

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: Cancelled due to Covid-19.

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Presidents Report

By: Guy Nicholas

Hello all and welcome to June, and I hope all of you are doing well. I have not seen many of you at the field since this COVID thing befell upon us. My daughter is pregnant, due in a couple of weeks, and since it is unclear what the effects of the virus are on a fetus or infant, she has been exceedingly careful and staying away from everyone. My wife and I want to be able to see her and her baby, so we too have done our best to stay clean. Part of that effort has meant avoiding the field. This along with all the other changes away from normalcy have brought me a major lack of motivation. For example, one of my helicopters went in due to a mechanical failure some weeks back, and it took me about two weeks just to get around to ordering parts. The parts have now been here for about three weeks and I still have yet to put her back together.

I did go to the field on a Sunday a while back to check on the batteries, and it was one of the busiest days I have seen. There were fifteen to twenty people out there milling about with very little social distancing going on and only myself and one other person wearing any sort of face covering. I am not the police, and thus it isn't my job to tell people what they can and cannot do. There are a number of clubs that have shut down, we have not done that. The current orders state people can go to outdoor parks and what not to get exercise and fresh air, and I believe the field falls into that category. So though I believe people should have the option to go to the field and get fresh air and exercise, I suggest they do their best to maintain their distance to protect those around them.

Though the field has remained open, the club cannot have any sanctioned events until such time as the "ten person gathering" section of the order is lifted. This means the Fathers Day/Opening Day event is postponed. We will keep the 4th of July event on the books for now. I don't like doing this, but the club has no choice. State orders are in place, and people have canceled vacations, weddings, funerals and the like, so postponing our events is certainly not out of line.

On non-COVID news, I have a line on some other turf that looks promising and within budget, I just need to get to Sacramento to take a look at it, hopefully it will work out. As to the dirt work to be done, we are still working out the details.

I want to close by saying I wish you all well, hope you get in the flying you can and take some time to get some new things built.

Cheers, Guy

Field Photos

By: Jake Chichilitti



Jim Wolfe holding his electric powered Taylorcraft that he built from a kit. Jake is holding his Taylor E-2 Cub built from a Klarich short kit powered by a Cox .049 engine.



Same models on a table.



John Cole with his kit built Proctor Antic powered by an O.S. .70 4-stroke engine with Spectrum radio gear.



Mike Newman with his P-47 and 3-D electric powered models.

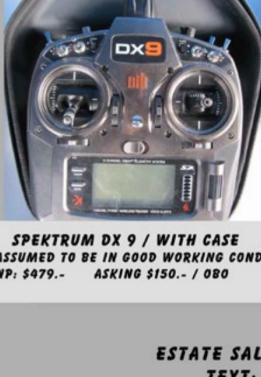
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SPEKTRUM DX 4 / WITH CASE
ASSUMED TO BE IN GOOD WORKING COND.
NP: \$100.- ASKING \$50.- / OBO



SPEKTRUM DX5E / WITH CASE
ASSUMED TO BE IN GOOD WORKING COND.
NP: \$120.- ASKING \$80.- / OBO



SPEKTRUM DX 9 / WITH CASE
ASSUMED TO BE IN GOOD WORKING COND.
NP: \$479.- ASKING \$150.- / OBO



SPEKTRUM IX 12 WITH CASE / WIFI
ASSUMED TO BE IN GOOD WORKING COND.
NP: \$ 699.- ASKING \$500.- / OBO

PAGE 2 AIRCRAFT FOR SALE



ITEM A: E-FLITE APPRENTICE WITH FLOATS / MOTOR AND REC. / SLIGHT HANGAR RASH
ASSUMED TO BE IN GOOD WORKING COND....SLIGHT ELEVATOR DAMAGE (EASY REPAIR) 60" WINGSPAN
NP: \$ 350.- ASKING \$150.- / OBO



ITEM B: E-FLITE F4 PHANTOM INC. MOTOR & REC. AS3X AR 6363A / 6 CHANNEL / 36" WS
HANGAR RASH ON TAIL / 2 BOMBS BROKEN OFF / ASSUMED TO BE IN GOOD WORKING COND.
NP: \$449.- ASKING \$180.- / OBO



ITEM C: E-FLITE PIPER CHEROKEE / MOTOR & REC. AS3X AR 6363A / 6 CHANNEL / 51" WS
WITH FLAPS / SLIGHT HANGAR RASH / ASSUMED TO BE IN GOOD WORKING COND.
NP: \$199.- ASKING \$60.- / OBO

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ITEM D: VIPER / INC. MOTOR & REC. AS3X / AR 6363A- 6 CHAN. / CRASHED & REPAIRED
ASSUMED TO BE IN GOOD WORKING COND.... 44" WINGSPAN
NP: \$ 249.- ASKING \$90.- / OBO



ITEM E: FLY ZONE - MILLENIUM MASTER / INC. MOTOR & REC. AS3X AR 6363A / 42" WS
VERY SLIGHT WING RASH / ASSUMED TO BE IN GOOD WORKING COND.
NP: \$150.- LIKE NEW! ASKING \$90.- / OBO



ITEM F: E-FLITE F-16 / MOTOR & REC. AS3X AR 6363A / 6 CHAN. / 35" WS
SLIGHT HANGAR RASH / LANDING GEAR REPAIRED.
NP: \$299.- ASKING \$100.- / OBO

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ITEM G: E-FLITE UMX A-10 / INC. MOTOR & REC. AS3X / AR 6363A- 6 CHAN.
WING ROOT DAMAGED / ASSUMED TO BE IN GOOD WORKING COND.... 22" WINGSPAN
NP: \$ 80.- ASKING \$40.- / OBO



ITEM H: FLY ZONE F-15 / INC. MOTOR & REC. AS3X AR 6363A /
CRASHED / REPAIRS TO NSE AREA / HANGAR RASH / ASSUMED TO BE IN GOOD WORKING COND.
NP: \$160.- ASKING \$70.- / OBO



ITEM I: ASW 28 ELEC. GLIDER / MOTOR & REC. / 6 CHAN. / 8' 5" WS !!!
AILERONS & FLAPS !! SLIGHT HANGAR RASH / GOOD CONDITION !!
NP: \$250.- ASKING \$100.- / OBO

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ITEM J: NIB! MINI CONVERGENCE DRONE / VTOL / WITH FORWARD ROTATING ENGINES !!
NP: \$ 100.- ASKING \$50.- / OBO

ITEM K:

ITEM L:

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ITEM M: TREX 500X / ALIGN NP: \$? RESONABLE OFFER



ITEM N: TREX 550E / DFC PRO / ALIGN ALSO: BLADE 330S HELI...MAKE OFFER
NP? RESONABLE OFFER



Workin' It

I would like to thank Jake Chichilitti and Mike Newman for fixing the shed doors, great work guys! I would also like to thank Mike Newman for fixing the charging problem on tractor mower.



Safety Matters

By: Safety Officer, Jake Chichilitti

Hello Everyone, I hope that you are all staying safe and healthy during these trying times and I'm so glad that our flying field is still open for business. Please continue social distancing when you are at the field.

Let's continue with a review of a couple of club rules:

Rule # 8 No flying behind the flight line of the runway. Unless we are landing you shouldn't be flying over the runway. Our models should be flying no closer to the hot pits than the far side of the runway. We have been using the open areas of the field beyond the pit area for turnarounds and quad copter flying. This doesn't present a problem if we keep our models away from the pit areas. I am hoping to mow a control line circle in that area for use this summer.

Rule # 9 General AMA safety procedures will be followed The AMA Safety Code is attached to the side of the storage shed. Please take a moment to read them.

We are doing a good job of staying safe at the field. Keep it up.

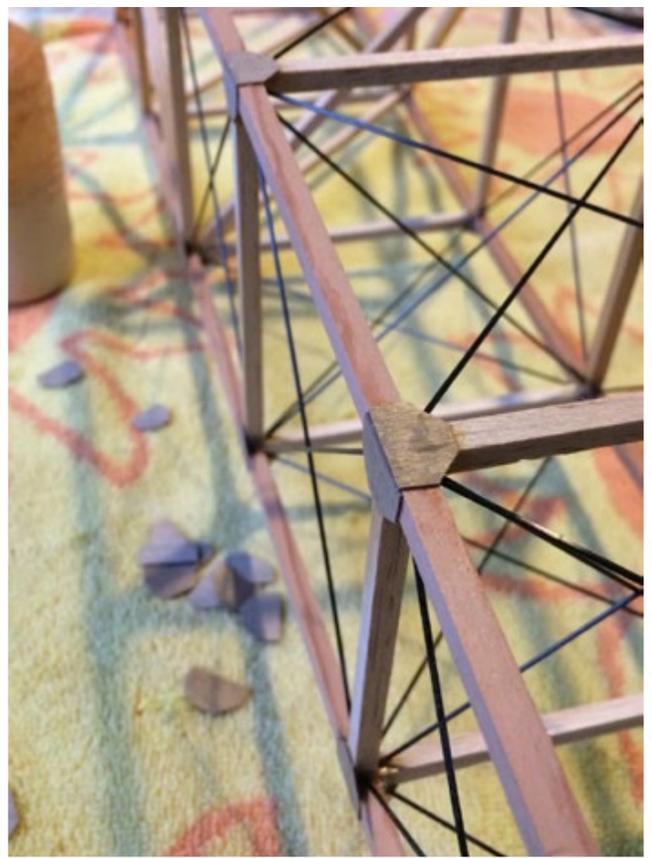
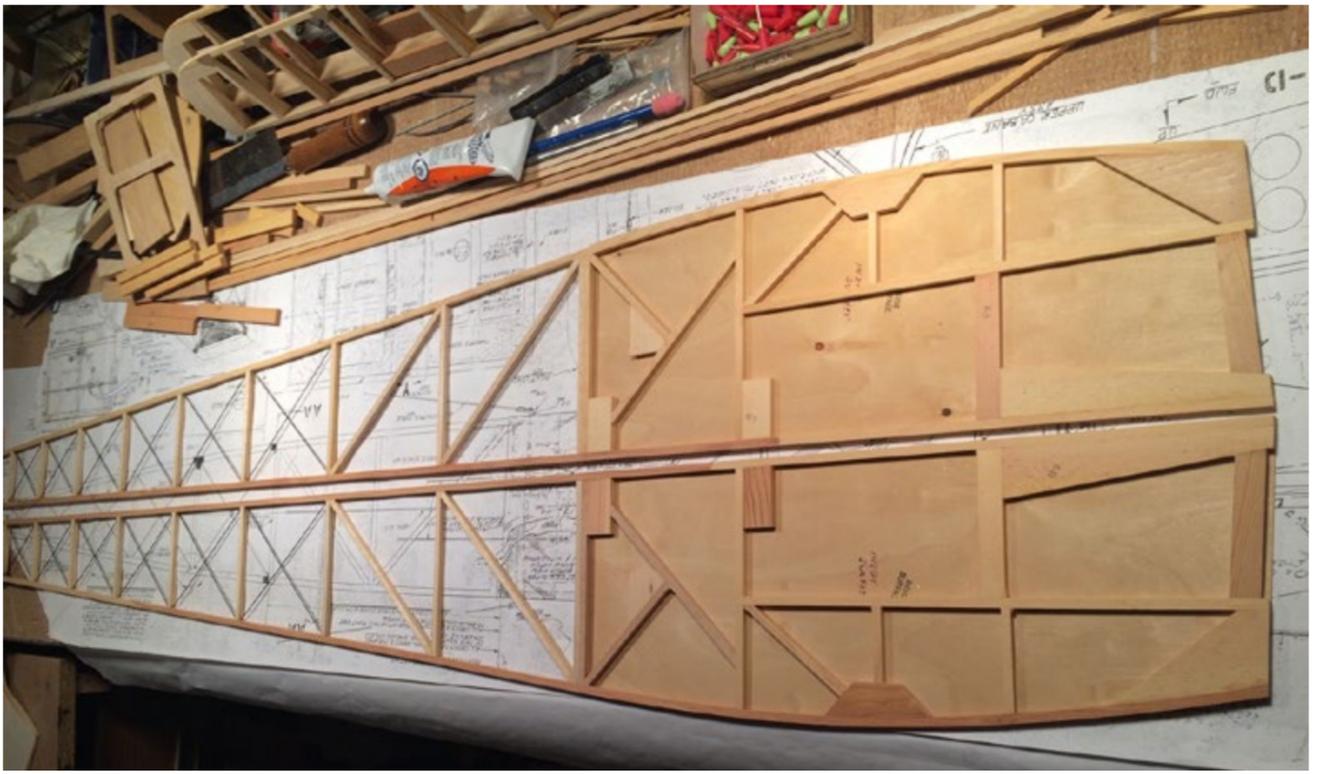
Jake

Proctor Nieuport 11

By: John Cole

Since we are all sheltered in place, model projects advance quickly around here.

The fuselage of the Antic is a basic box-truss design. The front is reinforced with plywood formers, and the aft fuselage strength comes from small carbon rods installed at each bay. Until next month, be well.



Board Meeting Minutes

14 May 2020
By: Chris Bailey

- Meeting started 6:38 pm
- Present (by phone/computer): Steve Koll, Paul, Chris, Guy, Jake C., Eric, Steve Cole, Adam
- Steve Koll question for Paul: With no general meetings for several months, and therefore no pizza or raffle prizes to purchase, we should be about \$600 ahead on our annual budget? Paul responded that he prefers to think of it in terms of saving expenses
- Guy reached out to a board member of a flying club in Livermore, the Flying Electrons, to ask about their experiences with an artificial turf runway, turns out they merely extended the ends of their existing paved runway, and were able to get their turf for free a number of years ago
- Guy reached out to the turf guy, Eric, that he had been dealing with. Turns out that the latest turf that he was proposing can not have the infill extracted for a reasonable price before delivery to our field, so this product will not work for our purpose. Eric has another product that he thinks will work, can get us a good price, Guy is waiting to hear back from him. Guy proposed that if this search for used turf becomes too lengthy and difficult, we might go to "plan B" and think about using Geotex fabric again
- Guy reached out to Bob Mathews regarding soil prep and grading work, Bob said that they can do the field prep whenever we are ready, Guy will set a meeting with Bob's son, at the field, to work out the details of the work directly with him, Bob will call Guy back with a meeting date
- Adam brought up a post on the club website from David Martin, regarding another possible used turf source that appears on Facebook, Guy said he will call about this turf, find out more details
- Guy brought up flying field maintenance tasks, Chris, Guy and Jake topped up the water in the batteries, they were quite low, Chris cleaned the solar charging panels. No one present at the meeting knew when they were checked last, or by whom?
- Jake C. proposed that we might make it a rule to check the batteries twice a year, to coincide with when we make our rent payments to the Ya Ka Ama.
- Guy will work with Ian to replace/restore and paint the tabletops at the flying field.
- Adam brought up that there appears to be a problem with the riding mower at the flying field, the battery doesn't appear to hold a charge, after mowing one day, he returned several days later, battery appeared dead, mower would not start, needed a jump start. (ed. ideas and solutions were discussed)
- Adam stated that the push mower at the flying field will not start, even after fresh gas and multiple pulls on the starter. He will change the spark plug, see if that solves the problem
- Steve Koll suggested that if the current riding mower continues to need repairs, maybe we should get a different mower? Riding mower? Full size tractor? Paul pointed out we should remember the maintenance aspect of club owned equipment
- Adam mentioned that we should remember that the riding mower was designed to cut 4-5" grass, not 2 foot weeds, it will last a long time if used as intended, fail quickly if not
- Steve Koll brought up that lately there have been a lot of damaged planes, due to the poor condition of the runway. We need to get runway project done soon, so if we can get the dirt work done, and obtaining the used artificial turf is holding the process up, we should consider Geotex fabric, so that the project can be completed
- WCF Swap Meet has been rescheduled to Sunday, October 25, 2020 at the Santa Rosa Veterans' Building. Steve Koll asked if Jake Rosen has issued any refunds for pre purchased seller tables, and if he has incurred any additional processing fees as a result? Adam will check with Jake Rosen. Jake Rosen will update existing flyer with new date.
- Guy will get together with Buzz to develop flyer advertising event, and to plan schedule for WCF Opening Day and Fun Fly Event, currently planned for Fathers Day, Sunday, June 21, 2020
- Guy stated that we need to move this process along, so he will talk with Bob Mathews this next week, set up a meeting with his son, who is doing the work, and work out the details of what he is proposing to do for the price he suggested
- Guy brought up a picture that was forwarded to him, of what appears to be steel ball bearings, found at the flying field. Question, is someone shooting at our shed or metal awnings? Let Guy know if more are found, or if anyone knows anything
- Meeting adjourned 7:47 pm

WCF 2020 EVENTS SCHEDULE

- **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)**