

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: Cancelled due to Covid-19.

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Presidents Report

By: Guy Nicholas

Hello everyone, I hope you all are doing fine. I have a couple of updates for you all, and I will begin with the runway. Our turf has been purchased and we have been holding off on delivery until we could get some logistics worked out around how to offload the material. When delivered it comes in a covered trailer, meaning we cannot roll it off the side, but instead have to remove it through the back of the truck. We have fourteen rolls that are fifteen feet long and ? wide, each weighing about a thousand pounds. It looks like what we are going to do is have the delivery truck go to a local carpet supplier who has a forklift with a long pole on it, used for rolls of carpet. They will offload the truck and we will show up with a few flatbed trailers, have them load it up on those, and we can just roll it off them when we get to the field. We are also going over what equipment and supplies we will need to prep and lay the turf.

The discussion with Shone regarding fetching downed parts that end up in the vineyard is ongoing and what I want to emphasize is that we are not to enter their property without permission. I also want to remind everyone that flying over people or operating machinery is against the AMA rules so please make sure you don't do that.

Maria from Ya Ka Ama has told us masks need to be worn. They are our landlords and therefore we need to abide by their rules. Please wear a mask.

A new board has been seated at Ya Ka Ama, I am not sure yet what that means, but I believe we will be attending their April board meeting. I will let you know what, if anything, this means for us as information is provided to me.

The FAA has delayed the starting date for the new rules until 21 April. This doesn't really affect us much. A lot of the rules for compliance are based on the start date, like hardware manufacturers have ?? months from the start to be compliant. They have basically just pushed everything back a month.

Adan Alvarez has made up masks (shown below) he is selling for \$8.00, contact Adan (707) 696-7061, or myself to coordinate the fetching of your awesome WCFlyers mask. He is also working on some shirts (also see below) but there are some details to work out, so we will let you know.

Safety Report

By: Jake Chichilitti

Greetings everyone, I apologize for not submitting a safety write up for the last two months. I don't like to admit it, but I was in a bicycle accident in December that has put me out of action for the last two months. I guess I wasn't being safe enough. I am back to flying again and I can type again. I will be using a stationary bike from now on. I will be selling my Cannondale road bike.

We are coming to the time of year when workers will be out in the vineyards. Please be cautious and don't fly over the vineyards when they are present. They could be out there any day of the week, not just Thursdays. There will be more control line activity on the side of the field next to the outhouse. Please avoid flying in that area when control line activity is going on.

If any of you have concerns that need to be addressed let me know by phone or email, both are listed on the WCF website.

Stay safe and have fun,
Jake

Pictures

Photos courtesy Patrick O'Halloran



Adan Alvarez flies control line while modeling some cool club swag.



Steve with his FMS Futura. 115 mph in level flight. Beautiful smooth flyer.



Colin McRae had several successful flights before looping too low with the Brodak Little Toot. Colin is a new member joined this year focusing on CL first and has an interest in RC.



New members Haig and Elysha (not pictured) and their Flite Test Guinea Twin.

For Sale

Ryan Rommel is making and selling airplane stands, \$20 (white) \$25 (painted any color) Contact Ryan at Rommel455@gmail.com to get yours!



Board Meeting Minutes

11 Feb 2021

By: Christopher Bailey

- Meeting started @ 6:30 pm
- Board Members Present(by phone or computer): Guy, Chris, Jake, Paul, Steve Cole, Bill, Steve Koll
- Guy: Club T-shirts, sample at Night Fly, multicolor club logo, Large logo on shirt back, small logo on front, \$15 each print cost plus cost of shirt, Paul ask about a list of possible shirt customizations available, Steve Koll volunteered to work with Aden to develop an all in cost including shirt and printing, and a list of possible customizations and the cost of each, and available shirt colors, Paul will develop a spread sheet to track shirt orders, shirts will be available by pre-order
- Guy sent out a survey to club members asking about the level of interest in being able to pay annual club dues by credit card or PayPal, very few members indicated a desire to pay by card
- Patrick has volunteered to store the Larry Frank Brouard plane for the club, and bring it to the Larry Frank Memorial Scale Event each year, Thank you Patrick
- Steve Cole built the Snoopy Doghouse plane, so it will be returned to him
- Guy: update on runway turf, cost of fasteners, approx. \$300 for staples, approx. \$600 for nails, approx. \$1500-2000 for seam tape, will probably use staples or combination of nails and staples to fasten down turf, delivery will take approx. 7-10 days to ship, shipping company will notify us 1-2 days before delivery, Steve Koll will check with a carpet company about unloading the turf from the semi and transferring turf to smaller trailers for us to deliver to flying field, Steve Cole will check on price of renting 4X4 Skye Trak style fork lift to unload rolls of turf, equipment to prepare runway surface: rent roller approx. \$400 per day?, Steve Cole's brother has a tractor we could use, Chris has a Kubota B7800 and flatbed trailer
- Jerry Lister contacted Steve Cole, ask about us putting on our own air show with a format similar to full scale air show, Teams flying patterns, aerobatics, etc
- Gus from Ukiah Propbusters club has flown at our field, suggested that we might host the Dan Sullivan Event at our field, Paul pointed out that we would need to check with the YaKaAma before moving forward with any plans to host such an event
- Meeting Adjourned: 7:34 pm

WCF 2021 EVENTS SCHEDULE

- **TBD**