

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: Sometime next year

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Ex-Presidents Report

By: Guy Nicholas

Greetings everyone, remember me? My, how quickly we forget!

Well, there was some confusion between John and I, so I am filling in this month. I don't have anything really presidential to say, so let me just fill you all in on a few things.

First, you may have noticed a couple of the really bad wooden tables have been "covered" with a piece of cement board. I put those on there, and no, they are not quite done. I painted the tables after Ian Rickard sanded the and I must say I was disappointed with how long the paint lasted. Someone mentioned cement board as an alternative, and it was decided to try a couple pieces to see how they hold up. They are cheap and require no maintenance. I am going to remove the wood from under one of them, and leave the wood under the other. We'll see what happens.

Next you may have noticed a couple of really nice sheets of plywood. Well, those were donated by Paul Chenevert, the father of a friend of one of our youth members, Dario Valentine. Paul came out to the field with his son Oliver, who had a flying lesson on Patrick's trainer. Paul decided we weren't the bunch of kooks he thought we would be, so the following weekend he brought us a couple sheets of plywood. Come to think of it, he was the one who suggested the cement board, and he was going to bring us a sheet of that, but couldn't find any, so he brought two sheets of plywood instead. Awfully nice of him.



I wanted to mention that I filled out an application to try to get us a flying site grant from the AMA. For those unaware, they give away money to clubs to help them with improvements. I filled out a form, threw in before and after pictures, along with a few of all of us working out there. I have no idea what our chances are, but we will find out sometime in March. Fingers crossed!

Lastly, I think we will be planning on having a Sunday general meeting at the field sometime soon. It will be a topic of discussion at the board meeting this week and I am sure John will let you all know.

Ciao for now, Guy

New Member Intro

By: Haig & Elysha Ozanian

We've been flying model planes and a part of the WCF for about a year. We mostly fly mini foam planes (~30" wingspan). The planes we were flying today are the mini guinea twin, and the shrub-smacker (Flite-Test kits).

I also fly (smaller sized) helis and fpv quads.
Building them for me is half the fun.

We started flying models winter 2020 due looking for a way to get outside and a new (socially distanced) hobby.

We are active skydivers so being around aviation for the last 10+ years drew us to model planes as well.

When we are not building and flying or skydiving we are playing music, quilting, or hanging out with our grumpy old-lady cat Sissy.



It's all about Jake



The airplane in these two images is the same, a Veco Warrior. One was taken in 1960 and the other...well, now.

Colin's Shop

By: Colin McRae

Cosmic wind CL model in repair mode. Nose- dive crash a couple of weeks ago. Model was acquired from Adam Clement. Was once upon a time his father's plane. It continues to be one of my favorite models. Flies really well!

In real life the cosmic wind was a midget racing plane.



A vintage 42" wingspan Shoestring. Acquired the kit from Jake. OS 30 power planned.



Update on my 42" Shoestring Stunter build. Model in final assembly stage.



Board Meeting Notes

By: Christopher Bailey
13 January

- Meeting started 6:35 pm
- Present: Guy, Paul, Steve Cole, Patrick, Bill, Adan, Jake, Chris, Eric
- Treasurer's report(Paul): Budget for 2022, not included at this time, \$ for raffle @ end of year party, \$ for table top repair, club is in a good position financially, question about age of batteries for charge tables @ flying field, Paul said they were purchased new and are about 5 years old
- Pit Table top repairs: Guy suggested cement board, 4x8, ½" thick, he will purchase a couple sheets and place on tables at field, Steve Cole suggested Rhinoliner truck bed liner to coat and protect plywood tops, Jake's friend Rich has a coating he has used on deck projects, he will bring some to the field and coat one table top, Patrick mentioned that there is a club member Paul, that has some donated sheets of plywood, he will bring them to the field to replace some of the damaged table tops, Adan and Jake will work together to check the charging table batteries, Eric mentioned that some of the safety fence posts are loose, Paul Gibson suggested that he had some steel posts he would bring to the field to reinforce the loose posts
- AMA Flying Site Development Grant: application is due Feb 1, Guy will start filling in application, Paul will gather receipts for expenses incurred in runway project
- Flying Field weed mowing: Bill Lantz has agreed to mow field, 2-3 mowings as needed, in exchange, club will provide Bill Lantz with a complementary 1 year membership, as well as pay for his fuel and maintenance on his mower
- Holiday Party (2021): Cancelled due to Covid 19, Eric suggested a big celebration at the flying field for Opening Day, Board members liked the idea, it was suggested that we contact Ryan Rommel about catering event
- Meeting was adjourned 7:20 pm

WCF 2022 EVENTS SCHEDULE

- **General flying...any day the weather is grand!**