

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 28 April 6:30 at Mountain Mikes Pizza 3125 Cleveland Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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Promoting Model Aviation in Sonoma County

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Presidents Report

By: John Cole

Hello members, I hope that this newsletter finds you healthy and happy. Our new runway appears to be holding up very well, and I've heard many compliments from members about how the texture of the material is improving their take offs and landings! One thing to note is that after a rain, the material will hold water for several days. The runway is still usable in this condition, but your model will get very wet from wheel dash splash and prop wash, etc.

Next, I want to tell you about something that is very important to me. Education and mentorship are essential in helping grow any hobby club, and certainly model aviation! We have a great opportunity to become, as a club, a partner with the Sonoma Earth School

(SES), which is located literally right next to our field. Club member Kristin Nagata mentioned this idea to myself and then the board, and we unanimously agreed that we would like to explore ideas of how we can best help SES. I have been in contact with SES Director Tim Allen, and the board and I will keep our membership up to date as this opportunity develops. I hope to see you at the field soon, and happy flying! 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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Plenty of FREE parking again this year...

Largest Indoor Hobby Swap in Northern California!

Fun Fly Events

By: Jake Chichilitti
15 April

More information regarding the Wine Country Flyers Fun Fly on Saturday May 21, 2022. Registration and sign in will begin at 8:30 AM. The prizes will be gift certificates to Jake's Performance Hobbies in the following amounts. 1st place is a \$50.00 gift certificate, 2nd place is a gift certificate for \$30.00 and third place is a gift certificate for \$20.00. Just think of all the good stuff you could buy if you just participate. You have a month to practice the events, so let's get busy.

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. 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 7 - 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

Flying fun at WCF

By: Patrick O'Halloran

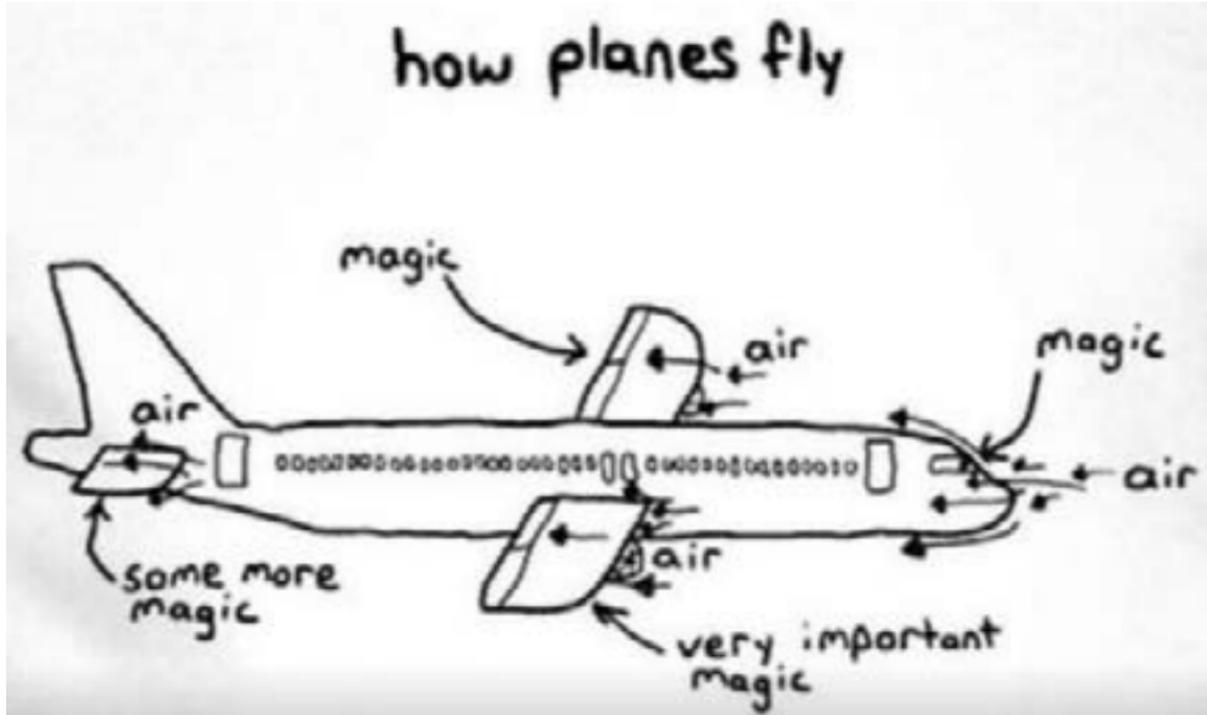
Going solo with a powered Glider



Nat is a regular in the Control circle but has recently branched out to a little RC. Some of you might recognize this black and yellow shed glider! Well Nat added a 049 pod from his teens! And has specked this one out! It's a very gentle intro into RC, Nat was able to land on his first flight and with just a little more help will soon solo. To whomever built this model thank you!

How planes fly (mostly)

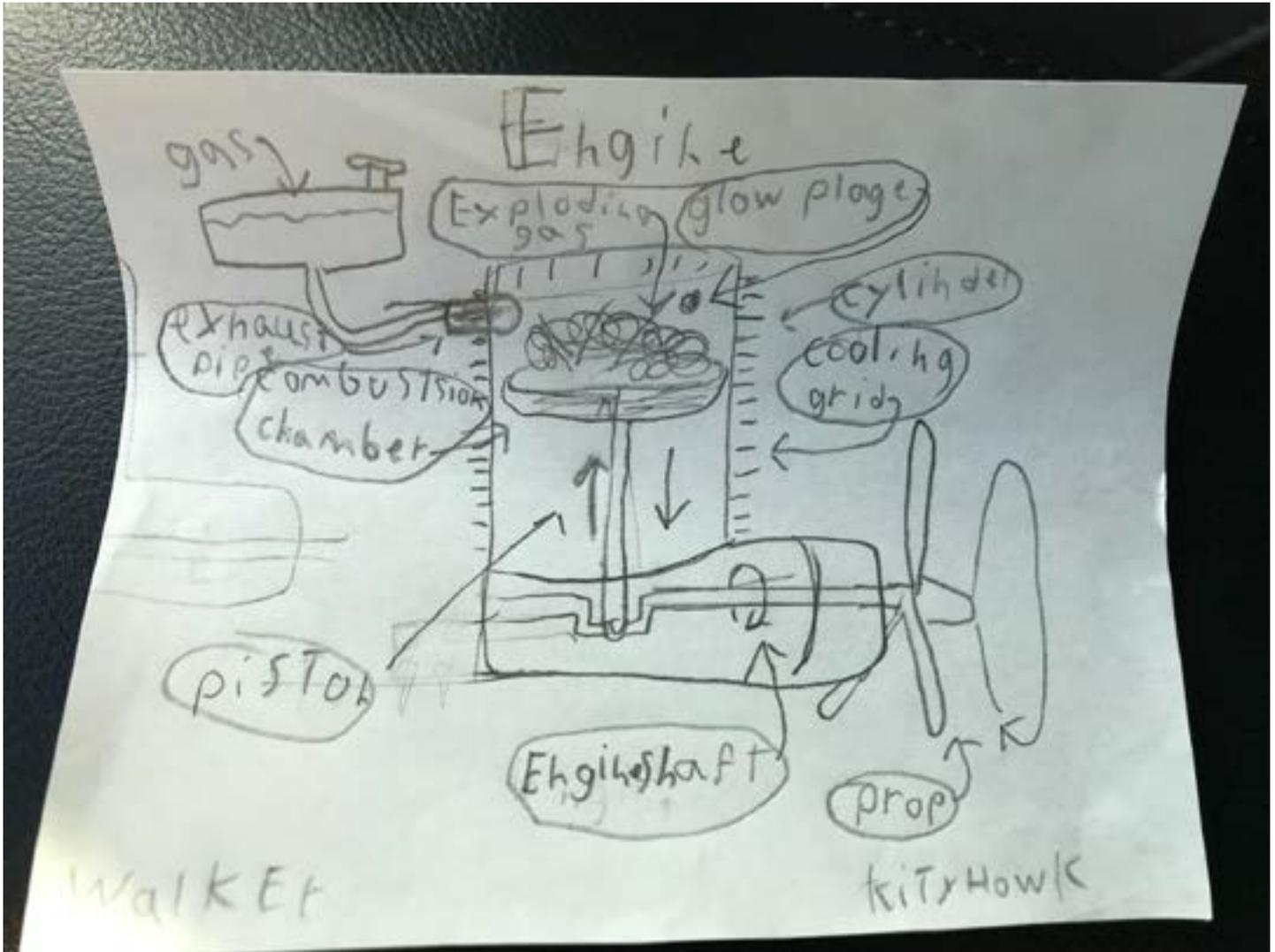
By: Colin McRae



How Motors Work

By: Walker Alecock

Patrick O'Halloran had a short conversation with one of our 10 year old junior members, Walker Alecock, in which he described how our 2 cycle engines work. Walker then drew up the following diagram.



Well done Walker!

Kiting At WCF

By: Patrick O'Halloran



These are a pair of combat kites. Single handle, two line they fly like a control line model, except over about half the circle



Walker trying his hand at stunt kiting. He had about 5 flights, got the hang of it in the gusty conditions.



John Cole (WCF President) flying the stunter on the south end of the runway.



Walker in the CL circle. Here he's flying a Testers model from the 1950's we affectionately call "The Brick". It's an all sheet trainer design originally built by Adam Clements Dad and refurbished by Colin for use as a club trainer. Walker is a natural.



Chantal (Dario's mom) has decided standing on the side of the control circle is not exciting enough and has now taken up the handle herself ! Meanwhile Dario has graduated from the basic trainer and is now moving on the basic aerobatics.

Board Meeting Notes

By: Christopher Bailey

14 April

- Meeting started @ 6:30 pm
- Board members present: John, Paul, Patrick, Bill, Jake, Chris, Guy-by phone
- John brought up the idea of painting a center line on our runway, Adan knows someone that has a business painting lines on artificial turf athletic fields, John will follow up with Adan
- It was brought up that there seems to be a lot of stuff being stored in the shed at the flying field again, if it belongs to you and you want it, please remove it from the shed
- Club Event: Fun Fly, Saturday, May 21, 2022, start @ 9am, Jakes' Performance Hobbies Gift Cards as prizes, \$50 1st place, \$30 2nd, \$20 3rd
- Paul: Treasurer's report: Swap Meet, Sunday, April 24, 2022, open for set up @ 7am, admit sellers around 7:15, open to buyers @ 8am, 54 tables sold, 6 tables donated to model boat club for display of models, total 60 tables as of April 14, tables are \$20 each presale at Jakes Performance Hobbies, \$25 each day of event, general admission \$3 each, Patrick has agreed to manage the cash boxes at the Swap Meet this year, Thank you Patrick!!
- Currently 88 paid members in club for 2022
- John suggested developing a relationship with the Sonoma Nature School that shares the YaKaAma Property, he is currently working with one of their students on a model airplane, and has been ask about helping to teach their upcoming science block at the school
- Guy mentioned that Maria from YaKaAma had talked with him in the past about our club doing some type of presentation or event that would introduce some of the YaKaAma youth to our hobby, and share some of the possibilities available in model and full scale aviation
- Next General Club Meeting: Mountain Mike's Pizza, 3125 Cleveland Ave, Santa Rosa, pizza @ 6:30, general meeting @ 7pm
- Night Fly? Suggestion was made, more discussion to follow at future meeting
- Jake mentioned that Jim Wolfe has done some work in the past restocking the first aid kit at the flying field, he has looked at the current supplies, and is considering restocking, and adding some addition supplies, as well as obtaining a new, weathertight box to store the supplies at the field, Thank You Jim!
- Meeting adjourned @ 7:30

WCF 2022 EVENTS SCHEDULE

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