

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: Meeting at the field 24 June! 6:30

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Presidents Report

By: Guy Nicholas

Salutations all. I have a couple of important items to bring to your attention this month. First up, we are HAVING A GENERAL MEETING! Yay! We will be having this first one at the field, Thursday 24 June at 6:30 p.m. If you have a chair please bring it just in case. Other than the general social hour one important item we need to address is selecting a slate of new officers. For those unaware the officer positions are, president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and safety officer. None of these positions is overly difficult and doesn't require tons of time, and it really is a good way to participate and give back to your club. I strongly encourage everyone out there to give it some consideration. If you have any questions about what each position entails reach out to me and I can give you a rundown. Another position that is always available is newsletter editor. I have been doing it for a while and will certainly continue to do it, but as I have said many times, I have zero artistic talent, and thus, the newsletter is functional, but not pretty. If someone thinks they can do a better job, speak up. I want to remind every member that the club doesn't run itself. There are tasks that need to be done in order to keep us all flying. The more people that sign up to participate and help out, the less work it is for each individual. There was a time when we required every member to participate in some number of events each year. We had sign-up sheets and kept track of who did what, and if members didn't participate they paid extra dues. Rather than going to something like that again, I would really just like to see more people step up and help out.

Speaking of helping out, our runway project will be getting underway fairly soon. Our turf should be showing up in the next week or so, and we will then begin detailed planning of how to finish the job. We are looking for a couple of things here. First, when it comes time to lay down the turf we will need plenty of help, the individual rolls are about a thousand pounds each so positioning them will be "fun". Also, we are looking for a project manager. This would be someone in charge of taking care of determining what other materials we need, where we will purchase the, figuring out how exactly we are going to lay down and line up the turf, etc. If we have someone in the club with project management experience it would be a great help.

Moving away from helping out for a minute, I would like to talk about our lease agreement with Ya-Ka-Ama. Back in 2019 we reached out to them with a proposal for a 5 year lease as we wanted to spend money to fix up our runway. We made a proposal, they discussed it and accepted. What did not happen, was for a formal agreement to get signed. Their secretary left, and there was some officer shakeup in the club, the result of which meant there was no followup on signing an agreement. Maria from Ya-Ka-Ama reached out to me late last year telling me we had no agreement. This came as a bit of a shock to me, to say the least. Here we had just spent a significant amount of money on turf and we had no lease agreement. I put the delivery of the turf on hold until we figured out what was happening with our lease. Paul Gibson and I attended one of Ya-Ka-Ama's board meetings and offered them a 15% increase in rent for a 5 year agreement, and the following month they came back to us with an offer of 1 year and a 20% increase. The board discussed had already discussed various rent rate increases and 20% was doable and fair. The 1 year agreement was...well...a bummer. I then wrote an email to their board to try to get at least back to our original 5 year agreement which had 3 years remaining. They discussed it at their board meeting on 7 June and they graciously accepted. In my opinion this was a big deal as it meant we weren't going to go to the effort of putting down our new runway just to have to pull it all up in a year.

Safety Matters

By: Jake Chichilitti

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I hope all you members are getting to the field and flying your latest models. You Sunday flyers may have noticed a strange sound coming from the direction of the outhouse. Colin, Patrick and myself have been flying control line models from that area of the field on Sunday morning. Patrick is amazing to watch him fly his combat models. It's the control line equivalent of 3-D flying. And Colin is flying better each week. I flew a lot of control line way back when and flew in WAM events. Any way thanks for avoiding the control line circle when we are using that area.

Tip of the Month:

Be extra, extra careful out at the field as we are in fire season. The fire extinguishers are for your use. I would only ask that you contact a board member and let us know that it needs servicing. Also please let us know if you use something from the first aid kits that are mounted to the shed. There is a heavy duty flapper by the shed. It is a pretty good fire suppressant. Check it out.

June 15th can't come soon enough for me. Stay safe,

Jake

A Gift for You

By: Jake Chichilitti

Guys,

I have a work table full of balsa and spruce. Some are 48" long. I will set a time and date when the stuff will be available, probably near the end of the month.

WCF members only please.

Thanks Jake



Pictures

Photos courtesy Patrick O'Halloran

Adam with his Flex Innovations F100.



Jake and Mark near Salt point



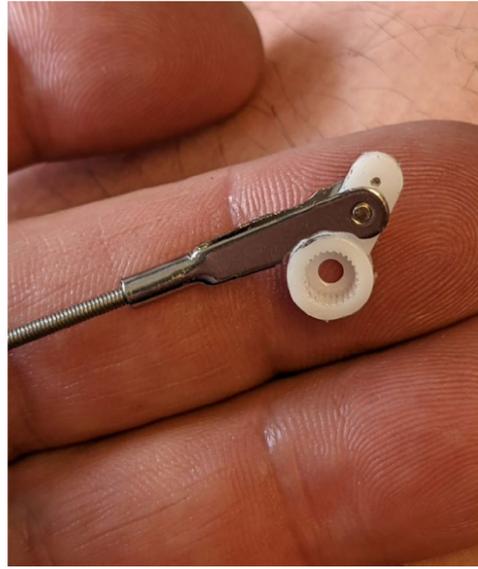
Very large open field and Patrick decides to land in a tree?



Alpha 2.0 Build

By: Guy Nicholas

A few pics of my continuing build. First, to get the wing finished I needed to mount the servo arms. Seems like that should be a trivial process, but again, things are tight and servo arms need to be super short and to get the proper throws you need to grind out the arms to fit over the hub.



On the other end, a slight bend is needed to clear during the extreme throws of the flaps.

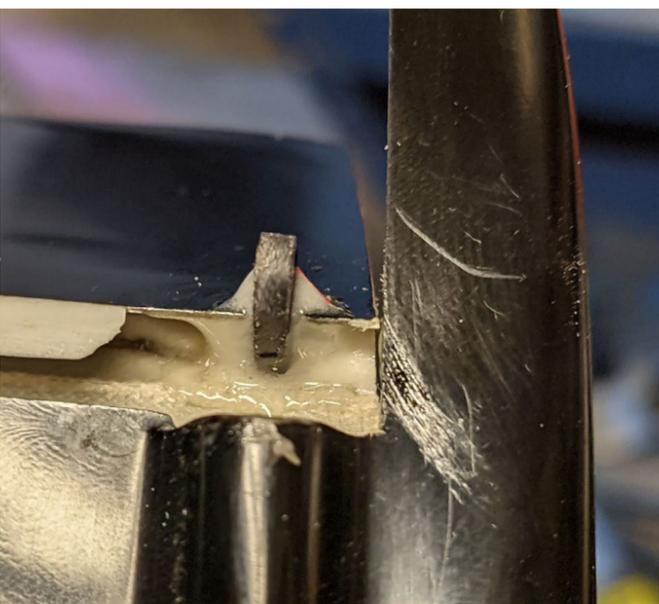
Looking at it from the other angle you can see how tight it is. It was hard to get enough lateral space to even get the pin in the arm through the hole in the horn.



Here are a pair of the test fitting of the rudder horn. To place this you have to bend the rudder hard over and try and dremel out the rudder without punching your way through the siding. It was a bit tricky.



The finished product. And yes, I did hit the exit cover with the dremel bit. I told you...it's hard.



Board Meeting Minutes

13 May 2021

By: Christopher Bailey

- Meeting started: 6:30 pm
- Present: Guy, Steve Cole, Steve Koll, Eric, Jake, Chris, Paul, Buzz, Bill
- Guy: Artificial Turf for flying field runway, planning to go with plan to unload enclosed trailer at carpet store, transfer rolls to smaller trailers to deliver to flying field, Guy will talk with store owner of Discount Carpets to work out details
- Planning to have a General Membership Meeting, 4th Thursday of May, May 27 at 6:30 pm at the flying field, pizza and General Membership Meeting
- Steve Koll will contact Adam, ask him to get in touch with Bill Lantz, request Bill to mow the flying field one more time, club will pay fuel cost
- Ya Ka Ama: Steve Cole spoke with Maria, one of their board members, about a Learn to Fly Day, she indicated some of their youth would be interested, Steve Cole, Jake, Chris and Guy will work on this
- Aircraft Recovery Policy: If you lose a plane on Santa Rosa Junior College Shone Farms land, call Guy Nicholas so he can work with Shone Farms to recover it, DO NOT contact the farm manager nor go onto their property to recover it yourself.
- Group discussion of alternate flying sites, Jake suggested we find out who currently owns the old Navy pilot training site in Santa Rosa(aka “area 51”), it was suggested that we contact the Healdsburg Transfer Station and inquire about the “Old Dump” site also
- Meeting Adjourned: 7:41 pm

WCF 2021 EVENTS SCHEDULE

- **Meeting 24 June WCF field, 6:30. BYOC (bring your own chair)**