to work, Steve Cole mentioned that in November, people might be looking for holiday gifts, Adam shared that people are out of work right now and not spending \$\$ on hobby supplies, Paul shared that it will be a while before things get sorted out so November would probably be better for the Swap Meet
- Runway Project:
- 1st sample of artificial turf , fibers are too long, planes would sink too much
- 2nd sample has shorter fibers, much better for our use as runway
- Adam has tried it out, thinks it will work fine for most small planes, ¾" deep, soft, lays over nicely, Steve Cole asked about longevity of material being considered, Steve Koll replied that seller (Eric) said that all turf he sells should last 20 years or better, Steve Cole shared that very small planes could be hand launched and then recovered on the runway, as they were at Trentadue, Guy mentioned that all the turf rolls seemed to have tears and holes, in speaking to seller Eric on phone, Guy was told that samples have tears and holes, but material we would be buying would be much better, Adam said we need to confirm how many tears/holes we can expect in final product, gave example, 3 tears per piece, 40 pieces, 120 holes in our new runway?, too many holes, need to get statement in writing about number of holes. Steve Koll said 2nd sample roll material would cost 0.27 per square foot, would come with sand and rubber filler in place, cost more to ship (added weight of filler), but saves cost of having distributor shake out filler, Adam said we need to remove sand or it will get sucked up into EDF jet engines, carbs, and propellers, we don't want loose material on the runway, group discussion about the \$1500 shipping cost, Steve Cole suggested we look into the possibility of transporting material ourselves
- Guy brought up Opening Day, scheduled for May 2, and Work Party, scheduled for April 25, it was decided that with shelter in place still in effect, Opening Day would need to be rescheduled to a later date, Adam shared that the riding mower needs repairs, drive belt and cable to engage blade need repair, Steve Cole volunteered to look at mower, see if he can get it to work, Adam said Bill Lantz will mow entire field, in exchange for a free club membership, Guy suggested that we might want to move Opening Day to June 21st, the same day as the Father's Day Fun Fly event, group agreed that seemed like a good idea, Guy will get together with Buzz Russell to plan event
- Guy brought up the club Facebook site, currently private, for members only, by invitation only, Guy will check out the Facebook site rules, see if we should modify our site, Adam shared that when he posts something, he will get 6-7 "likes" but can see that maybe 40 people have read his post
- Steve Koll had a question for Jake, did he have the club logo computer file, Jake said yes, Guy shared that he has the "smoothed" version of the file, he will forward the file to Aden for the Club T-shirts
- Paul had 2 items, he would like a copy of the logo file (Guy will send to Paul also), time for rent check to go to Ya Ka Ama, Adam will deliver the rent check
- Steve Koll donated a new metal table to the club field pit area, Thank You Steve!
- Adam brought up that the hand sanitizer container is missing from the shed at the field
- Adam suggested maybe we should get a game camera to monitor people coming to the field? Paul suggested that a security camera that transmits to the internet, with cloud storage might be a better solution, we would be able to monitor security and check current weather conditions at the field, Paul will check for internet connection at the field(WiFi)
- Adam will spray new growth weeds in the pit area with round-up
- Eric suggested that the club might want to buy a used tractor with a mower, so we could mow the field whenever it needed it, currently Bill Lantz mows the field for the cost of an annual membership, we will revisit this idea after we complete the runway project
- Meeting adjourned 7:55 pm

WCF 2020 EVENTS SCHEDULE

- **Opening Day/Fathers day Fun Fly: Sun, 21 June**
- **Warbird Fly Day (all military style aircraft): Sat, 11 July**
- **Learn to Fly Day: Sat, 8 Aug.**
- **Larry Fran Scale Event: Sat, 12 Sept.**
- **Christmas Party: TBD**
- **News Year Day Fun Fly: (take a guess)**