

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: Cancelled due to Covid-19.

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Promoting Model Aviation in Sonoma County

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Presidents Report

By: Guy Nicholas

Salutations to all and welcome to mid-year. COVID, aren't we all tired of that word? I won't go into it, but the 11 July warbird event is obviously not happening. We will take each event month by month until things clear up.

A couple weekends ago I came to the field to see what was going on and I noticed a family sitting at the tables taking in the sites. I said hello and asked if they flew and the husband, Churu said he did. There was a language barrier but his wife kindly translated for us. He expressed an interest in joining so I pointed him to the AMA site and explained what it was and why he needed to sign up. He had seen our Facebook page and tried to post but didn't have access, so I grabbed my phone and let him in. I then pointed him to Adan Alvarez so he could get the down low from a native Spanish speaker. Churu is now joining the club. The morale of the story, if you see someone unfamiliar, introduce yourself. That person could be our next member.

We had a flying incident at the field a few weeks ago. Basically one person was doing a harrier over the runway and another person came in to land and the planes...well, let's call them sticks now. Since I fly mostly helicopters and their position isn't nearly as predictable as an airplanes, I generally watch to see what the current people are doing and if I think they are in an area that will let me go up I do, but I will let them know, "hey, I am going to bang around over here, give me a shout if you need me to get out of the way". Because I am nearly deaf, I make sure to give them a, "roger that!" when they call out their intentions. The aforementioned mid-air could likely have been averted with a bit more communication. My strong suggestion to everyone, is wait for a response from your call out to ensure your intentions are known. If the other person doesn't respond, call it out again, louder. It may be me you are talking to and perhaps I can't hear you, or I am super focused and not paying attention. Secondly, I know we all have our favorite spots to stand when we fly, but if you are at one end of the runway and the other flyer is at the other, it's hard to communicate, so maybe you should think about standing a little closer to them.

One item I think we should all be aware of is the side effects of COVID. The pandemic has affected almost everyone. Some are concerned about health risks to themselves or family members, others may have hit financially due to lost work, some may have none of those, but everything around them has been turned upside down. I urge everyone to take an extra breath and give people a little more room and a little more leeway. None of us know how others are handling this incredibly changed situation, so it's best to err on the side of caution.

One last item, there was recently a box of LiPo batteries left in the shed. Some of them looked OK, others looked a bit puffy. We did find the owner of the batteries and they have been removed from the shed, but I want to point out two things here. First we have gasoline and our riding mower in the shed so this is not a place to store things like a box of batteries. Second, I strongly recommend nobody store a bunch of batteries, questionable or otherwise in a non-fireproof container. All it would take is one of them to go and you would have quite a pile of burn on your hands.

Safety Matters

By: Safety Officer, Jake Chichilitti

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy and spending some time out at the field. I have been going to the field at least once a week and had the pleasure of helping a new member trim and safely fly his model. I reminded him to wear his badge so we can all welcome him into the club by name. Since I suffer from CRS I don't remember his name.

I learned something new today regarding the hours when the field is open for flying. Do not go to the field and fly before 800 AM as there will be a locked gate to the field before you enter the Ya-Ka-Ama education center grounds. Do not enter or fly even if the gate is open. Thanks.

Here are a couple of club rules I would like to address this month.

#10 Pilots must stand in designated pilot area. Basically this means standing behind the safety fence when flying. I would suggest when multiple pilots are flying that they stand close enough together to communicate their intentions. For instance, "taking off, landing, low pass, etc." If you need to retrieve your model from the field make sure you let the other pilots know you will be out on the field. They may want to land before you go out to retrieve your model.

#11 Pilot, pit crew only on the flight line. Chris found the "Spectators only beyond this Point" signs and mounted them on the metal poles.

That's about it for this month. Fly safely and stay safe,

Jake

Workin' it

By: Guy Nicholas

I finally got around to fixing the most problematic of our tables. There are a couple more that will need to be sanded a bit and painted before the end of the year, but the worst of them have been replaced and/or repainted. I would like to thank Ian Rickard for doing the sanding and Patrick O'Halloran for helping me with the replacement.

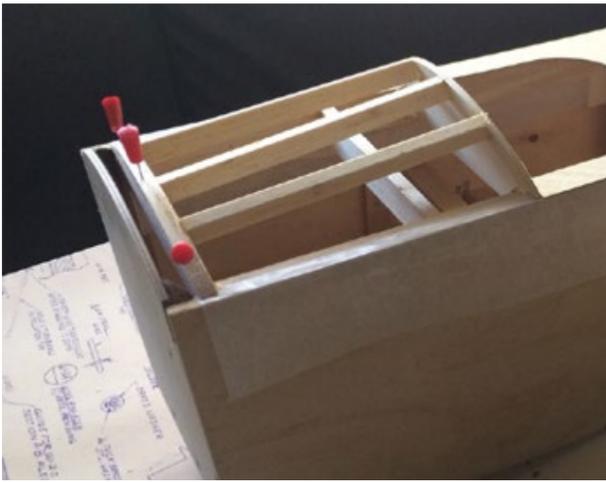


Antic Monoplane Build

By: John Cole

My Antic build project is finished, and I'm happy to say that it flies great.

Once the fuselage sides are joined at the front utilizing ply formers, the aft section is pulled in and joined with cross members.



For Sale

Will Whiteside:

I am selling my 1 month old Eflite F/A18. No batteries included. Flown 4 times. A couple of scrapes but no big damage. \$325.00 Usually sells for Close to \$500 with tax and shipping. Will 707-321-7073
Thinning out hangar

<https://tinyurl.com/yb89jdgk>



Board Meeting Minutes

11 June 2020
By: Chris Bailey

- Meeting started: 6:30 pm
- Board members present(by phone/computer): Eric, Steve Koll, Guy, Bill, Jake, Chris, Steve Cole, Paul, Adam
- Guy: artificial turf update: Turf shown in photo sent to board is no longer available, Guy made a stop at the used turf distributor, turf on the lot seemed to be all different colors, sizes, lengths, most with tears and holes, none appeared to be what we are looking for, the search for used turf continues
- Guy talked with Bob Mathews, due to a personal situation he will not be able to do the soil prep work at the field, he has suggested we find someone else to do dirt work at the flying field
- Steve Cole has 2 people in mind that might be able to help, he will check with them
- Adam suggested that a local construction company might want to use our site and grading project for employee training, Adam will check with Ghilotti , Guy will check with his neighbor that works for another construction company
- Paul will check with Sonoma County about cost of water meter and water, to be used in soil conditioning at flying field
- Flying Field Maintenance update: Mike Newman has fixed the riding mower and push mower, Mike and Jake fixed the shed doors, Guy has the paint and is in working on restoring and painting the pit tables, Jake volunteered to maintain the riding mower, and mow at the field at least twice a month, he will keep a key to the riding mower, Jake ask for volunteers to clean out the shed, Adam, Steve Koll, Chris and Jake will meet to clean out shed, Mike Newman found some dollies at Home Depot that could be put under the solar charging station batteries making them much easier to move in and out, board approved purchasing 2 dollies, Jake made a motion to give the white Sig LT-40 trainer in the shed to Mike Newman, Guy seconded, all members present in favor, trainer will be given to Mike
- Guy reminded everyone that the goal of the Academy of Model Aeronautics(AMA) is to promote model aviation, therefore, we all need to remember to be welcoming and friendly, promote the club and model aviation, be considerate of others feelings, especially visitors and new members attending meetings and club events
- Guy reminded everyone that we cannot have any official club events at the field until Sonoma County opens up events to larger groups, next planned event is the War Bird Fly In, scheduled for Saturday, July 11, we will just have to wait and see how things develop with regard to group gatherings in Sonoma County
- Adam updated board, Bill Lantz mowed the flying field recently, looks great, Bill submitted a receipt for fuel cost, board approved.
- Meeting adjourned: 7:18 pm

WCF 2020 EVENTS SCHEDULE

- **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)**