

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: Cancelled due to Covid-19.

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Presidents Report

By: Guy Nicholas

Members, I have a couple of fairly serious issues to bring up this month. As most of you know there have been some questions around the procedure for retrieving aircraft that “land” in the Shone farm vineyard. Well, the four aircraft that went in last week, combined with some folks entering the property without speaking to Connor Murphy (Shone Farm manager) have pretty much answered the question for us. NOBODY is allowed onto their property at all, and nobody is allowed to bother Mr. Murphy about their downed aircraft. The procedure is now this. If you lose an aircraft in the vineyard, you are to immediately contact an officer or board member and describe to the best of your ability where your aircraft is. We will then get in touch with Mr. Murphy and work on extracting the pieces. I am presently working with Mr. Murphy on how exactly this will happen, but bear in mind you may or may not ever get your aircraft back.

I don't have full details yet as meeting with Mr. Connor is happening on Friday, but it also seems some people were overflying workers in the vineyard. I should not have to tell you that flying over people or operating equipment is against AMA rules and we should NEVER be doing that.

The most recent crash, as I understand it, was caused by someone flying aerobatics that were obviously outside their abilities. That in and of itself is fine, we all try to push to make ourselves better, but the problem here is the person was doing this over the vineyards. If you want to practice maneuvers you need to ensure you are doing it over the boundaries of our flying field and that if things get out of control, it will stay within the boundaries of our field.

For these two reasons my strong suggestion is for you to keep your aircraft out of the airspace above the vineyards.

Paul Gibson and I attended the Ya-Ka-Ama board meeting the other night and both of us were greatly disturbed to hear one of their board members tell us about a quad flying over them during one of their sacred ceremonies. I am hopeful this was not one of our members! So that everyone is aware, the Indians have an area just to the north of our field where they gather for ceremonies and what not. Please look that way when you arrive to see if they have something going on and be respectful enough to not fly anywhere near them if they are.

I will work with Ya-Ka-Ama to get a schedule of events they have so that we do not disturb them in the future.

With the above in mind, let me break it down for you all. If we are not good neighbors, or tenants, we will lose our field. The poor actions of a single member can threaten every members ability to have a nice field to fly in. This means that no longer can we just look the other way when someone does something stupid or wrong. We all must do our part to protect the future of our club. If you see someone flying in an unsafe manner, or flying in an area they shouldn't, you need to speak up. If you feel you cannot address the issue with the individual directly, then reach out to me with details of the event and I will take it up with them.

Lastly, for the good of the majority of the club I am going to have to be playing a bit more of the bad cop role, and I need all of you to do the same.

Safety Matters

By: Jake Chichilitti

Fellow Wine Country Flyers,

I hope all of you are getting out to the field and enjoying the nice weather we are having lately. I would just like to remind every one to do a quick review of our club rules. I have heard of only one accident that could have been serious, but we were lucky and unfortunately the model was damaged. One new item I would like to mention is an increase of control line activity at the field. A few of us will be using the area adjacent to the outhouse. Please do your best to treat that area as a No Fly Zone when we are there, usually on Sunday morning..

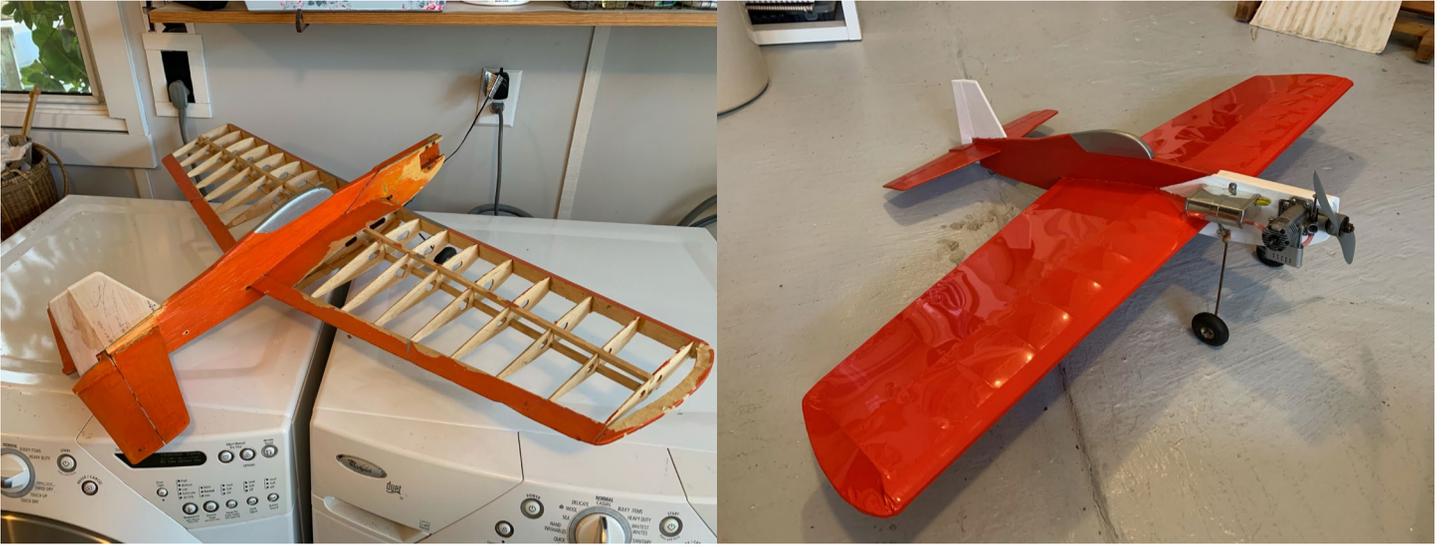
In addition to Field Safety Officer I am also in charge of field maintenance. I will be meeting with the board to discuss the possibility of having a work party in April.

Thanks and fly safe, Jake

Pictures

Photos courtesy Patrick O'Halloran

Patrick O'Halloran has cleaned up Adam Clement's fathers old Cosmic and added on a Fox .35



Steve Koll with his UMX A10



Busy day at the field



Alpha 2.0 Build

By: Guy Nicholas

Patrick and I have been doing a good deal of flying at Goat Rock and for those unaware, the landings there are a bit...challenging. We are also going to be heading to an event down by Santa Cruz the first of May and in order to ensure I have a flyable glider, I bought myself another one. This is a 2 meter Alpha purchased from Aloft Hobbies in Novato <https://alofthobbies.com/alpha-2-0m.html> this is a mostly glass kit and very reasonably priced at like \$395. For those unaware gliders "kits" like this sometimes come with parts sometimes not, and often without instructions. In the first picture you can see the fully "assembled" unit. The second shows all the parts including the solid carbon wing joiner, servo trays, and servo covers. Next month I will show some build steps.



Board Meeting Minutes

11 March 2021

By: Christopher Bailey

- Meeting started at 6:33 pm
- Present: Jake, Guy, Chris, Buzz, (Phone/computer: Paul, Eric)
- Guy provided update on Club Logo T-shirts: Steve Koll working with Aden, current ink washes off T-shirt after just a few washes, Aden is working to solve this issue
- Steve Koll worked out preliminary arrangement with carpet company to unload semi trailer and transfer turf to smaller trailers for transport to the flying field
- Steve Cole checked with rental yard regarding cost to rent Skye Lift type forklift, approx. \$400/day
- Terms of our current lease agreement with YaKaAma discussed, various possible modifications of term, rent amount, etc. were discussed, Guy will attend their next Board Meeting
- Eric pointed out that we need to come to an agreement over exactly what prep work we will do before laying artificial turf, who will do each task, written plan
- Meeting adjourned 7:33 pm

WCF 2021 EVENTS SCHEDULE

- **TBD**