

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 27 March 12:00 at the flying field (yes, that's a Sunday!)

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Presidents Report

By: John Cole

Hello members;

Over the last several months, important work at the field has been carried out by some of our members. You might have noticed our new tabletops, which were very much needed, or the absence of weeds in the pit area. The grass and weeds around our runway and control line area gets mowed regularly. This work is done mostly by members volunteering!

This is the type of activity that's needed to keep a great club like ours going, and if the opportunity arises to lend a hand, it would be appreciated.

There are a few events coming soon, and you might want to mark your calendars.

Our next membership meeting will be held at the field on Sunday, March 27 @ 12:00. Lunch will be provided.

We will have a work party at the field on Sunday, April 3rd from 8:00am until ?. This work can be knocked out quickly with many hands, so please consider showing up to help out. The field will be closed for this activity so the sooner it's done, the sooner we can fly!

We have tentatively planned a club fun fly for Saturday, May 21st. Details to follow.

Until next month, stay safe and we'll see you at the field.

John

**April 24th
8am ~ 12pm**

2022

Hobby Swap Meet

Presented by:

**The Wine Country Flyers
and Jake's Performance Hobbies**

**All Hobbies Invited
April 24th, 8am to 12pm**

Swap open to ALL Hobbies: RC Airplanes, Heli's,
Drones, Cars, Crawlers, Boats, Trains, Rockets,
Plastic Models, Die-Cast and More!

16th Annual. Bigger and better, 100+ tables!

Swap Meet starts at 8AM, set-up at 7:30AM.

Hobby Swap will be in the Main Hall of the
Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building.
1351 Maple Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 95404

No early bird selling or parking lot deals.
(both parties will be asked to leave)

Come be part of the fun!

Tables are \$20 reserved, \$25 the day of the swap.
Tables and Chairs are provided.
Limit 3 tables per seller.

Table reservations must be prepaid.

Buyers Entry Fee: \$3 per person (12 & under Free)

For questions, please contact:
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Jake at 707-586-3375
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Plenty of FREE parking again this year...

Largest Indoor Hobby Swap in Northern California!

Field Shots

By: Patrick O'Halloran

Jake and Dario



Colin giving her a tune.



Colin still trying to work things out, while Mike surveys the territory.



The CL Crew, Colin, Jake and Nat



Fun Fly Events

By: Jake Chichilitti
10 March

Fun Fly event for Wine Country Flyers Members

WCF Members the time has come for us to start having events at the flying field. I have organized fun flies in the past and they have been well received and attended. There will be no entry fee to participate in this event. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Perhaps gift certificates from Jake's Performance Hobbies. It was suggested that we have a Pot Luck lunch and I am all for that. Pilots meeting to go over the rules and answer any questions at 9:00 AM. Events will start at 9:30 AM. (ed. tentatively planned for 21 May) Five events are planned as follows:

#1 Timed Taxi Race

Markers will be placed on the center line at each end of the runway. Pilot places model at the start/finish line and when ready the timer will call start. Pilot taxis model around the outside of each marker with out the wheels leaving the runway. Taxi direction clock wise or counter clock wise is allowed. Time stops when the model crosses the start/finish line.

#2 Timed Flight

The time starts when the model's wheels leave the runway. Pilot tries to land in exactly two minutes. Time stops when the wheels touch the runway and model stops flying. Multiple bounces will be counted until bouncing stops. Heckling the pilot is not only allowed, but encouraged. Pilot closest to two minutes over or under wins.

#3 Timed Touch and Goes

Time starts when the model's wheels leave the runway. Pilot can take off up wind or down wind, but must do the touch and goes in the same direction. Pilot makes a normal approach to the runway and touch the model's wheels on the runway and take off again. And repeat until time runs out. Time limit is 3 minutes. Timer will call out stop at three minutes.

#4 Timed Loops

Time will start when pilot is safely away from the spectator/pit area and signals they are ready. Loops must be recognizable to count. Timer will call out stop at 2 minutes.

#5 - 11 Dice Game

I've saved the best for last. This event is strictly luck. Pilot places model on the runway ready for take off. Wet power fliers can have the engine running. Time starts when the pilot's helper starts rolling the dice. Pilot takes off when a seven is rolled. After take off the helper keeps rolling the dice trying for an eleven so the pilot can land. Time stops when the wheels touch the runway.

Any type of model can participate, but the pilot must use the same model for all events. In the case of a mishap another model can be used if of the same type. Get out there and practice and sharpen your skills.

Jake

Colin's Exploits

By: Colin McRae

Completed the vintage Carl Goldberg 42" Shoestring profile model. Fox 35 power. (Thanks to Jake for the vintage kit!)



On 4th flight of my recently completed 42" shoestring profile model a few weeks ago the outside wing covering top came off mid-flight (green wing). Similar experience to what happened on Patrick's RC trainer that Guy was safely able to land. Luckily my CL flight was at the end of the fuel cycle and I was able to land with no other damage. Not really sure but the green Monocote covering was obtained from the WCF shed and was obviously very old. I will always use new covering material in the future (lessons learned).



Board Meeting Notes

By: Christopher Bailey

10 March

- WCF Board Meeting Minutes, March 10, 2022
- Meeting started @ 6:35 pm
- Present: John, Jake, Paul, Bill, Chris, Adan, Eric
- Flying Field Table Tops: In process, new tops have been bolted down, cement board tops seem to be working well, gray coating from Rich seems to work well, is fuel resistant, cool to the touch, seals plywood tops nicely
- Swap Meet: Sunday, April 24th, Veterans Building in Santa Rosa, we will need volunteers to help with vendor check in and general public admission, 7am Club members admitted, 7:30 am Vendor check in, 8 am open to the public, Table cost: \$15 presale, \$20 day of event, previous swap meet we sold 83 presale tables and 13 day of event
- Work Party @ Flying Field, Sunday April 3rd, approximately 2 hours
- Opening Day @ Flying Field, usually in May, we plan to have food, no date set at this time
- WCF Fun Fly @ Flying Field, Saturday May 21, 2022, 9am Pilots' Meeting, 9:30 am events begin, no entry fee, will have Jake's Performance Hobbies gift cards for winners
- Badge holders from John, Given out @ General meeting, please wear Club Badge whenever flying @ the field, see Jake or John if you want a badge holder for your card
- Membership Meeting, Sunday March 27, @ the Club Flying Field, Paul will pick up Pizza, 11:00?, meeting start time to be decided(depends on opening of pizza restaurant)
- Possible donation of Mahindra tractor to Club from Jake's brother in law, group discussion, maintenance?, storage?, transportation from Red Bluff to Santa Rosa?, more discussion to follow
- Show and tell: John brought a selection of old Cox 0.049 powered cars to share
- Meeting Adjourned @ 7:30 pm

WCF 2022 EVENTS SCHEDULE

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