

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: Maybe soon!

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Presidents Report

By: Guy Nicholas

Greetings all. The weather is getting nice and I hope you are all doing well and getting out to fly in this lovely weather we are having.

I only have a couple of things this month. First, the board is meeting in a couple days and we will be discussing bringing back our club meetings by having them out at the field. I will send an update after Thursday's meeting.

We had a work party to clean up the pit area a couple weeks ago and I would like to thank the following for helping out: Eric Bergesen, Steve Koll, Colin McRae, Mike Ramponi, Bob Tancreto, Jody Messana, Jake Chichilitti, Andy Werback, Bill Van Asdian & Patrick O'Halloran.

First up, our runway repair job is going to be getting underway fairly soon. It will be a substantial project, most likely taking place over a weekend and we will need a good deal of help to complete it. I want you all to remember that the club only survives with the support of it's membership. The more people that help out with the work parties and projects the less time any one person has to spend doing them. So please, watch for the runway project announcements and do your best to make arrangements to be available when the time comes!

One last thing. We bailed on voting in new officers due to the lack of our ability to meet, however if we do decide to hold meetings at the field, we will also try to get some new officers in place. Now is the time to start thinking about whether or not you would like to be a club officer. Think about it.

Ciao for now, Guy

Safety Matters

By: Jake Chichilitti

Hello Wine Country Flyers,

I just have a few items to address this month. I'm hoping we will not have to use the fire extinguishers any time soon, but in the event they have to be used i would like to be notified. I have a service that will come by my house and refill them. Please give me a call at (707) 535-0977 or email me at: jake.chichilitti@yahoo.com so I can have them refilled. I checked the first aid kits that are mounted to the storage shed and they look well stocked. Again if you have to use some of the supplies, please let me know so they can be restocked. For you folks that fly on Sunday there is a good chance there will be control line activity in the area adjacent to the outhouse. Please don't overfly that area when it is being used. I would invite anyone who has an interest to take a walk over and check it out.

One last thing is to do your best to not overfly the vineyards or the Ya-Ka-Ama property.

P.S. I would like to thank all of you that pitched in for the field clean up work party.

Stay safe Jake

Drew Kohlmann

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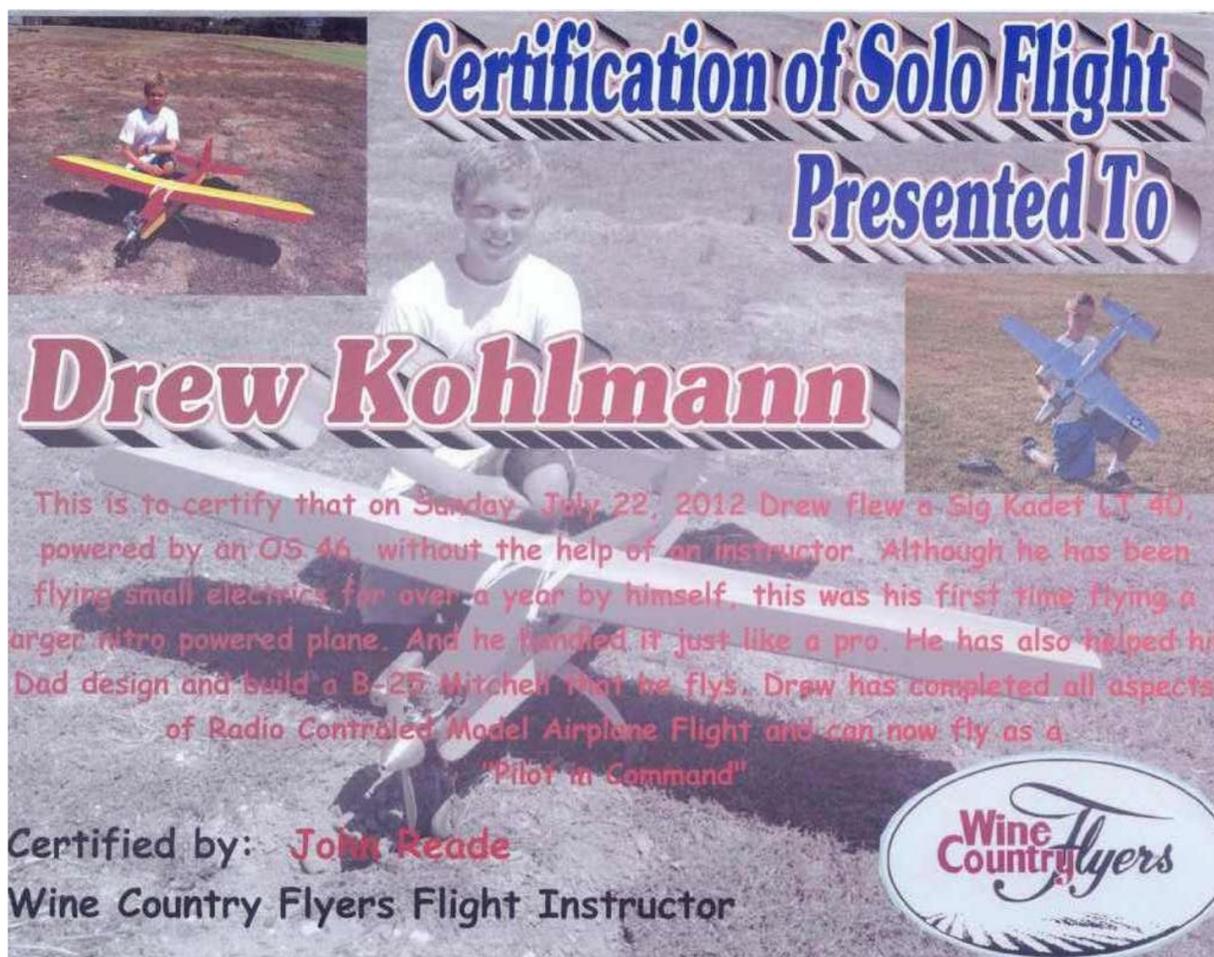
I'm sorry to report that my son Drew Kohlmann passed away this Wednesday night. Many of our longtime club members will remember Drew as he learned to fly with the club at the Trentadue field. Drew made many friends there. In particular were Adam Clement and John Reade who were his trainers. He also made friends while pylon racing T-28s and Warbird foamies.

Like a lot of kids, Drew moved on to other interests when he got older. He still flew here and there, but cars took precedence and then motorcycles. Sadly, it was a motorcycle accident that took his life.

In addition to notifying the club members that knew Drew, I'd like to thank all of the WCF folks that helped make Drew the incredible young man that he was. Along with the names above, Paul Gibson, Jake Chichilitti, and Brian Young come to mind. I apologize for those that I have missed but my eyes are full of tears.

Please hug your kids.

Paul Kohlmann



Pictures

Photos courtesy Patrick O'Halloran & Jake Chichilitti

CL group, Colin, Jake, Patrick. Flying every Sunday, 9am. If you want to fly CL just come on over!



Colin and the All American, Flew well, Fox 35. Colin will now add a trim tab and maybe recover the wing. This is another model built by Adam's Dad in the 60's or 70's.

Colin has now been able to successfully bring all of these classic controliners back to life. Flown at our wonderful CL circle maintained by Jake.



Look who showed up at my place last week. Our old WCF Secretary. We got a chance to fly together at the field. Our planes were pretty evenly matched and we tried to fly formation. Eric's club will start club racing using models like Eric's.

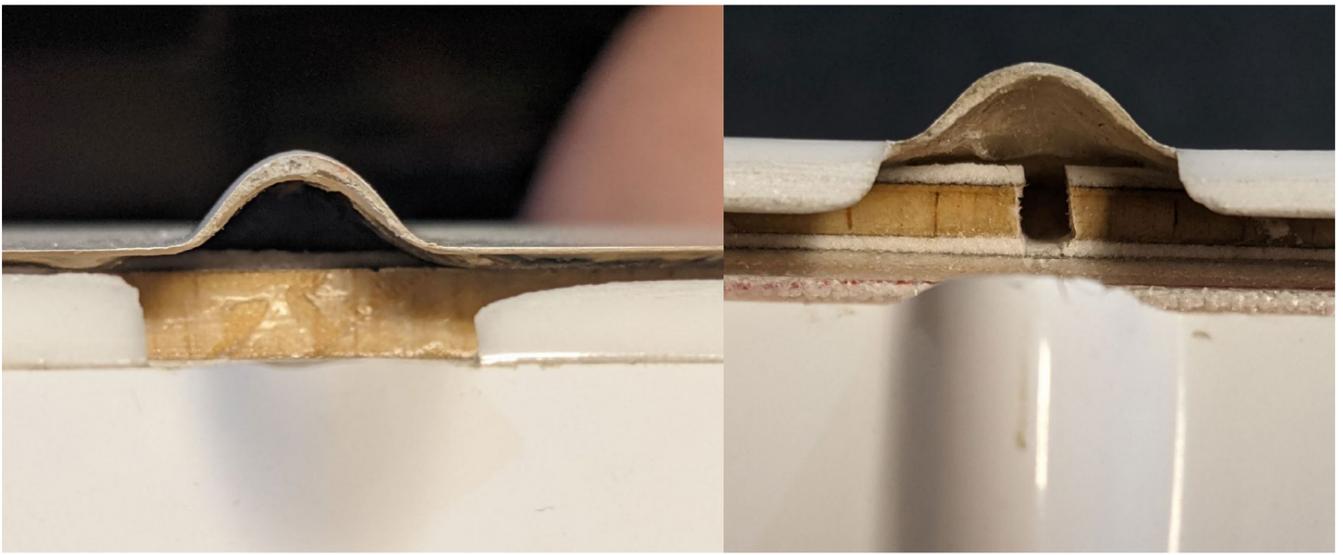


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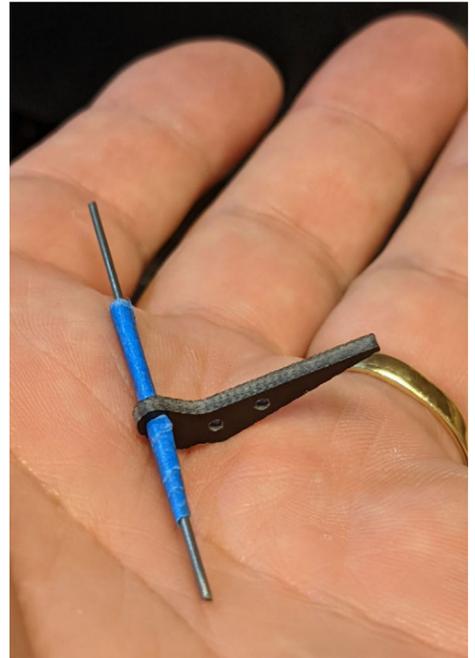
By: Guy Nicholas

When you "build" a composite glider, really the only thing you have to do is mount the control hardware and install your radio, and for most glider people, this is pretty trivial. But I am not much of a builder so these "simple" tasks end up taking longer than they should. For this month's segment I will mount the servo horns.

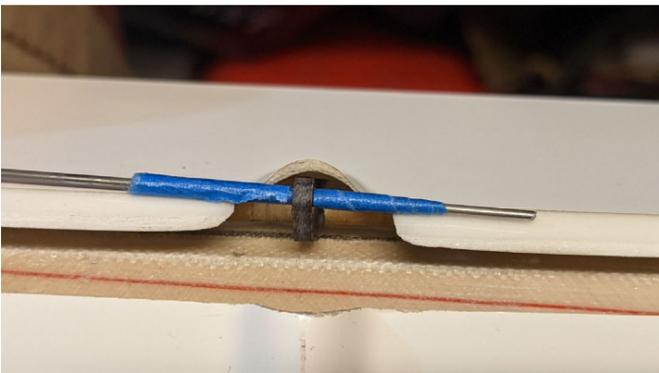
First up the wings. There are four servos in the wings and this process has to be done for each. Here is a shot looking into the flap/aileron and you can see the wood that sits along the leading edge. First you need to cut a slot into this for the servo horn. The flaps are easier to do as they bend close to 90 deg. whereas the ailerons are more limited.



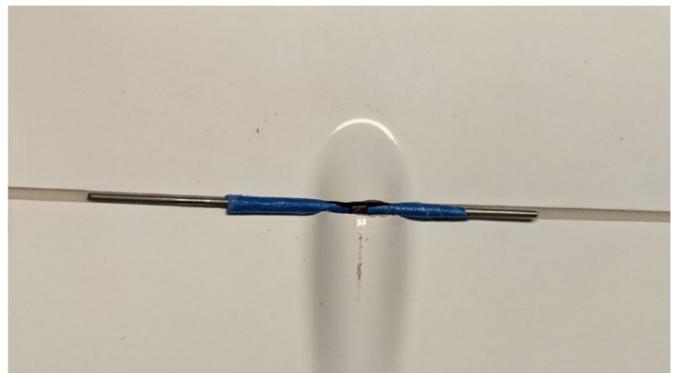
Here is the horn that will be installed. To hold it in place I ran a wire through the clevis hole and put tape on either side to prevent lateral movement.



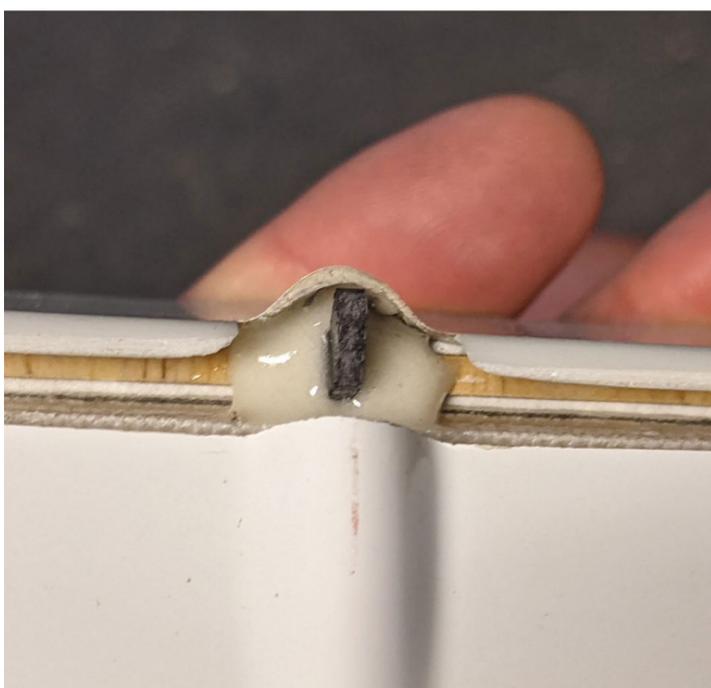
A quick test fit.



Making sure I can hold it in place.

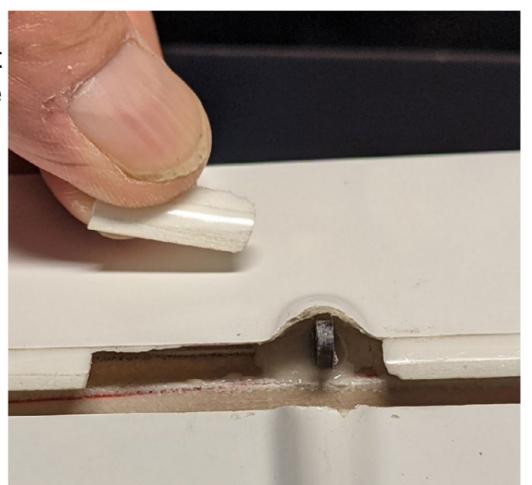


All taped up to hold everything in place while the epoxy hardens.



And done. The epoxy is mixed with something called Cab-O-Sil that can be picked up at Tap plastics. It looks similar to micro-balloons, but it's a bit different, it makes the epoxy thick so you can build it up and form it.

My fingers are a bit "fat" and not as gentle as they should be. Here you can see I broke a bit of the wiper material. It is just there to seal the gap and is not structural. I was able to glue this back in.



Board Meeting Minutes

8 April 2021

By: Christopher Bailey

- In Attendance: Guy, Chris, Jake, Steve Koll, Eric, (by phone or computer): Paul, Bill, Steve Cole
- Meeting started: 6:40 pm
- Guy and Paul attended Ya Ka Ama Board Meeting, Guy and Paul represented Wine Country Flyers, Tim Allen represented the nature school, Conner Murphy represented Santa Rosa Junior College Shone Farm, Guy and Paul were asked to present our plan for future rent payments and site use, they proposed a 5 year term with a 15% rent increase, Maria from Ya Ka Ama said she will let Guy know if this proposal is acceptable to the Ya Ka Ama Board, Paul spoke about attending the meeting and having all of our neighbors (Ya Ka Ama, nature school, and Shone Farm) bring up instances where our flying has had a negative impact on our neighbors, Paul shared that we (all members of Wine Country Flyers) need to step up and do our part as good neighbors to be more aware and sensitive to our neighbors and how our activities may impact them
- Guy sent out the Club newsletter, with a “must read and follow” update on the new procedure now in place for recovering any aircraft that crashes on Shone Farms property. WCF members are to contact a WCF board member with information about the downed aircraft, someone from the board will then arrange with Shone Farms to recover the aircraft and return it to the owner. WCF members are NOT to enter Shone Farms property, or contact farm manager Conner Murphy on their own. There was group discussion about how to effectively communicate this new policy to all club members, Steve Cole suggested posting flying field boundaries and new recovery policy at each pilot station, Paul suggested posting copies of club newsletters and aircraft recovery policy at the flying field, group discussion about various locations to post, on the shed, on the picnic tables, on each individual pit table, etc.
- Runway improvement project will move forward once we have a new agreement with the Ya Ka Ama.
- Guy suggested a general club membership meeting at the flying field
- Steve Koll suggested a general club membership meeting at Mountain Mike’s Pizza (outdoor seating)
- Guy mentioned that once we are back to having general meetings, we need to hold an election of new club officers for 2021
- Jake proposed a field maintenance work party be held Saturday, April 24 starting @ 9am
- Eric brought up conversation he had with a grading contractor about our runway project, group discussion, tentatively planning to remove existing fabric, compact soil with sheep’s foot, grade with tractor and box scraper, roll, and staple down new artificial turf, depending on availability of club funds
- Group discussion about club sponsored learn to fly days for Ya Ka Ama, Civil Air Patrol Cadets, general community members
- Meeting Adjourned 7:30 pm

WCF 2021 EVENTS SCHEDULE

- **TBD**